

MINUTES OF KINSALE GOLF CLUB (LADIES BRANCH) 2016

ATTENDANCE

Present: 47

Apologies: 19

Minutes of the last meeting (2015)

The minutes were posted on the Club Website and copies were also available from the Office. There were no matters arising from same. The minutes were proposed by Caitriona McGrath and seconded by Jeanne Madden. The minutes were duly signed by Siobhán Long, Lady Captain 2016.

Votes of Sympathy

A minutes silence was observed for Finbar Fehily who passed away while playing on the golf course in Kinsale, he was taking part in a Team event.

Hon. Secretary's Report - Kay Galvin

Lady Captain Siobhán I would like to thank you for asking me to be Secretary for the year, and for being such a rock throughout the year. You were an absolute pleasure to work with, so calm and so organised, nothing phased you. I really enjoyed being involved in the ladies committee and learned so much. I would like to thank the committee for being so diligent in sending in their reports each month, it made my job easy. I will be keeping on as Secretary as Colette has asked me, thank you Colette.

Attendance at the meetings is as follows:-

Lady Captain	8
Kay Galvin	9
Colette Kenny	8
Liz Donnelly	8
Carol Deeney	7
Ann Hayes	7
Helen O' Callaghan	8
Jo Condon	7
Margaret Canty	9
Rosemary O' Brien	6
Helena O' Sullivan	9
Anna Ward	5

Treasurer's Report - Carol Deeney

I would like to thank Siobhan Long for asking me to be treasurer for the last year. Thanks to Anna for her tireless work in counting money and making lodgements – a great help to me. Thanks to Liz Donnelly , Anne Hayes and Thelma for sending me on results of competitions .

The financial report has been completed again this year by Tim Smyth – accountant and member of Kinsale GC. I am very grateful for all his help.

Just to go through a few items on the report – It was put up on the website during last week – apologies for the delay . An email was sent out from the office letting people know it was there – unfortunately it was not possible to attach it to an email. Copies were posted out to those ladies not on the email list.

Income has gone up quite a bit – due to mainly the Get into Golf revenue and also the Club outing in September.

Money brought in by competitions was much the same as last year.

Sponsorship was up by quite a bit – due to Stonewell sponsorship is featured twice as they paid up late last year and early this year. Mr P Tierney wrote 2 cheques for the ladies club this year. We also got a new sponsor – 1st south Credit union – thanks to George Cantwell. There was also an anonymous donation from 2 lady members.

Other income – mainly the quiz night €970

Under expenditure – Prizes spend is down – due to less spent on Christmas prizes last year and on Easter hamper. Also the Footloose sponsorship was used as prizes for the Club championship and so there was no need to purchase prizes as previously would have been done for an open day.

Also medals were purchased in September – these possibly should feature under prizes but instead have been included under sundry items - €940.

Donations to charities are down – mainly because the Cope day income was lodged directly into the Cope account and did not feature in our account .

Locker room – thanks to Anna ward it did not cost very much this year.

Printing and stationary – new printer for the competition room.

Get into golf costs were – lessons plus an advertising cost.

Sundries includes as I said medals. Also – lady capt workshop , flowers, committee outings, rules of golf books etc.

Still almost €2000 to be paid out – bills late coming from G Broderick re Get into Golf lessons, vouchers etc .That still leaves us with a healthy balance of over €8000 for the coming year.

I know we have a good balance – mostly due to the income from the get into Golf program. Great credit is due to Siobhan , Colette and all those who helped to get it up and running and to keep it

going for the year. It looks like we may get up to 20 new members for next year and I would say that the money will no longer be coming through our accounts but will go directly to the club.

I would like to wish Colette and her committee all the best for the coming year and to wish Helena O' Sullivan our new treasurer all the best.

Financial Statements attached to these minutes.

Competition Secretary's Report - Liz Donnelly

KINSALE GOLF CLUB (Ladies' Section)

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT 2016

I would like to thank Siobhán for inviting me to be Competition Secretary. It was a pleasure to work with Siobhán and all of the other Committee Members and it was a very enjoyable year.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with competitions and results during the year, especially Jo Condon who looked after the competitions when I was away and took charge of the Ring Competition, Anne Hayes and Helena O'Sullivan who looked after the monthly competitions and Anne Hayes who also did the Birdie Tree. To everyone else who gave their time to help and support, my sincere thanks.

This year's winter competitions were held over a shortened 13-hole course from 15th November, 2015 to 12th March, 2016. Due to exceptionally bad weather, the course was closed a lot and there were no competitions at all between 13th December and 17th January. For the remaining 9 weeks of winter competitions, there was an average of 31 entries each week (down from 37 last year).

A new 9-hole weekly competition was introduced this summer at the request of members. This competition is aimed at members who do not compete in the 18-hole weekly competitions. While the number of entries was low to begin with, interest has increased over time. I would like to thank Thelma Strickland for looking after these competition results.

Also, in June, the weekly competition days were increased from 2 to 3, to include Saturdays. The number of entries on Saturdays since then has been low – 26 in total over 20 weeks.

Congratulations to all the competition winners throughout the year. The main prizes were as follows:

Easter Hamper: 13th & 15th March, 2016		No. Played: 46
Winner	Norma O’Sullivan (32)	40 pts

Connolly Cup: 3rd & 5th April, 2016		No. Played: 38
Winner	Liz Donnelly (12)	72 nett

PGA Tankard: 15th & 17th May, 2016		No. Played: 21
Winner	Helena O’Sullivan (19)	40 pts

Lady Captain’s (Siobhán Long) Prize: 29th May, 2016		No. Played: 60
Winner	Colette Kenny (22)	67 nett

Vice-Captain’s (Chris Cronin): Sunday, 5th June, 2016		No. Played: 21
Winner	Mary Wrixon (28)	42 pts

Cohen Cup: 18th/19th & 21st June, 2016		No. Played: 22
Winner	Frances Robinson (23)	70 nett

Captain's Prize (Declan O'Flynn) to Ladies (Stableford): 15/16/17 July, 2016		No. Played: 58
Winner	Pauline O'Brien (18)	43 pts

Centenary Cup: 23rd/24th July, 2016		No. Played: 213
Winner	Niamh Mason (16)	39 pts

Levis Cup: 31 July & 2 August, 2016		No. Played: 40
Winner	Anne Hayes ((19)	69 nett

President's (Mr Declan Murphy) Prize (Stroke/Medal/GOY): Sunday, 28th August, 2016		No. Played: 49
Winner	Helen O'Callaghan (17)	65 nett

Eileen O'Leary Scratch Cup: 10/11/13 September, 2016		No. Played: 32
1st Gross	Mary O'Hare (15)	85 gross

Christmas Hamper: Sunday 1st/2nd/4th October, 2016		No. Played: 53
Winner	Mary O'Hare (14)	43 pts

Acton Cup	Ann Daly
Club Singles Championship	Helena O'Sullivan
Club Fourball Championship	Anna Ward & Judy d'Alton
PGA Tankard	Helena O'Sullivan

Australian Spoons	Mary Smith & Maggie McGrane
Eileen Murphy Foursomes	Ena Spillane & Kay Galvin
3 Ts Qualifier	Thelma Strickland
Ring Competition	Helena O'Sullivan
Birdie Competition (<20)	Mary O'Hare
Birdie Competition (21 and over)	Betty Hickey

Open Day Results:

Event	No. Played	Winners
Michel Jewellers Open 3-Person Scramble	72	Sue Crowley (11), Niamh Sheehan (13) and Sinead O'Halloran (17) Lisselan
Open 3-Ball Team Event (Sponsor: Ger Broderick)	138	Rachel Hayes (21) Monkstown, Rose Harrington (23) and Emma Green (30) Fernhill
3-Person Team Event (Sponsor: Containment Services Providers)	114	Anna Ward (19), Judy d'Alton (28) and Mary O'Dowling (23) Monkstown
3-Person Scramble (Sponsor: First South Credit Union)	60	Liz Creagh (14) Daphne Hickey (24) and Margaret Calnan (27)

Finally, I would like to wish Colette and her Committee all the very best for the coming year.

Handicap Secretary's Report - Helen O' Callaghan

AGM – HANDICAP SECRETARY REPORT – MON 7TH NOVEMBER 2016

I would like to thank LC Siobhan for asking me to be h/cap secretary for 2016. Siobhan and all the Committee were great to work with. I would like to thank h/cap assistants Anne Hayes and Helena O'Sullivan for their support during the year.

At present we have 151 ladies with handicaps compared to 146 last year. This consists of :-

	2016	2015
Silver (0-20)	20	21
Bronze (21-36)	131	125

During the year, 25 Ladies cut their handicap compared to 24 in 2015.

25 ladies increased their handicaps which is the same figure as last year.

Cuts in silver	13	Increases in silver 4
Cuts in bronze	12	Increases in bronze 21

New members: Lorraine Crossan, Mary Barry, Lia Walsh, Jennifer McElroy, MM Whitehead

The annual review has been completed and those members who have cut or increased their handicap will be informed during the coming weeks.

It is now my pleasure to announce the ILGU Awards for 2016

Silver Medal: 289 net Anne Hayes

Bronze Medal: 299 net – Judy Dalton

Silver spoon: 213 net Anne Hayes

Golfer of the year: There was many ladies in the running for golfer of the year, it was getting very competitive at one stage – Pauline O Brien was top of the leader board for a while but she was pushed out by Anne Hayes and Carol Deeney. Quietly in the background was ever competitive Liz Donnelly who was even considering cancelling her holiday in sunny Portugal so she could play in the final major of the year (xmas hamper) and try to secure 2 in a row – But there was no need to cancel the holiday as nobody else came up with the goods which meant Liz secured the prize and won golfer of the year for the second year in a row. She is a well deserved winner and an amazing golfer. Well done liz.

Finally I would like to wish Colette and her incoming committee all the very best for 2017. I am taking a break from Committee next year and Betty Hickey will be taking over. I wish her all the best.

Juvenile - Kay Galvin

We have two girls members, Lucy Carter and Ciara Lynch. They attended lessons during the year with Ian Stafford and during the summer months went out on the course on Mondays with the Juvenile boys. I took Lucy and Ciara out for nine holes in July. They are both very

good golfers and both got a handicap during the summer. They are both eligible to play in our lady competitions.

Thanks to Anne Fitzsimons for taking Lucy out and getting her cards in to get a handicap.

I am very hopeful that in time we will get more girls to play golf in Kinsale Golf Club. Ian Stafford is having a meeting in December with the ILGU to discuss what he can do with Juvenile Girls going forward. He is hoping to get into schools and recruit some more girls from there. He is delighted that our two girls have handicaps. This is a major breakthrough and credit must be given to Naimh Mason who put in trojan work in the past number of years. Lucy and Ciara are very keen. They will be a force to reckon with and hopefully will be getting better and better each year.

There will be a new Juvenile Officer for 2017 and I wish her well in continuing to improve our Juvenile Girls Section of the Ladies Club.

Lady Captain's Report 2016 : Siobhán Long

I want to thank Vera again for giving me the opportunity to serve Kinsale Golf Club as Lady Captain for 2016. It is a great honour to be asked to do so and I will always cherish the experience and the enjoyment I got from what was a very busy year, as can be seen from the reports which have been given. I want to Congratulate all the winners of our competitions in particular the Captains and Presidents Prizes, Golfer of the Year, Club Championships, Cups and Medals -

Some of the committee are stepping down this year

Liz has been on Committee for 6 years the last 4 as competition Secretary. She was a great help with organising the diary and her efficiency getting results published and setting up the competitions is brilliant.

Carol was totally organised for our meetings with updates on our financial position.

Helen as handicap secretary had a busy role as there were changes this year with CONGU she has a great understanding of the system.

Jo has been very supportive; her skill with computers is awesome. Charts, tables or posters are no problem to her.

Anne was always on hand to help. As course liaison we can give her credit for the superb condition of the course.

The other tasks were divided throughout the year

Helena looked after the monthly competitions and the Cope Open Day.

Rosemary and Margaret got us off to a good start as Social Organisers with the Childrens' Christmas Party and finished the year with a fantastic Club outing to Waterford in September.

Kay our Secretary kept us on track and she keeps great order at the meetings. Her minutes were always out in good time.

Anna looked after the locker room - I can only imagine her garden as her arrangements are always beautiful and I love the seasonal touches she adds. As Assistant Treasurer she looked after the lodgements.

All the ladies love to shop and I am sure you will agree that the selection of prizes during the year were fantastic.

Finally I come to Colette. I was delighted when she agreed to be Lady Vice Captain. She has been a huge support to me during the year and was fully involved with the Get Into Golf Programme.

A big thank you to Lisa, Shane and their staff, Ger and the lads in the Pro Shop, Janice in the office, Pdraig and the Course Staff, Kieran and Delia, who left us during the year, The Management Committee, President Declan and Captain Declan all of whom helped to ensure the smooth running of Club events.

Thank you to **Team Managers**, Deirdre Murphy, Evelyn Lambe, Liz Creagh, Betty Hickey, Jeanne Madden, Ann Buckley and Frances Power- Team Players - Caddies and the managers assistants. This year's format with Home and Away games put a lot of pressure on the managers and I think it diluted the atmosphere at the matches but I would encourage all of you to consider putting your name down for the teams as it is great to play other courses and meet other golfers.

Our Sponsors have been very generous again this year and I thank them for this. They are: Douglas Forrest and Garden, Stonewell Craft Cider, Ryan's Super Valu Grange, Michelle Jewellers, Footloose Kinsale, Ger Broderick, Musgrave Group, Containment Service Providers, T& A Building Supplies and a new Sponsor this year First South Credit Union.

There are also a number of joint competitions which have a lady and gent winner the main ones being The Centenary Cup Sponsored by Shane Fitzsimmons, the VW Qualifier sponsored by Blackwater Motors and the 2&3 person team events sponsored by the Trident Hotel.

Our monthly prizes are sponsored by various businesses and members. Thank you, the members, for donations of Christmas Prizes and Spot Prizes when asked.

Please support our sponsors whenever you can. Play in the events and bring a guest if possible.

This year for the first time we got involved with **Get Into Golf**. We met with Jennifer Hickey from CGI who gave us a great steer for the taster evening and continuing support during the programme.

We had a huge response to our taster night – 66 ladies signed on for the 8 week session and 28 have continued up to November. I want to thank all the members who came along to the Taster session and the practice evenings. We still need some help on Thursday morning or Saturday evening with this so please give Colette or myself a call if you can spare an hour or two. GIG is an initiative, which has been tried by many clubs. I think it is a great way to introduce golf to ladies and hopefully some of them will join the club in the future.

There were lots of **highlights** during the year, starting off with the Drive-in which was so well organised by Colette. I attended other clubs on visiting Captains days, and hosted a visiting Captains Day here in Kinsale in October.

I loved supporting the teams. We did not progress as much as we hoped but the potential is definitely there so better luck next year.

Our Open Days were very well supported with an increase in numbers playing. Thank you all for inviting guests to the Open Days.

My Lady Captain's Day – it was bright and sunny – It was great to meet so many of you who played in both the 18 hole and 9 hole competition and later at the presentation. It was wonderful to have my family there with me. Well done, Colette on winning my prize.

Brendan Donaghy won my prize to the Men.

What can I say about **Friday Night**? Thank you for the beautiful ring which I will wear with pleasure, the album which shows my journey through the year and all the cards, gifts and well wishes.

I just enjoyed it so much from the meal which was excellent to the Show. I have not laughed so hard in years. The talent is unbelievable! My school principle used to say to us “perfection is no trifle but trifles make perfection” I think ye nailed that part, down to the hat. I appreciate all the time and practice put in on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. The live music was fantastic, thank you to Helena's daughter Melva and her friend Siún.

My guests really enjoyed themselves. They were put on notice this time last year to be available for the weekend and I have to thank them for being with me on what was such a special night.

Finally, I want to wish Colette and her committee all the best for the year ahead.

I have known Colette since I moved in to Kenley nearly 30 years ago. She is always chirpy and cheerful and nothing seems to faze her. She will make a tremendous Captain and I will

give her any support I can. I now invite Colette to come up to accept the Lady Captain's Blazer and Brooch for 2016 and then say a few words.

Incoming Lady Captain's Address - Colette Kenny

I would like to thank Siobhan for asking me to be her Vice Captain for 2016,

It was a pleasure to work with Siobhan and it gave me a great insight for my year as Captain.

She was a great mentor.

It is a great Honour to be Lady Captain of Kinsale Golf Club and am looking forward to working with the new Committee and looking forward to the challenge ahead.

Election of Officers & Committee

The following Officers were elected:

Vice Captain	Anna Ward
Hon. Secretary	Kay Galvin
Comp. Secretary	Mary Crowley
Treasurer	Helena O' Sullivan
Handicap Secretary	Betty Hickey

The following were elected to Committee, as we just had six there was no need for an election:

Margaret Canty, Judy d'Alton, Caitriona McGrath, Rosemary O' Brien, Frances Robinson, Thelma Strickland

Notice of Motions

"That the members approve the revised constitution of the Ladies Club."

Proposed by Siobhán Long. Seconded by Colette Kenny

Following a short discussion Maureen Heaslip proposed the following amendment (and Vice Captain) to section 3.2, it was seconded by Nora Quinn. The revised constitution with the amendment was carried by all members present.

AOB

Evelyn Lambe said it was a pity that during the weekend of the President's Prize on the Sunday Chris Cronin, Vice Captain had a competition for the ladies and on the same day the Minor Team were playing a team event and couldn't partake. She said that this was very unfair on these ladies as they would have liked to have had the opportunity to play in this Competition.

Lady Captain Siobhán said that this was a new competition. It was unfortunate there was a clash on the day.

Evelyn Lambe requested that the email list be updated. That will be followed up by the incoming Committee.

Frances Power suggested that we have a rethink on having our competitions run on a Saturday as there is little take up.

Máire O' Driscoll asked what do we do with the bags of sand. She was advised that we are not to replace the divot, rather replace it with sand.

Vera Webb was wondering will we continue "Get into Golf" next year as it was such a success. Siobhán and Colette were congratulated on the tremendous amount of work they have put into this project. She was advised that we will continue with year 2 of the Project.

Anne Fitzsimmons also congratulated the Committee and members for all the work with "Get into Golf.

Gillian Harte brought up about the format of the AIG Matches in 2016 where the Team was split into two. Three played in away and two at home or vice versa. The ILGU had surveyed all the Clubs for their views on this format and results will be out shortly.

Gillian Harte also brought up about Fernhill GC which is running into trouble and that the new Committee should have an Invitation Day to encourage new members.

Val McCann said that members of Ringenane who went to Fernhill after it was closed may not come back.

Ann Daly said, The Management Committee had to make a tough decision on Ringenane at a difficult time financially and did their very best in the interest of Kinsale Golf Club.

Siobhán finished off the meeting by wishing Colette and Committee all the best for 2017.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

PROPOSED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

LADY CAPTAIN SIOBHÁN LONG _____

