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

29th Set of Discussions on One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

16th 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

Kevin Stevens (KS) – Golfing Union of Ireland

Unavailable: John Power (JP) – Golfing Union of Ireland & Ethel Ruddock (ER) – 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 were up for review and debate, which included:

- Update from the Board Meetings of the ILGU and the GUI
- Communications – Golf Clubs, Staff Updates & Club Communications Briefings
- Timeline – Mapping Activities between now and the vote of clubs
- Legal Documentation – Memorandum & Articles of Association
- Transitions Committee

Update from the Board Meetings of the ILGU and the GUI

GUI

The GUI Board were very supportive of the Proposal which was put to them for comment and approval. Some small suggestions for change were proposed, which the DG considered. One of the suggestions for change was in relation to the preparation, management & control of regional finances. No wording change was agreed for the Proposal but it was noted by the group that exceptional items will arise and they will be dealt with as they arise as part of the financial procedures. The outcome of the GUI Board meeting was very positive, and resulted in the GUI Board signing off the Proposal for establishing Golf Ireland.

ILGU

The ILGU DG members presented the DG Proposal for review and sign off to the ILGU Board. Significant discussion was conducted around the different elements of the Proposal and overall the Board were happy with the content of the Proposal. The ILGU Board sought clarification on the timeline to the vote of clubs. The meeting resulted in the ILGU Board signing off the Proposal for establishing Golf Ireland.

Communications & Timeline – Mapping Activities between now and the vote of clubs

The DG spoke about the potential timeline to hold a vote of clubs on Golf Ireland. They began by discussing what activities need to take place from now, in the build-up to a vote and these were mapped out in terms of sequence and timing of each activity. Having conducted this exercise the



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DG were clear that the vote of clubs should take place before the end of 2018 and that an Autumn 2018 target date was desirable.

Legal Documentation – Memorandum & Articles of Association

The DG held a conversation around the Memorandum & Articles of Association, which had been externally reviewed by Matheson. Comments and suggested changes were received and the DG spoke about the process for considering these, for liaising with Matheson and the timeline for doing so.

Transitions Committee

The DG looked ahead to the transitions period of Golf Ireland. They conversed on the composition of the transitions committee and the authority the committee would have in navigating the Unions towards implementing Golf Ireland.

Date and venue of next DG meetings

- Thursday 24th May 12:30-5pm - GUI Offices, Carton House
- Thursday 21st June 2-5:30pm – Milltown Golf Club.