



One Governing Body



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

23rd Set of Discussions on One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

08 November 2017

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 DG initiated discussion around the objectives for the meeting, those being:

- Understanding the responses of both Boards to the ED Proposal
- Impact of the responses on the next steps for the DG
- Communications rollout and the resources required
- Revisiting the DG process
- Composition of the DG – addition of a new member
- Verbal feedback from the ILGU District AGM's on the topic of OGB
- AOB – Initiation of the Omnibus for Golf

GUI and ILGU Board Feedback on Emerging Draft (ED) Proposal

PF and SH provided the DG with feedback from the respective GUI and ILGU Boards on the ED Proposal. PF explained that FB attended the dedicated GUI Board meeting, gave a presentation and provided rationale and thinking behind the emerging draft.

Both PF and SH talked through the feedback given on all elements of the ED Proposal and defined the areas where the respective Boards gave their full support and the areas where they would like the DG to revisit. Some of these areas included Organisational Structure, Presidential rotation on an annual basis, voting in the new body and Financial Arrangements.

Overall there was a very positive response from both Boards to the ED Proposal.

John Power (JP) joined the meeting mid-way through, having advised that he was going to be late due to a prior commitment in his diary, as he was only appointed to the DG on the previous day. He was appointed by the GUI Board and has replaced GUI Board Chairman, Iggy O'Muircheartaigh. JP will be given induction briefings by members of the DG and jointly over the next number of meetings. JW explained that the feedback from the two Boards was provided by both PF and SH. KS summarised the feedback received and understanding gained from the response of the ILGU Board and SH did the same on the GUI Board response.



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The DG will review the proposal, with the benefit of the inputs from each Board before providing the Boards of the ILGU and GUI with a Draft Proposal. Feedback will be given by the Boards to the DG in mid-December, as the DG work towards formulating a Final Proposal for approval.

Communications/Information Briefing Material

SC briefly spoke about the in depth Communications Briefings and rollout programme planned for early 2018. The Golf Education Partnership Conference and CGI networking seminars are fast approaching and the DG members will attend these sessions. They will provide attendees with an update on OGB and meet Golf Club members to talk through any questions they might have.

Omnibus for Golf

The Omnibus for Golf was spoken about as a useful way of assessing quantitatively the attitudes and beliefs that prevail amongst a representative sample of golfers. JW and SC have completed significant work to enable phase one of the omnibus and the DG were in agreement that the specification work done was a solid base in terms of profiling a representative sample of golfers. It also appears to be a representative sample of the male and female golfers on the island.

AOB

SH spoke about the feedback received at the ILGU District AGM's to date. She commented that people were more engaged on the topic of OGB, and this stemmed from the paper on the Benefits. Strong feedback was given that the ILGU were communicating more effectively with clubs, and this feeds back to the level of engagement the District Executives have with their clubs on the topic of OGB.

Dates and venue of next DG meetings

- Wednesday 29th November – 9am – 3pm - GUI Offices, Carton House
- Friday 1st December – 10am – TBC – GUI Offices, Carton House