



# One Governing Body



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

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

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### Discussions Group (DG)

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#### Facilitator

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#### Project Manager

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As the DG is nearing completion of its work, it reviewed its Terms of Reference and reflected on the work that has been carried out over the past 2 years. The group spoke about the current status of the project, given that the respective Boards have accepted the Draft Proposal and it has now become the Recommended Proposal by both Boards. The DG acknowledged the current stance of the project and the process of arriving at a Boards Recommended Proposal. The next phase of the project will focus on the two Unions leading on communications internal to both organisations and externally to affiliated clubs.

To ensure a smooth handover of the next phase of the project to the Unions, the group looked at the work which will need to be carried out between now and the vote of clubs on the final Proposal. The DG acknowledged the importance of an effective handover, as learnings from abroad have highlighted difficulties that can arise during this phase. The vote date for clubs was suggested as taking place in May 2018. The suggested vote date will be communicated to Union Officials and Golf Clubs at the communications briefings in Q1 and Q2 2018.

#### Communications

Communications was pinpointed by the DG as the most important aspect of the next phase of the project. The group spoke about the communications process to take place, as they felt suggestions on the process could prove useful to the respective Boards.

Internal communications will occur during January and February to the Districts and Branches of both organisations and these will be done separately by the ILGU and the GUI. Following that, club communications briefings will be carried out during March and April with GUI and ILGU affiliated clubs. The respective Boards will review suggestions on how this should be carried out and will work through the detail on the logistics of these meetings. Written communication to clubs, with an update on the progress of Golf Ireland and an update available for the CGI networking seminars was also discussed and flagged as very important.

The DG also spoke about the need for a Golf Club Proposal pack, which could include important summarised information on the Proposal, a Frequently Asked Questions Document and information on Voting in Golf Clubs etc.



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## Voting in Clubs

To ensure clarity on the proposed voting structure in clubs in the new organisation, the DG revisited this topic. They talked through areas of club voting such as gender segregation and equality in terms of casting votes. It will be developed further in the Proposal document.

## Legal Process for Golf Ireland

The group spoke about the importance of having professional legal advice involved, especially in the review of the memorandum and articles of association and bye laws. The wording of the specific resolution will require legal advice also.

## Omnibus

The topic of the omnibus for golf was addressed and the group agreed that the omnibus was very useful but there is no requirement for a second wave of consultation. They acknowledged how pertinent the information received from the first round survey was and wished to express thanks to the people who completed it.

## AOB

The DG wrapped up the meeting and agreed on a date for its next meeting; **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Carton House – 10am-3pm.**