



# Golf Ireland



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

### 27<sup>th</sup> Set of Discussions on One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Discussions Group (DG)

Frank Bowen (FB) – Golfing Union of Ireland

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

*Unavailable: Teresa Byrne (TB) – Irish Ladies Golf Union*

#### 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:

- Memorandum of Association
- Articles of Association
- Regulations
- Communications
- Timeframe to the vote on Golf Ireland

#### Memorandum and Articles of Association & Regulations

A detailed discussion took place on the wording of the three documents. Some changes were made and it was agreed that a sub group of the DG would meet to refine and further discuss some of the more complicated elements of the documents, before all three legal pieces of work are sent to the expert legal review team at Matheson and for a governance review with consultant Senan Turnbull.

#### Communications

The Branch and District Briefings and the GUI and ILGU AGM's took place throughout January and February and feedback was received from member clubs of both organisations, and from the Branch and District members on the Golf Ireland Proposal. The DG had touched on some of the issues raised at these meetings previously, and a more detailed discussion ensued. The majority of feedback stemmed from the GUI Provincial Councils and the GUI AGM and the group dealt with the items on a case by case basis. The items raised varied from the affiliation fee in Golf Ireland to the size of the Provincial Executive.

#### Timeframe to the vote on Golf Ireland

The DG discussed the detail of the work remaining, in preparation for respective EGM's of Clubs on the Golf Ireland Proposal. The DG delved into the detail of the work that requires attention and finalisation ahead of the vote and the length of time these tasks will take.



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The refinements to the Proposal, the review of the legal documentation and the financials and a governance view on the material will take some time before being ready to be issued to member clubs, ahead of the respective EGM's.

## **AOB**

The DG reviewed the need to have another meeting and agreed that two sub groups would work on the specific pieces of work that are time critical; Legal subgroup and Proposal subgroup. The subgroups will send the final documents to the DG via email before being sent to the legal and governance experts and to the Redacteurs. The DG will reconvene, if necessary, to discuss any major issues.