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

36th Set of Discussions on One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

3rd October 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 listing the topics for discussion, which covered:

- Memorandum & Articles of Association (M&A's)
- Initial Club Briefing Feedback
- Communications
- Transition Arrangements

Memorandum & Articles of Association

The DG spoke about the most recent draft of the M&A's and acknowledged that they are near final. The process surrounding the nomination of the first President of Golf Ireland needs to be included as does the piece around the Transitions period. The group still needs to liaise with Matheson on the final draft of the M&A's and with the two Boards for sign-off.

Initial Club Briefing Feedback

The DG members shared feedback and views from the initial club briefing meetings. The GUI members stated that the meetings were very positive, and gave the group a sample of the questions that were asked at the briefings. Some concerns were voiced but the overall feeling was that the Proposal would be supported. The ILGU members gave similar feedback. Overall the briefings have been very positive. There are pockets of concern, more so focused on rumours that have been circulating and misconceptions which the DG members have addressed at the meetings.

Communications

SC provided the group with an update on everything that has been happening in terms of communications on the project. These areas included briefing meetings with clubs and the communications strategy rollout over the coming weeks and months.



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Transition Arrangements

The DG spoke about the transitions arrangements for Golf Ireland and the DG addressed the suggested wording which was circulated to them. Formal advice from Matheson is required on the piece that would be inserted into the M&A's. The DG will seek this advice in due course.

Date and venue of next DG meetings

- DG Conference Call – Thursday 11th October, 12 noon.
- DG Meeting – Monday 5th November, 9am-12 noon – GUI Offices, Carton.