**Annual General Meeting Ladies and Men’s Clubs KILMASHOGUE GOLF CLUB**

**Wednesday 26th October 2022 - 7:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**: Michael Barry, James Berry, Tony Bourke, Kevin Burke, Mark Donovan, Tony Egan, Gerry Egan, Howard Farrell, Niall Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Fortune, Hugh Gough, Gerry Grehan, Eamon Hayes, Jim Humphreys, David Jamieson, Jack Kearney, Daniel Kelly, Niall Kerney, Ronald Kilkenny, John Kinsella, James McDonnell, Jimmy McDonnell, Brendan McGovern, Ger Murphy, James Nix, Jim O’Dea, Aidan O’Toole, Joe Reinhardt, Sam Strong, Marc Thornton, Stephen Walsh, John Westman, John White, Bernie Barry, Marguerite Carey, Geraldine Coghlan, Breda Colfer, Paula Collins, Mary Dillon, Annette Egan, Susan Farrell, Mary Gough, Ann Gildea, Ger Grehan, Patricia Grennan O’Byrne, Anne Hackett, Deirdra Healy, Elaine Healy, Eileen Hickey, Alison Houston, Barbara Kearney, Noelle Kennedy, Anne Marie Kerney, Patricia Lewis, Audrey Maher, Susan Maher, Pauline Mahony, Emily McCarthy, Suzanne McNelis, Anne Beirne McParland, Jennifer Moffett, Dorothy O’Brien, Anne O’Dea, Angela O’Duffy, Ornagh O’Gorman, Jennifer Sowman, Elaine St Leger, Ann Turley, Bernadette White.(Total:71)

**Apologies**: Mary Harris, Phyllis Brady, Robert May, Andrew Grehan, Tom Culligan, Liam Heritage, Rachel Heritage, Patricia McDonald, Pat Davis, Catherine O’Kelly, John Crabbe, Mary Crabbe, Mary Butler, Aine Doyle, Geraldine Dunne, Liz Fahy, Georgina Farrar, Sandra Farrell, Therese Farrell, Margaret Hughes, Imelda Hutchinson, Kate Jordan, Jennifer McNulty, Roseann Regan, John Dunne, Sammy Farrar, Andrew Grehan, David Hunt, Frank King, Robert May, Vivian O’Rourke, Ciaran Tuite, John Whelan.

**1. Message from Bursar, St Columba’s**

Ms Sally Gibbs, Bursar sent the following message to the AGM, “I send sincere thanks to the Committee and in particular the club Captains, Stephen and Barbara for the efficient management of the club to get it onto both a normal and well-run footing after the disruption of Covid. I know that the Captains put in many hours and a great deal of hard work to carry out their duties, as thoroughly as they do, during their term of office and it is very much appreciated. I did not previously get the chance to formally say, ‘thank you’ to Sandra on behalf of the College after her many years of valuable work for the club and her great help to me, in keeping track of the administration of the members’ information and subs. We are delighted to have Lorraine following in her footsteps and extend our thanks to her and your Treasurer, Mark.

We started the academic year 21-22 under Covid restrictions but thankfully were allowed to return to competitive sport for our c350 pupils. In addition to team sports, a core group of pupils continued on with Golf coaching under the expert care of Josh Adams our PGA coach. This year the College has launched its Golf Academy with twelve pupils. These pupils take golf as one of their chosen games and get coaching from Josh and use of our Trackman Studio. Our newly constructed Studio should be up and running in the first quarter of 2023 along with a dedicated range and putting area onsite. Our first competitive match against another Irish school will take place this term and we anticipate there will be more to follow. Golf is a sport for life and from this, our inaugural year, we hope to develop an Academy for a small number of elite golfers using the fabulous facilities that we can offer.

The continued interest in playing is reflected in our healthy Licence holder numbers this year. We have around in the region of 330 active Licensees with some retiring and moving away and around 32 new joiners so far in 2022.We enjoyed another mild winter but subsequently endured the driest playing season in my time here. It commenced early in the spring and lasted well into September. Despite the ongoing watering of the greens by hand throughout the summer, they burned to some degree.

However, with the autumn rains they have more or less recovered. Much work goes on throughout the year to keep the playing surface in its good condition. All the fairways were sanded in the Spring. All the greens were deep scarified and sanded with kiln dried sand to continue what we started last year to improve their drainage. Top dressing was completed as part of normal maintenance.

Our tree surgeon and our own staff have been carrying on works to thin out the spinneys to allow the remaining trees to flourish. As with the whole of the country, we are suffering with Ash dieback, a fungal disease that will wipe out all of the ash trees over the next number of years and so we will have no choice but to remove those on the course, as they start to become unsafe. Following concerns expressed to us regarding another issue of player safety, work has just commenced on the hedgerow just west of the 7th green to remove the bushes, but keep the trees, to improve the line of sight from those hitting from the 1st fairway. The new tee and index markers on all the tee boxes took a long time to arrive but I think you will all agree that now they are in in place, they have made a noticeable improvement to the appearance of all the tees for both members and visitors.

This is my one chance per year to say a public thank you to our green-keeping team of Stewart, Joe, Paul, Ciara, James and Mark for their hard work, professionalism and commitment to making the course as good as it can be, given our site and our budget. Even though the worst of Covid has passed, it did have an impact on staffing levels over the course of the past year. We endeavour to make the course better every year as far as we can, both with the playing surface and the other parts of the course that make it unique. I am grateful to all of them for what they do out there, day in and day out to achieve this end.

I wish Kevin and Ann all the best for the upcoming year and look forward to working with them. “

**2.** **Meeting declared open.**

 President Jack declared meeting open and welcomed everyone.

**3. Notice of Annual General Meeting**

 Jim Humphreys, Hon. Secy., read meeting notice sent to members on 12 Oct.

**4. Apologies -As noted above.**

**5**. **Approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM –** Approved on proposal of Jim O’Dea and seconded by Ann Turley.

**6. Matters Arising -** No matters arising.

**7. Election of Tellers -** Susan Maher and Ger Grehan were elected as tellers.

**8. Reports**

**Ladies Honorary Secretary Report (Patricia Grennan O’Byrne)**

President Jack, Captains Barbara and Stephen, incoming Captains Ann and Kevin, fellow members.

We have had a year of change for Kilmashogue. Sandra Murtagh retired after a very successful career as our office administrator.  After an external interview process, organised by Jim Humphreys we appointed Lorraine Mellon, as her successor.  Since our last AGM a long-standing member Dr Mary Lowe, has passed also one of our new Members Paula Horgan, we extend our sympathy to all members who have lost close family members over the past year.  May they all rest in peace.

Mark Donovan introduced a new computer system- Clubnet - to help members and administration.  It is still in the development stage with some problems especially regarding setting up competition, and the most fun- Live Scoring.  Mark, Captain Barbara and Anne Gildea acquired new Club Gear for KGC members, ensuring all our teams looked very professional while representing the club.

Captain Barbara organised the successful merger of the Ladies and Men’s club on Master Score Board.   Golf Ireland informed us of a rating discrepancy, in the overall measurements of the Red course, this was rectified in February 2022.   Covid Restrictions on exchanging cards were also lifted in February, normality returning.

We had a full programme of activities starting with the Captains Drive-in, Captains, Presidents, away—days, Hole in the Wall, Two Toms, Play in Pink, GOY, Match plays, Granard Cup, Mixed Foursome, Cullen Cup and The Paul Noonan Trophy.

Pauline Mahony was the Teams Manager for the ladies’ club.  We entered 2 National Competitions, the Minor and Challenge Cups, and 3 interclub competitions, Bloom Trophy, Mary McKenna Trophy and Carton Cup 37+

The Minor Team, had a great run reaching the quarter finals and the Bloom and Mary McKenna teams both had very long exciting runs, reaching the semi-finals.  More details in the Lady Captains report.

In other competitions - the Dublin final of the Granard Cup was played in August, Annette Egan and Anne Gildea had a fantastic win with 44points, Caroline Hill and Aine Doyle, played in the Leinster Finals of Golf Ireland Silver and Bronze Medals.  They have both qualified for the All-Ireland Finals.

Captain Stephen organised new Insurance Cover for KGC, covering members to work in Clubhouse and BBQ. I would like to compliment Vice Captain Kevin and his team for the very successful BBQ season for Kilmashogue.   Indeed, so successful that getting on the timesheet on Thursday Evenings, could be difficult. Kevin and his team served over 200 meals to members and their guests.

I would like to thank Geoff Brooks, Sue Farrell and Jim O’Dea who remain as KGC, Children’s Officers. They regularly attend Golf Ireland Courses.  Having Children’s Officers   is mandatory by Golf Ireland.

Golf Ireland have confirmed that for 2023, all competitors on National Teams must have fully developed Handicap index, based on 20 scores.

At present KGC have 105 Lady members, with 2 away.  Finally, I would like to thank the Men’s Honorary Secretary Jim Humphreys, Sandra Murtagh and Lorraine Mellon for all their help and support during the year and to wish incoming Honorary Secretary Marguerite Carey every success for 2023.

**Men’s Hon. Secretary Report (Jim Humphreys)**

President Jack, Captains Stephen and Barbara, and fellow members - It is my privilege to present the Men’s Secretary’s report for the year 2021/2022 which saw a very welcome return to golfing normality with a full schedule of mid-week and week-end competitions, successful conclusion of all major competitions, club match-plays, and winter league, and strong participation in inter-club competitions. The Men’s participation in inter-club competitions was the most successful ever- reaching 2 finals and winning the Best Cup. The reports of the Competitions Secretary and Captain tell the full story.

Unfortunately, the year since the last AGM also saw the passing of several stalwart members - Tom Kelly and Chris Grace and of former members - John Bailey, a founding member, Trevor Sullivan, a former Captain, and Jimmy Mitchell, a former member. We send our condolences to their family and friends. We also extend our sympathy to Geoff Brooks and PJ Barry and all members who have lost close family members over the past year. May they all rest in peace.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our Captains and their committees and all other club members involved in running club activities, including in particular, John White on competitions, Ger Murphy on handicaps, Donal Coghlan and Alison Houston on match-plays, Dan Meaney on the winter league, and Marc Thornton and all the captains /team managers on the inter club competitions and those, led by Jennifer Moffett, involved in keeping the course in good condition. Without the voluntary effort of so many members the club would quickly ground to a halt. It is critical therefore that members come forward, without waiting to be asked, to assist in running the club and respond positively to invitations to assist.

The last year also saw the retirement of Sandra after many years of loyal service and her replacement by Lorraine who has settled in very well.

The position in relation to membership is that the men’s section now consists of 241 paid up members including 1 social member. Since the last AGM 20 new members have joined but 29 have not renewed their membership. Some of these have gone to other clubs but many have retired from golf or are taking a break for health and/or family reasons. Finally, I want to thank Patricia, Ladies Honorary Secretary and Sandra and Lorraine for their help and cooperation during the year.

**Hon. Treasurers’ Report (Mark Donovan & Suzanne McNelis)**

On behalf of myself and Suzanne I would like to express thanks and gratitude to Lorraine Mellon for her work and assistance during the year. Her commitment and support were invaluable to us and the Club. This has been our final year as Treasurers of the Club and we would like to take this opportunity thank all committee officers, members, and the general membership for their support over the past three years.

As Treasurer, I present the report of the financial affairs of Kilmashogue Golf Club for the year ended 31 August 2022.The Club has recorded a deficit of €3,854 for the year ending 31st August 2022. The preceding two years were certainly out of the ordinary in relation to Club operations, with the Club recording a total surplus of €32,143. This was on the back of the Club been closed for periods of time and expenses not been incurred.

As I mentioned in last year’s AGM report the committee took decisions to attempt to ‘give back’ to members under several initiatives designed to improve the Club. Such initiatives included the reversal of the club prize percentage from 40% back to 60%, the roll out of the new Club clothing range initially offered at a discount, the reduction of subscription fees for 2021/2022 by circa 12.5% (cost of €4,900), the rollout of the new ClubNet app, the option to make card payments in the Club office via our SumUp facility.

The above initiatives have certainly contributed to the deficit recorded this year but are not the only factors. As we are all aware the continuing rise of inflation in our economic climate is resulting in challenging circumstances for us all, and in particular in controlling costs. This is something the Club will keep a close eye on.

Finally, in relation to expenses, we were also a victim of our own success in relation to our inter-club teams. A magnificently successful year saw the club reach two finals and 3 semi-finals. With this success comes extra matches, extra team meals, extra expense etc.

In conclusion, the Club is in an extremely strong financial position with a very healthy balance sheet. It boasts an ever-growing membership base with constant enquiries for new membership. However, I would like to emphasise the importance for us to monitor and control costs in the current environment.

Mark Donovan provided additional information and detail at the meeting on significant elements of the accounts including in relation to:

**Membership Fees -** The reduced revenue this year versus last year was due to the reduction in the 2021/2022 subscription fee - €160 rate dropped to €140 and €144 rate dropped to €126. This equated to a total cost to the club of circa €4,900, 10 months of which was charged in these accounts

**Sponsorship:** Mark thanked all our sponsors during the year and Eileen Hickey and Dermot King for working so hard to network and contact perspective sponsors as well as collecting the donations.

**Club Competition Entry Fees -** saw substantial increase in revenue from ‘Club Competition Entry Fees’ this year in comparison to 2021 (€24k) and in 2020 (€26k), the figure is still a bit off the €52k that was generated in 2019. This trend is ultimately down to reduced numbers playing in competitions throughout the year.

**Members Draw -** saw a 23% reduction in the ‘Members Draw’ revenues this year. This decrease was driven by, 1) members leaving the club, 2) new members not been approached to be offered to join the draw and 3) members not having funds in their purse at the time of the draw. Mark thanked **John** Dunne who took over the operation of the Draw in 2022 and for ensuring it runs smoothly and results are published in a timely fashion.

It would be great if we could get a couple of volunteers to help sell the draw and ensure new members are offered the opportunity to enter.

**Club Clothing -** The Club introduced a new clothing range this year using two suppliers, Druids for the men and Par72 for ladies. It was decided that the Druids clothing would be sold at cost and with a 15% discount for the first month resulting in a small loss for the year. However, there has been a super uptake in the clothing, and it has been great to see members, club teams and club officials sport the gear and give the club an added element of sharpness. Moving forward we will look at the range and see if there are other offerings, we can make available to our members and take on board any suggestions that are or have been already made. It would be the Club’s intention moving forward that the club clothing would not become a main revenue stream but would turn a small profit or break even annually.

**Salary -** Lorraine Mellon joined us and assumed the role of office administrator just before the end of last year. Mark thanked Lorraine for all her hard work and dedication. This is invaluable in all aspects of the club. The office opening hours increased from twelve hours over three days per week to sixteen hours over four days per week. This in turn increased the Salary expense.

**Club Competitions Prizes &amp; Expenses -** This has increased by €8,000 since 2019, a 30% increase. For the 2021/2022 season we reversed the proportion of the entry fees distributed back to members as prizes from 40% to 60% of the entry fees which contributed to a significant increase in the expense. This 60/40 split only considers the regular weekly competitions. Additionally, within this account other competition prizes and expenses are charged. These expenses are what causes the overall Club Competitions Prizes &amp; Expenses to exceed 60% of the overall entry fees. Examples of these expenses are- Medals, Open/Semi-Open and Social Competitions, Cups & Boards Engraving, any expense incurred in running a particular competition.

**Committee Expenses-**Committee Expenses annually are made up of captain’s expenditure accrued when on or conducting club business, captains & presidents’ official photos, any course a committee member may take on behalf of the club and any gifts that the committee would buy on behalf of its members. The breakdown of this years’ account is- Captains’ Expenditure €1,300, Gifts, Cards Flowers€ 547 (including presentation to Sandra), Food Safety Course (Kevin Burke) €70, Captains / Presidents Photos €200, and Misc. €107 giving a total €2,224.

**Team Expenses -** As mentioned in my written report we as a club had a massively successful year in the inter-club competitions. We reached two finals and three semi-finals resulting in the Club competing in a larger number of matches than normal. The Club offers playing team members and managers a meal with the opposition after each match which is long standing tradition. In conjunction with extra matches, the Club were challenged with the ongoing issue of increasing prices in the food industry and these two factors really drove this expense upwards.

**Affiliation Fees -** Although affiliation fees stayed at the same cost per person the overall cost increased by 42%. There were two driving factors in this -

 1. Last year the GUI & the ILGU merged and became Golf Ireland. When doing so Golf Ireland decided to change the dates of their membership year. Instead of charging golf clubs pro-rata for the months in between they offered this time free of charge and clubs were able to save some of this expense during Covid.

 2. We have had an extraordinary rise in membership over the past few years and it is understood with each new member the affiliation fee expense rises.

**Functions** - As mentioned in previous reports the main items in here are Function Revenue, Function Expense (food, beverage, decorations, goody bags etc.) and Kitchen Expenses (tea, coffee, milk, sugar, biscuits, cleaning supplies ext.) I am delighted to be able to say that any club event that was pursed broke even or turned a small profit. However, you will note there is a €3.4k expense in the accounts.

This is attributable to (a) Kitchen expenses circa €200 per month (€2.4k annually) and, (b) Non-pursed events i.e., sponsors day, past captains, presidents & visiting captains’ day

**Stationary -** Increased this year due to supplies bought for “working from home” purposes and a new internal toner for the printer costing €400.

**Computer Expenses -** All IT costs fall into this expense account. This significantly increased this year. New security licences had to be bought for the computer and security had to be purchased for the club laptop that was purchased. In addition, our BRS platform fee have always being charged into the ‘Bank Charges’ account. With the introduction of ClubNet we thought it right to have ClubNet charged as an IT expense rather than bank charge as it offers a broader range of IT functions to the Club than transactional ‘Purse Top Ups’. The ClubNet transactional charges will continue to be charged via the Bank Charges account. A breakdown of the account is IT Security €305, ClubNet €932, HandicapMaster €435 and Licences (email, website) €819 i.e. a total of €2,491

**Bank Charges -** The Bank Charges increased from €1.9k to €5k year on year. Please note that this account was directly impacted by Covid due to the closure of the Club and the suspension of competitions. The figure of €3.6k in 2019 is a far more suitable comparison. However, we also note there has been a marked increase in the expense from 2019.There are a couple of drivers for this increase. 1) we have continued to keep BRS during the introductory stage of the ClubNet system, 2) transactional costs coming our new SumUp payment option, allowing members make card payments in the office and increased banking charges. Running BRS during the introductory stage of ClubNet cost €1,150. If we were to remove this cost the overall Bank Charges account would stand at €3,850, just a €235 increase on 2019.However, the committee saw it prudent to continue to have BRS in operation while an introductory phase of ClubNet was completed. I would forecast that this expense should drastically reduce in the coming year.

In relation to Balance Sheet items Mark informed AGM in relation to**:**

**Fixed Assets-** that there were two items bought this year. A laptop to facilitate club business remotely and a new BBQ. Both items will be depreciated over the course of five years. The cost of both items is Laptop - €899 and BBQ - €789.

**Stock -**that the increase in stock valuation is a result of the Club now selling its own clothing directly and, hence carrying stock. Items included in the stocktake includeclothing, wine/beer, medals, scorecards, stationary, kitchen supplies, and golf balls.

**Debtors & Prepayments-**that there were no debtor balances as of 31 st August 2022. Prepayments arise as individual licences and policies come due such as IT licenses, Insurance, Affiliation Fees etc**.**

**Accrued Expenses-**that this account includes our creditors, general accruals, and deferred income which breakdown as follows:

**a) Creditors**

**Item 2022 2021**

Laura Lynn Charity 2,448 -

Cancer Society Charity 1,835 204

Golf Purse 10,426 8,553

College Licences 7,853 2,066

Total 22,561 10,822

Laura Lynn was this year’s Captains’ Charity and will be paid next month. Cancer Society Charity was last year’s Captains’ charity. This has since been paid. Golf Purse is the total amount of cash the Club are holding on deposit for members’ competition purse. The Club collect the monthly Direct Debits for the college licence on behalf of the College. The amount shown here was August’s Direct Debits which were paid in September.

**b) Generals Accruals** - This account is made up of several different expenses that were outstanding to be paid at the end of the fiscal year.

The headline items that caused the increase on last year were:

**Item**   **2022 2021**

Competition Prizes 3,225 390

Ladies Medal Prizes 400 -

Presidents Prize Exp. 1,228 -

ClubNet Fee 533 -

**c) Deferred Income**

As a Club we accrue deferred income because our membership year and fiscal year are not the same. When a member paid their club subscription last June/July only 2/12 were allocated into these accounts as there are only two months of the subscription related to the 2021/2022 fiscal year, July and August. The remaining ten months (10/12) is allocated to ‘Deferred Income’ and will transfer to ‘Membership Income’ on the Income Statement next year.

The increase in this account this year is down to increased membership.

In response to Treasurers’ report Elaine Healy asked that arrangements be made to ask new members to join the monthly draw.

The Treasurers’ Report was approved by the AGM.

**Men’s Handicap Secretary Report (Ger Murphy)**

President, Vice-President, Captains, Vice-Captains, Committee members and fellow members, the following is the Men’s Handicap Report for 2021/22. All figures are per the Golf Ireland statistics of KGC as of 18 October 2022: There are 242 members in the men’s category (243 in 2021). 5 members are AWAY members.230 men currently hold a handicap (228 in 2021).

This is a net increase of 2 players to the Handicap List for the same period last year. In total 12 (2021 -13) initial handicaps were issued to members during the period. The Highest Initial Handicap Index (HI) issued in this period was 40.8 and the lowest initial HI was 9.8 – which required manual adjustments by the Handicap Committee in some cases.

There are 12 members currently without a handicap. These are both new members who have recently joined the club and existing members. There is currently 1 player in the process of obtaining an initial handicap. There are 11 players whose handicap index is in single figures, with 5.5 being the lowest handicap held by a home player.

The following are the number of members in each category:

(0.0 to 9.9) 10 Home & 1 Away

(10.0 to 19.9) 74 Home & 2 Away

(20.0 to 29.9) 103 Home & 2 Away

(30.0 to 39.9) 31

(40.0 to 54.0) 7

I again wish to acknowledge and thank sincerely my predecessor Andrew Grehan and especially Jimmy Fortune for his practical help and handicap expertise throughout my first year as Handicap Secretary. Thank you also to Ronan Swift for his participation on the Handicap Committee, particularly his work at times when I was unable to check scorecards / close competitions due to family commitments, and to Sandra and Lorraine for their support in the office. It has been a pleasure to work with our Captains Stephen & Barbara, the Joint Committee, our Competition Secretary John White and with the Ladies Handicap Secretary Annette Egan throughout the past year.The World Handicap System is now well established in KGC. All golf clubs and memberships have had to adjust to the implementation of the revised handicap index, course and playing handicaps and there have indeed been some hiccups along the way! KGC Course Slope ratings were reviewed and amended as and from Feb 1st 2022, and these are published on the KGC website and also on Clubnet. The Handicap Committee strongly encourages all members to participate in internal Club competitions (especially those qualifying for Handicap purposes) as these scores are then automatically included on a member’s scoring record on Golf Ireland and help to ensure that a member’s Handicap Index appropriately reflects their ability and performance. All members are encouraged to attain a fully developed Handicap Index by having a minimum of 20 qualifying scores on their Scoring Record at which point their HI is calculated as the average of their best 8 scores from their last 20 scores. General Play scores or Casual Golf scores may also be submitted by members for inclusion on their scoring record and the Committee encourages players to submit such scores especially if they do not enter our internal KGC competitions on a regular basis.

Thank you to the Captains and to all the membership for their support with this and other initiatives. Finally, Golf Ireland have just recently issued instructions / guidelines on the Annual Review process and all handicaps including initial handicaps will be considered as part of that review.

**LADIES HANDCAP SECRETARY’S REPORT 2022 (Annette Egan)**

President Jack, Captains Barbara & Stephen, and Fellow Golfers,

The Annual Handicap Review was held in November 2021, with several ladies receiving handicap adjustments. The ladies handicap committee met several times throughout the year and adjustments were made, as required. There are 105 ladies listed, 103 with handicaps and the newest 2 members are in the process of completing their cards for handicap purposes. I would like to thank the ladies Handicap Committee, Geraldine Coghlan, Anne Marie Kerney & Ger Grehan for all the meetings and discussions throughout the year. Geraldine Coghlan is also assisting with Tuesday results. A comment I would like to add, addressed to our Lady Members. The number of ladies playing in competitions is dwindling all the time. I would like to see more people taking part in competitions and not just playing casual golf. Thanks to the Men’s Handicap Secretary Ger Murphy, who was always available to help and answer any questions, of which there were many.

**Competitions Secretaries Report AGM2022. (John & Bernadette White)**

President Jack, Lady Captain Barbara, Captain Stephen, Vice-Captains Ann and Kevin, Vice-President Anne, and Members. We are presenting a joint Competitions Report in respect of both the men’s and ladies clubs.

Your Competition’s Committee provided Weekend Competitions for both ladies and men, Tuesday Competitions for ladies, Wednesday Competitions for men, Social Semi-open competitions during the summer and Bank Holiday Competitions which were Semi-Opens. Thank you to all our members who have competed in competitions during the year since October 2021. We wish to thank Ger Murphy, Jimmy Fortune, Annette Egan and Ger Coghlan, who manage Handicap Masters and Master

Scoreboard, for providing results for our 9 holes and 18 holes competitions throughout the year. We would also like to thank those members who gave their time in assisting to compile results for those competitions that cannot be processed through the Master Scoreboard System. Your involvement enabled a greater variety of competitions to be provided to members! This year we were back to a full calendar of events. The weather disrupted only a small number of competitions at the beginning of the year spanning January through April.

As you are all aware Clubnet was introduced to the club in February this year 2022, replacing the BRS system. This was a very challenging and very time-consuming transition for us. We had to create new timesheets and work a completely new system. We also had to deal with all the problems that occurred with this system during the year. Through all of this we managed to keep the timesheets and competitions running every week. So, we hope it was a smoother transition for you the members!!

At last year’s AGM it was agreed to change the percentage of money going to the prizes and the amount going to the club. The agreed cut was 60% prizes: 40% Club. The previous percentage was 40% prizes - 60% Club. Fee income to the value of €25,455 was received and prize money to the value of €15,360 was distributed in vouchers to the winners of the men’s competitions held up to

the 4th October 2022. On the ladies’ side for the same period, fee income of €14,195 was received with €8,540 being given back in voucher prizes.

We had a very full year with both the ladies and the men’s teams all performing at top level. The ladies took part in the Minor Cup, The Challenge Cup, Bloom Cup, Mary McKenna, and the Carton Cup. The Cullen Cup Mixed and the Mixed Foursomes. The ladies also played in the GI R&A 9-Hole Challenge, GI Women’s Silver and Bronze Medals and the Women’s Australian Spoons. The Ladies reached the Semi-finals in the Bloom Cup and in the Mary Mc Kenna reached the Leinster Semi- finals. In the Granard Cup (NCBI) Annette Egan and Anne Gildea won the Dublin Regional finals.

The men were involved in the following: Best Cup, Pierce Purcell Shield, Old Conna Seniors, Super Seniors, Metropolitan Trophy and Holmpatrick Cup (this was the first year that the club entered this competition which is a fundraiser for the National Council for the Blind of Ireland). Congratulations to the Best Cup team and managers on winning the competition. In the Old Conna Seniors, we were just beaten in the final again well done to the team and its managers. A very special thanks to all the managers and caddies for looking after all our teams and thank you to all the members who supported the teams along the way.

Thanks to Vice-Captains Ann and Kevin for organising of the annual “Hole in the Wall” competition against Stackstown, which was again won by Kilmashogue this year. Thanks also to Dan Meaney for organising the Winter Tournament. We also wish to acknowledge the work of Alison Houston and Donal Coghlan in organizing this year’s match play competitions.

**Ladies Foursomes:**

Winners: Elaine Healy and Judith Hayward.

Runners Up: Barbara Kearney and Bernie Barry.

**Mens Foursomes:**

Winners: John Corcoran and Patrick Hagin-Meade.

Runners Up: James Hughes and Robert Hayes.

**Mixed Foursomes:**

Winners: Gerry and Ger Grehan.

Runners Up: James Hughes and Anne O’Dea.

**Men’s Singles**:

Winner: Ger Murphy

Runner Up: James Hughes

Support for charitable organisations is a strong mark of Kilmashogue Golf Club. The longstanding “Charity Twos and Birdies” competition run by Vivian O’Rourke and Frank King continues to raise significant amounts of money for this year’s charity Laura Lynn and the club is grateful to them for their continuing running of this important fundraiser. The annual Hospice Day competition, organised and run by Dodie O’Brien and Bernie Barry, raised the impressive sum of €2,958.80 for this worthy cause. A huge debt of gratitude is due to them, and their helpers, for making this enjoyable and profitable day happen. Thank you also to everyone who played or contributed to the day – it can’t happen without our members’ support!

Thanks to Lorraine Mallon the club’s new secretary for her help and assistance.

**The Roll of Honour in relation to the major competitions is as follows:**

**Captain’s Prize: Mark Donovan**

**Lady Captain’s Prize: Alison Houston**

**President’s Prizes: Men: Larry Halpin**

**Ladies: Emily McCarthy**

**Golfer of the Year: Men: Robert Hayes**

**Ladies: Eileen Hickey**

**Two Tom’s Trophies: Men: Mark Donovan**

**Ladies: Eileen Hickey**

**Paul Noonan Trophy: Robert Hayes and Patricia McDonald**

**St. Patrick’s Day Cup: Robert May and Hugh Goff**

Congratulations to all the winners

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Jim Ellis and Ger Coughlan for their support and assistance. Finally, as Bernadette is stepping down, she would like to extend her best wishes to the incoming Ladies Competition Secretary, Patricia Lewis.

**Course Committee Report (Jennifer Moffett)**

President Jack, Captains, fellow members -it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Course committee, to present our report for 2021/2022. The past year saw a very welcome return to a full schedule of golf activity, and I think it is fair to say that the course has coped well with the demands on it and that overall, it is in very good condition. This is due to the work of Stewart and his team in the on-going maintenance of the course.

Several developments over the past year are worth noting including:

* the provision of new marker posts and tee box markers which have improved the appearance of the course,
* the installation of the WHS Chart Board,
* ditch on 4th hole cemented over for safety,
* improvements in practice area including provision of flags and new net,
* installation of new flagsticks and raised cups,
* improved cutting of rough with new mower,
* better edging of bunker margins and additional sand in bunkers,
* bell on 4th moved and sign due to go up,
* temporary greens mowed.

There are always issues to be pursued with the College such as the filling in of the water feature to the left of the 1st green, and the state of the ground behind the 1st green and in front of the 2nd green due to the dry weather conditions which have been cordoned off as GUR. But we have good on-going engagement with Stewart on course issues through the monthly liaison meetings where these issues are pursued and sorted out.

Finally, I want to thank: - members for continuing to repair divots and pitch-marks, for using tees on the tee-boxes and for not leaving broken tees around tee boxes and keeping the course tidy and litter free,

- President Jack and Brendan Blake for their help and advice, and

- the gardening ladies led by Anne O’Dea for their wonderful work on the flowerbeds around the Course

**Captain’s Report of the Ladies Club (Barbara Kearney)**

President Jack, Vice President Anne, Captain Stephen, Vice-Captains Ann & Kevin, Committee & Fellow Members.

When I took on the Captaincy of the Ladies Club last year, I had 3 wishes – I hoped for a return to regular golf and social events following 18 months of Covid disruption, I hoped for a return to Inter-Club Competitions, I hoped for continuing membership growth of the Ladies section - I am thrilled that all came to fruition.

Inter Club competition is very dear to my heart, so as Captain, I was so pleased to share in the success of our wonderful teams. Our Mary McKenna team, managed by Caroline Hill & Jennifer Moffett, reached the semi-finals of this competition that we had entered for the first time. Our Bloom team, managed by Anne Gildea and Annette Egan also reached their semi-finals, losing out on a finals place to Dun Laoghaire on the last putt on the 18th green.

The Minor Cup team, managed by Ann Turley & Mary Gough, assisted by Anne Hackett reached the quarter finals of their competition while The Challenge Cup team, managed by Emily McCarthy & Noelle Kennedy lost out narrowly in their first round v Old Conna, with their final match going to the 20th hole. The Carton Cup, a new 9-hole competition for new to golf players managed by Judith Hayward & Barbara Kearney gave some of our newer players their first experience of Inter ClubMatchplay, they all loved it and are eager for more competitions next year. Our Irish Mixed Foursomes team, managed by Elaine Healy & Barry Jackson, progressed to the second round of this competition but lost narrowly in monsoon conditions in KGC. The Cullen Cup, managed by Deirdra Healy & Marc Thornton were unlucky not to progress from the first round. Such overall team success in 2022 meant a huge time commitment by all our managers over the season, with the Ladies section playing 21 matches. I give a heartfelt thanks to all our team managers, and to our overall Team Manager, Pauline Mahony for the many hours spent ensuring our teams were match ready. You all did an amazing job, and I was so proud to see all our teams representing the Club in a competitive yet sporting manner – managers and players – you did your Club proud. Thank you.

I would like to also mention some super performances by our ladies in various competitions. Annette Egan & Anne Gildea represented Kilmashogue and won the Dublin final of the Granard Cup. Congratulation too to Caroline Hill, and Aine Doyle, GI Silver & Bronze Medal winners, both of whom represented Kilmashogue in both the Leinster & All Ireland finals.

The Officers & Committee of the Ladies Club undertook a huge workload on behalf of the Club, and I thank all of my Committee who so willingly and ably assisted me throughout the year. Hon. Secretary, Patricia G O’Byrne provided timely minutes of meetings, interviewed new members, marked cards for them and made sure that all pertinent information was dispatched to the correct people at the right time. Thank you for your commitment as Hon. Sec. to the Ladies Club over the past 2 years, Patricia, we wish you a happy, well-earned retirement.

Bernadette White took up the challenge of Competitions Secretary this year and admirably kept our competitions running smoothly despite the many challenges of the new ClubNet system. Thank you for your time, Bernadette and we wish you well also on your retirement. Suzanne McNelis is also stepping down this year as Ladies Treasurer after three years in the job. Thanks for all your work for the Club over this time Suzanne you were always a willing helper when I frequently asked for your help. Enjoy your down time. Annette Egan was a steadying influence on me in her role as Ladies Handicap Secretary and I am indebted to her for her efficient, no-nonsense approach to any of my questions/suggestions. She provided the members with results in a very timely fashion and was always willing to help with cards during social events. Thank you too to Ger Coghlan for assisting Annette with the results during the season and to the Handicap Committee of AM Kerney, Ger Grehan & Ger Coghlan who made any necessary adjustments to handicaps during the year.

I would also like to thank my General Committee members, Mary Gough, Judith Hayward Ger Coghlan & Jennifer Moffett (who double jobbed as Course Liaison Officer), for their ever willing help during the year. Your Club benefitted greatly from your time & involvement. Thank you.

There are a huge number of people who help out regularly with various jobs around the club, many doing unseen work, but they all make our golfing experience that bit better, and our Club could not function without their contribution. Tonight, is the only opportunity during the year that I have to formally thank them and I am delighted to do so now, on behalf of Stephen and myself, and I’m sure the members also.

Thank you to our ever-generous major Sponsor, Eileen Hickey of Hickey Electrical Services, who once again provided sponsorship for the Captains & Presidents Prizes, and also kindly sponsored team meals after two of our ladies Inter-Club competitions. Thank you too to Jennifer Sowman who sponsored my Away Day in Lucan Golf Club, and to the very generous Club members who sponsored competitions during the year. The Club is very grateful for your support. Thanks also to Eileen & Dermot King for their time and success in approaching potential sponsors.

The ever-smiling Viv O’Rourke and Frank King run the Twos and Birdies Competitions on behalf of the Captains chosen charity. They spend many hours, on a weekly basis, collecting and banking cash, buying & distributing golf balls to you lucky twos and birdie winners. A heartfelt thankyou to them both for their time spent minding this fundraiser – the marvellous sum of €4,465 was raised for Laura Lynn Children’s Hospice this year – thanks too to all members for supporting this.

The Annual Hospice Day, so ably organised by Dodie O’Brien and her new recruit, Bernie Barry, raised almost €3,000 for the hospice, through golf, a raffle and an auction. Thanks to them both for running this and again to all of you who supported it so generously.

A huge Thank you, to Susan Maher, who buys and delivers milk, coffee, tea and biscuits on a continuous basis –it’s a time consuming commitment to agree to shop weekly on behalf of us all and believe me, there are a lot of biscuits bought. The ever-present supplies in the kitchen are much appreciated Susan, thank you.

John Dunne, took over the running of the Club Monthly Draw this year and he is ably assisted by Lorraine in the Office who collects the monthly €5 from members purses. The Club benefited approx.€3,500 last year and there were also very many happy winners. Thank you, John, for your time. Can I maybe encourage anyone who is not in the draw to consider joining up?

Vice President Anne O’Dea is responsible for the lovely floral arrangements in the Club, the potted plants on the veranda and together with Dodie O’Brien and Emily McCarthy they manage the flower beds on the 4th, 5th & 7th holes. Thank you Anne, Dodie & Emily, for brightening up our Club. Brendan Blake & President Jack Kearney, ably assisted by Jennifer Moffett, keep a watchful eye on the course, liaising with the College on work needed and carrying out whatever general maintenance work they are permitted to do, under the terms of the Clubs insurance policy. Thank you, Brendan, Jack & Jennifer, your work is greatly appreciated and our course benefits hugely from your involvement. Anne Gildea & Mark Donovan sourced and distributed new Club gear for both ladies and men this season. I want to thank them both sincerely for their work on this – personally speaking, I was delighted to see all the ladies playing their Inter-Club matches, smartly dressed in team colours Dan Meaney kindly agreed to run the very successful Winter Tournament this year and was very efficient in displaying results – this culminated in a 4 team playoff and small function in the Club which was enjoyed by all. Thanks for your time in organizing this Dan. A big thank you too to Alison Houston & Donal Coghlan who organised the Matchplay competitions this year. As I mentioned at the trophy presentation last Saturday, it would be lovely to see more members playing next year.

As we said goodbye to Sandra Murtagh in December, following her retirement after 10 years in the Office, we welcomed Lorraine Mellon as our new Administrator, and I would like to thank her for her efficient, friendly & ever helpful assistance with the many day to day tasks. She has settled into her position quickly and is always willing to help in whatever way she can. Thank you, Lorraine, I have greatly appreciated all your assistance this year, as I’m sure many members have.

As mentioned earlier, one of my wishes was to see “normal” golf & social events resume post Covid and I think that this was achieved. Many functions were cancelled during Covid, so it was a privilege to gradually restart some social events. The Ladies had a very pleasant Christmas scramble, followed by nibbles & refreshments on the veranda, with Santa welcoming everyone. Early in the new year, we managed a rules night in the Clubhouse, organised by Judith Hayward, for new to golf ladies, followed by a short quiz. Our Captain’s Drive In went ahead as planned, despite some rainy weather concerns on the day, and a full-time sheet with two shotgun starts resulted in a buzzy atmosphere in the Club.

Captains Prize qualifying and Finals weekends saw some very competitive golf and My Congratulations to Alison Houston, well deserved winner of my Captains Prize – it was a hard-fought competition and lovely to see some of our newer members also in contention. Congratulation also to Carol Hennessey, winner of my 9 Hole Captains Prize. It was lovely for Stephen & I to be able to hold our Captains Dinner in Stackstown, our first Club function there for many years. My Away Day in Lucan was a lovely sunny September day & the team rumble was much enjoyed, as was the socialising afterwards. The President’s dinner saw the successful return of functions to the Clubhouse and the recent Captains’ Gala Prizegiving, also in the Clubhouse, was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Regular Thursday evening golf & BBQs proved very popular once again, and thanks to Kevin, Stephen & Jennifer who were the ever-present smiling organisers, and thanks also to other members who helped them out over the season.

The Ladies Club have welcomed many new members during the year, and we are delighted to see them getting their WHS handicaps and playing in Club competitions. It is especially heartening to see two ladies from our recent GIGS programme, Elaine St.Leger & Bernie Barry, take up positions on Committee and also to see three relatively new members, Patricia Lewis, Paula Collins and Marguerite Carey take up Officer positions

I am thrilled that Ann Turley agreed to take on the Vice Captaincy last year. Ann is a long-time member of Kilmashogue who has always been very supportive of the Club. She was an enormous help to me during the year, always ready with a wise word and I know she will do a great job as Captain. I wish her and all her Committee, including Vice-Captain Ornagh O’Gorman all the very best for her tenure.

A big thank you must also go to my long-suffering husband, President Jack. He has been a constant reassurance to me during the year, with words of advice when needed and a supportive willing helper when something needed to be done, and there was no one else available to do it. We have had an enjoyable year filled with Kilmashogue discussions at home but are now looking forward to getting back to just playing golf!

Captain Stephen, what can I say? You were the perfect calming influence needed for a cranky Lady Captain at 11pm when problems arose. You were always approachable, always supportive, always (somewhat surprisingly) answered my phone calls, and, I think, we worked well together. You also agreed to take on the responsibility of physically checking that the course was playable very early every Sunday morning – a huge commitment, that I, not an early riser, truly appreciated. It really was a pleasure working with you Stephen and I look forward to our continuing friendship and many more rounds of golf together in the future.

As I pass the baton to Ann, I am reflecting on what a great Club we have in Kilmashogue – we have shown this year that we can compete and challenge strongly on the Inter-Club stage. There is a sense of recovery from the Covid years, with the return to regular golf and social events which create a welcome platform for new friendships. We have new volunteers coming on Committee and new members joining our Club - the future is bright. Thank you all for your support & friendship during my Captaincy year.

**Captain’s Report of the Men’s Club (Stephen Walsh)**

President Jack, Vice President Anne and Captain Barbara, Committee and Fellow Members- As I said at my incoming speech, I was very honoured to be asked to be the Men’s Captain for KGC and I consider myself very fortunate that I was Captain in a year that the club has distinguished itself so well in inter-club competitions. The win of the Best Cup after narrowly losing last year was a wonderful highlight for me and my thanks to Jim Nix and Brendan Young for their management of that successful team not to leave out the various members of that team who achieved the result. Of course, that wasn’t the only final we were in. The Old Conna Seniors final was closely fought, and our team was only beaten into 2nd place by a very high score by the winners Greystone GC. My thanks to Frank King and Vivian O’Rourke for their management of the team. The Super Seniors managed by Hugh Gough and Jim Nix were 2nd in the table behind Grange GC and although not qualifying to go forward in the competition played some close matches to achieve that position.

My thanks to all the other managers who were involved in the various teams that represented KGC so well. They include Tony Bourke and Jack Kearney, Pierce Purcell; Marc Thornton, The Bloom Cup; Dermot King and Pat Gallagher, the Metropolitan All Ireland; Dan Meaney & Dan O’Connor, the All Ireland Fourball; Elaine Healy & Barry Jackson, Irish Mixed Foursomes; and Marc Thornton & Deirdre Healy for the Cullen Cup. I would also mention Marc Thornton again in his role as overall Team Manager and I was very appreciative of his input here.

Congratulations to Tony Egan & Pat Kelly for getting into the regional final of the Holmpatrick Cup (as mentioned in the Competitions Sec. report this was the first time we entered this competition). I would also mention Deirdre Healy & Marc Thornton who got to the quarter final in the Killiney Mixed competition – a great achievement considering the endurance test of a game every day starting on a Saturday.

Perhaps I should also note that your Captains & Lady Vice Captain qualified for the final of Alliance Golfsure / Officers Challenge in the K Club, on 3rd October coming 5th overall, having won the Regional competition in the Grange GC a few months before.

I could not have done much during the year without the constant help from my officers on the Men’s Committee, Jim Humphreys, John White, Ger Murphy and Mark Donovan. Jim Humphreys was a great help in being able to put his thoughts and advice across very succinctly and logically on various issues which we had to examine during the year. That is not forgetting how he carried out his role as secretary so efficiently and his involvement with Patricia in the interviewing and employment of our new Administrator Lorraine Mellon. Jim will be stepping down from this position - my thanks to you Jim for your support.

John White took on the role of Competition Secretary at the last AGM and has encountered a huge amount of work to get a handle on a new IT system Clubnet. I doubt that many members outside the Joint Committee would know how much time he had to commit to working and learning how to operate Clubnet, not to forget the additional meetings either zoom or in person with Clubnet personnel and I am very appreciative of all the time spent to doing a wonderful job in keeping all the various competitions going efficiently. I also want to include Bernadette in my thanks for her work – she was at those meetings also apart from the time spent in setting up the Ladies competitions.

Ger Murphy as Handicap Secretary hit the ground running from the moment, he took over the position at last AGM and has done a fantastic job monitoring handicaps under WHS which caused its own issues during the year. He also set up a WhatsApp Group to assist new members to getting members to play and mark cards to obtain Club handicaps. My thanks to the Ladies Committee for pointing out that they had already set up a similar facility – showing us men up! Thank you, Ger, for your constant activity and I would also mention Ronan Swift who has ably assisted Ger.

Mark Donovan has been Treasurer for a number of years and is passing the mantle onto Bert Foxton. Apart from his role as Treasurer which he carried out so well he also introduced the new club strip and of course Clubnet. Yes, there has been plenty of “bumps” in the dealings with Clubnet and we are still hoping for improvements but I am glad to say Mark has agreed to continue to help the new Committee in Clubnet queries. Thank you Mark for all your extensive work during the year.

I also thank the other Committee members, Hugh Gough, Jim Nix, Tom Creavin, and Sam Strong for all their help during the year.

As mentioned already by Barbara, I am very grateful to all our sponsors for the support they provide to the club. The additional revenue is always an important financial benefit to the club and I want to specifically thank Eileen Hickey not only for her continuing generosity but for the work she did this year to follow up on other sponsors. Dermot King did a similar job following up sponsors – thank you Eileen and Dermot.

A report has been provided by Jennifer Moffett on the course and the improvements that have been carried out during the year which has enhanced the look of the course. My thanks as always to Jennifer but not forgetting Jack Kearney, Brendan Blake and Anne O’Dea who all continue to work to improve our course.

I am glad to say we were able to have a full year of events after a stop start situation with Covid the previous year. The Captain’s Drive was looking doubtful because of heavy rain but the sun came out in the morning so Barbara could scare my poor 2 year old granddaughter with her outfit!

Captains Prize presented us with varying weather conditions and very high winds at times, but the eventual winner Mark Donovan came in with two impressive scores over the two weeks to deserve the prize. We had a very enjoyable visiting Captains day with guests from Rathfarnham, Edmondstown, and Stackstown. Unfortunately, Ballinascorney could not make it. Captains Away Day at the beginning of September took place in Tulfarris GC. It was a challenge but a great course for the event.

Our Thursday socials started once a month beginning in April. It turned out to be very popular and I have to make a particular mention of my Captain Elect Kevin Burke who not only organized new BBQ equipment but only missed one event, buying and cooking burgers and different varieties of sausages all evening. Thank you, Kevin for your time and effort. I also include Pat Davis in this thanks as he came in as a substitute on our busiest Thursday with over 60 playing. I think it took him two days to recover from that but he still came back on another occasion to help again!! Of course, a very important part of each social was the presence of Jennifer Moffett who kept me on my toes cutting up the veg during the evening and Jimmy Fortune who kindly did the scoring on many of the events during the summer.

I do want to include a few other quick thank yous to follow on from what Barbara has said. Lorraine in the office has made the job her own and fitted in very quickly in the club and is always a willing help to our members. Dan Meaney did a great job on the Winter League in spite of being ambushed by Barbara and myself on the 4th tee whilst having a quiet game of golf by himself. John Dunne was great to take over the Lotto from Mark Donovan and has run it very efficiently as I expected he would. Thank you, Susan for milk coffee tea and biscuits – at times it can be the only thing I am looking forward to after a struggle on the golf course. Vivienne & Frank, as always, you have been great in the continuing collection of funds which end up with Laura Lynn. It was wonderful to hear from Viv the other day the amount going to this charity. Of course, thank you also to Dodie and Bernie for the organization of the Annual Hospice Day and my apologies for not being able to make it that day. The organisation of the Matchplay competitions was a great success and thank you Alison and Donal for your work in making sure it ran smoothly.

Nearly finished!! I do have to mention two other very important people. President Jack has been a pleasure to work with throughout the year. His experience and knowledge have been so beneficial to me and I consider I was lucky to have him as my President during my term as Captain.

And lastly, I have to thank my fellow Captain Barbara who has been a fantastic partner during the year (is that ok to say that Jack?). I would have been fairly useless without her knowledge of the club and golf and her consistent necessary nagging. We agreed on the majority of things to be done but there were occasional differences of opinions along the way (mind you she usually won!). I wonder if the majority of club members know how much work Barbara has done during the year and I felt a bit guilty at times that I wasn’t doing my share. So let me say thank you Barbara so much for being around to make sure I behaved myself.

I know Kevin Burke is going to be a great Captain for this club. I am obviously grateful that he agreed to become my Vice captain but since he started in that position, he has contributed to the club in many different ways including organizing and participating in a great sing song at the Captains’ dinner in Stackstown and he will, I know, represent KGC very well as your Men’s Captain in 2023.

And finally, I wish to thank all of you, the members of KGC, who have been so supportive and encouraging to me during the year. It has been my pleasure to be your Men’s Captain in 2022 and I know KGC will continue to go from strength.

**9. Motions**

Kevin Burke presented the motion before the AGM to amend the Club Constitution and Rules by replacing all references to GUI and ILGU with a reference to Golf Ireland to reflect formation of GI to replace GUI/ILGU. The AGM approved the Motion as proposed.

**10. AOB**

Tony Egan requested that a **touch screen terminal** be provided in the Club House hallway to allow all members to input their scorecards as the Men’s Locker room is too small. Mark Donovan responded that the committee had investigated the matter and that a touch screen monitor would cost around €400 plus any other hardware or software costs that would arise to link screen with existing system. Meeting agreed that JC should consider matter.

Eamon Hayes asked that a move of the **Mens Locker room to the ground floor be considered**, as it was too small for numbers using it. President Jack pointed out that there had been a damp problem with the basement. Tony Bourke suggested that reception area could be incorporated into men’s dressing room. Following a general discussion, which noted that any clubhouse renovations would be a matter for the College and the potentially significant cost involved it was agreed to ask the incoming committee to consider the matter further

Howard Farrell asked if there was a **panel of club members trained in using the Defibrillator and that a training course be organised in its use.** Mark Donovan informed meeting that a group of club members had received CPR training when Defib. originally installed and that update/refresher training could be organised. Kevin Burke noted that more than use of defibrillator involved in CPR training. Stephen Walsh informed meeting that a second defibrillator on the course had been considered but a triple charge electrical current would be required. President jack concluded discussion by asking incoming JC to consider organising a training course.

Marc Thornton asked that greater **provision be made for more 4 ball competitions in March/April/May** to assist in preparations for inter-club competitions. President Jack asked incoming JC to follow up.

**11. Outgoing President’s Address- Jack Kearney**

Captains Stephen and Barbara, Vice Captains’ Kevin & Ann, Vice-President Anne, Fellow Members, here is my short address to the 2022 AGM. I would like to thank the following:

- Eileen Hickey who generously sponsored my President’s Day, thank you Eileen.

- Stewart and his staff for maintaining the Golf Course, and Jennifer Moffett and Brendan Blake for their work and interaction with the College regarding our requirements on the Course.

 - Captains Stephen & Barbara, and their Committees, for their tremendous work in the past year.

Congratulations to Larry Halpin & Emily McCarthy, winners of my President’s Prizes.

We did extremely well in Inter-Club competitions this year and I think the highlight of my Presidency was being in Roganstown to see us win the Best Cup. Congratulations to all involved. I would like to thank you all for your help and understanding in my role as President over the last year. It was an honour to serve the Club.

I wish the incoming Captains’ Kevin & Ann the very best in the coming year. Last, but not least, Anne our incoming President has over the years done much work for the Club over many years, and I know she will be a great President. I wish her an enjoyable year. To all, I wish you good health and enjoyable golf.

**12. Election of Vice-Captains, Officers, and Committees**

President Jack deemed all nominees elected as there was only 1 nominee for each position and wished the Captains and Committees every success in 2022/2023.

**13. Presentation of Blazers and Badges**

The blazers and badges were presented by the outgoing Captains Stephen and Barbara to the incoming Captains Kevin and Ann. Captains Ann and Kevin presented Past Captains Barbara and Stephen with flowers.

**14. Incoming President- Anne O’Dea – Address**

Vice President Jim, Captains Ann & Kevin, outgoing President Jack, outgoing Captains Barbara & Stephen committee & fellow members - It is a great honour to be chosen as your incoming President. Thanks to Emily who nominated me & to Dodie who seconded me & past Captains & Presidents who elected me. I would like to give special thanks to outgoing President Jack for doing a splendid job over the last year for the club. It’s a great honour to be taking over from you. It is also wonderful to have Jim Nix as vice president. Jim has done tremendous work for this club as past captain in 2018. I am not forgetting his super work in managing the Best Cup team this year with Brendan Young bringing the Best Cup to Kilmashogue for the first time. The past year has been managed very well by the outgoing committee.

Over the next year I will try to carry out my role as President with enthusiasm & I look forward to working with our new Captains & committee. I wish all the members a great year ahead in 2023 & health & happiness too.

**15. Incoming Ladies Captain – Ann Turley – Address**

Captain Kevin, President Anne, Vice Captains Ornagh and David, past captains, past presidents, fellow members, and sponsors-When Barbara asked me last year to think about taking on the position of Captain – I thought she was having a laugh. However, upon mature reflection (she wasn’t) and a little gentle nudge from Jennifer I agreed. But my, she has left very big shoes to fill, and it is my earnest wish to try and keep her legacy in efficiency staying on top of everything relating to the club, teams, members, welcoming new ladies, going for bit longer until I am standing here, please God, this time next year and I pass on the baton to Ornagh. I am really looking forward to working with Ornagh next year and appreciate you coming on board as my Vice. Thanks, Ornagh.

I learnt of Kilmashogue Golf Club through Maura Donohoe, many thanks for inviting me to play here on a day off from a course we both were attending in 2000. New members note, it only took 2 years to get licence and Club membership. I must say that all the ladies have been very helpful and generous with their assistance and advice. I am not biased when I say that it has to be the friendliest club around. I am very lucky to have such a fantastic group of women with me in the coming year. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and enthusiasm of the outgoing team, Captain Barbara, Hon Secretary Patricia, Hon Competition Sec Bernadette, Hon Treasurer Sec Suzanne McNellis without all their hard work we wouldn’t have such a wonderful club. Delighted and relieved that Annette is staying on as our Hon Handicap Secretary. Please welcome our new ladies’ team, Hon Secretary Marguerite Carey, Hon Treasurer Secretary Paula Collins, Shared role of Hon Competition Secretary Patricia Lewis and Elaine St Leger. Judith is taking a back seat for a little while, many thanks for all the years you have helped with the committee. Thanks Geraldine Coghlan, Mary Gough and Jennifer Moffett for staying on the committee.

Thank God, you’ll be on my speed dial when I am in a quandary as to which way to turn. It is with great pleasure and huge relief, that a lot of new ladies have agreed to join the committee. Welcome Bernie Barry on Committee, she will be following in Dodie’s shoes in running the very successful Hospice Day. Many thanks Dodie for all the years you have provided a wonderful fun day and raising much needed funds for the Hospice. Best wishes to Bernie in her endeavours running same. Kevin, let’s hope we will have a very healthy and fun year for 2023. If members want to suggest anything fun to try, don’t be shy in coming to us.

We are delighted to continue with the Laura Lynn Foundation as our chosen charity. Thanks Vivian and Frank, for taking care of this for the Club with such good nature every year. Barbara, don’t think I don’t know where you live. Thanks again for the honour and I hope you really enjoy a well-deserved break from your last couple of years work on KGC ‘s behalf. You have done a trojan amount of work for the club and we all appreciate your selfless effort on our behalf. Enjoy the rest. Looking forward to building on your successful year and hopefully passing it on in good shape next year.

**16. Incoming Men’s Captain – Kevin Burke – Address**

Captain Ann, President Anne, Vice Captains Ornagh and David, past captains, past presidents, sponsors and fellow members. I have been given the distinct honour of being Captain of the Kilmashogue Men’s Golf Club for 2023 for which I thank you all and past-captain, Captains Stephen, Barbara and President Jack made for a formidable team, enjoying many successes and encouraging the game of golf here in Kilmashogue GC and representing us in the wider golfing fraternity. We thank you for your leadership, example, and friendship. We will be calling on your sage advice in the coming year.

To our outgoing men’s committee members, Hon. Sec. Jim Humphries, Hon. Treasurer Mark Donovan, committee members Tom Creavin and Sam Strong can I just record our thanks to you for all your work and commitment to Kilmashogue GC not just in the last year but also over the past number of years. The corporate knowledge and experience wrapped up in this group of people is invaluable and thankfully they, like many a past officer and committee member have said, that that knowledge will continue to be available to us. In advance I say thanks and just wait for the call! To ex-committee member Jim Nix, what can I say Mr. Vice President – congratulations on your elevation and I still have your phone number.

To the returning officers Ger Murphy and John White and committee member Hugh Gough all I can say is a sincere thank you for agreeing to stay on and guide us through this next year. To our past-captain Stephen for agreeing to re-join the committee all I can say is you must be a glutton for punishment, and I question your sanity! The experience and advice of these gentlemen will be invaluable.

To our Course Liaison, Jennifer and course committee Brendan Blake and Jack Kearney thank you for agreeing to continue with this important work. To my Vice Captain David, thank you for taking on the role so willingly and with such enthusiasm and hopefully you won’t repeat my mistakes! To our new Hon Treasurer, Bert I say thanks also for taking on the role and we’ll try to keep the expenses in check but if our teams keep winning like they did last year, that might be difficult! To our new members of the committee Michael, John and Aidan I say thank you in advance and we’ll try not to work you too hard.

To all those involved in managing and running our teams and competitions thank you for your trojan work, 2022 was very successful and let’s hope we can do the same in 2023.

Since my nomination many have encouraged me, pledged, and offered support and advice, so can I say I won’t forget it but be careful I might just call in those pledges and offers. As I see it my role is to represent you in all the activities of the club both internal and external, and with my partner-in-crime Ann, help lead your committees and to work with the College to encourage, promote and facilitate golf. This role I hope to carry out so that you are proud of the name Kilmashogue G.C. We may be a small club, but we definitely punch above our weight as quite a few clubs found to their cost this last season. I have played in many club competitions at weekends and mid-week and at times it is very difficult to win because of the calibre of our members. I won’t mention the calibre of my golf! Please keep up this level of commitment and play.

This brings me to why we are here: it is the game of golf in all its forms: formal and informal, against and sometime with each other, against the course and against other clubs. Here, we enjoy the course, thanks to the hard work of Sally Gibbs, Stewart and their team who once again must be applauded for the condition of the course, and our location – the Mts. Of Mourne can be seen to the north and the magnificent Dublin Bay to the east, the wildlife is fantastic to observe all year round, though we sometimes disturb it with wayward shots. We enjoy the game for its own sake – the trials and tribulations, the missed putts, the miraculous 25 footers from the top of the slope on the 8th, the claiming of the “twos”, the drive that goes straight down the middle on the 9th. The important word is “enjoy”. We enjoy the banter, the encouragement, and the slagging. We enjoy the friends we make. I make no apologies for emphasising the word “enjoy”. This is our “pleasure” not our “pressure”. There will be competition and that is good and to be enjoyed, so please join in.

All of this is my promise to you, as your Captain and Committee: to make your time here in Kilmashogue GC and anywhere you go representing Kilmashogue GC, to be as enjoyable as possible. So, here’s to an enjoyable and fruitful 2023 season and as my dad used to say – swing easy.

**17. Close of AGM 2022**

There being no further business President Ann closed the AGM.