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Irish Ladies Golf Union (ILGU) & Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI)

28th Set of Discussions on One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

1st May 2018

Discussions Group (DG)

Frank Bowen (FB) – Golfing Union of Ireland
Teresa Byrne (TB) – Irish Ladies Golf Union
Pat Finn (PF) – Golfing Union of Ireland
Sinead Heraty (SH) – Irish Ladies Golf Union
Brege McCarrick (BMcC) – Irish Ladies Golf Union
John Power (JP) – Golfing Union of Ireland
Ethel Ruddock (ER) – Irish Ladies Golf Union
Kevin Stevens (KS) – Golfing Union of Ireland

Facilitator

Jane Williams (JW) – Sia Partners

Project Manager

Sarah Crowe (SC)

The Group opened the meeting by discussing the items which would be up for review and debate, which included:

- Update from the Respective GUI and ILGU Board Meetings
- Update on what has happened since the last DG Meeting
- Sign off on the Proposal documents – Nature of the documents being reviewed
- Next Steps for the Project and the Discussions Group

Update from the Respective GUI and ILGU Board Meetings

The DG were updated on what was discussed at the respective Board meetings that occurred since the last DG meeting. The Boards discussed a number of elements of the project. These included the Proposal Document, requiring sign off by both Boards, the Communication documents to Clubs and a timescale for the vote of Clubs at EGM's of the two Unions.

Update on what has happened since the last DG Meeting

The DG reviewed what actions had taken place since the last meeting of the group. It was explained that significant work has been ongoing in a number of areas, such as Governance and Legal Reviews of both the Proposal and the Legal Documents, an external Financial Review by Deloitte and Boards reviews of the Proposal document.

PF also provided the DG with an update on a suggestion to allow for postal voting in the GUI. The reason for allowing postal voting is due to low attendance numbers at the first Club invited AGM of the GUI. Work has commenced on drafting wording for this resolution to allow for postal voting. An EGM of the GUI will have to take place ahead of an EGM of clubs to vote on the Golf Ireland Proposal.

Sign off on the Proposal documents – Nature of the documents being reviewed

The DG turned its attention to the Proposal documents. It was explained that there were currently two documents to review. The first document is the core proposal, but has not benefited from



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professional re-writing and design and the second document mirrors the first in terms of content but is more precise, clean and concise and will be used as the communication document to clubs. Both the ILGU and GUI Boards had reviewed the Proposals and the respective DG representatives of the Boards provided the group with this feedback for consideration. Feedback was given in most areas of the Proposal and the DG gave a lot of attention to a solution to a Club Voting Structure in Golf Ireland.

Next Steps

The DG will address a number of topics at the next meeting, including a review of the legal documents and the final report from Deloitte on the financials, amongst others.

Date and venue of next DG meetings

- Wednesday 16th May 1:30pm - GUI Offices, Carton House