



One Governing Body



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

13th Set of Discussions on One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

12 January 2017

Notes of the Meeting – The Discussion Group agreed to produce briefer and more succinct meeting notes, due to the desire to move into 'Active Proposal Development' mode.

Discussion Group (DG)

Frank Bowen (FB) – Golfing Union of Ireland
Teresa Byrne – 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
Iggly O'Muircheartaigh (IOM) – 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)

Reports from the Working Groups

The Working Groups, with the exception of Future Club Formation will aim to have output, in the form of a proposal delivered to the Discussion Group by the end of April 2017. Future Club Formation are aiming to have a proposal presented to the DG by end of February 2017.

Future Club Formation

Donard MacSweeney, Chair of Future Club Formation provided the DG with an update on the progress made. He explained some of the key topics covered in the meetings, including: a model golf club, provision of services by OGB to clubs, and management and club committee structures. Whilst future club structures (affiliation and otherwise) will be proposed, there will be no set requirement or mandate on clubs to wholly adhere to the recommendations.

Organisational Structure

The DG discussed the structure of the upcoming workshop (4th Feb), including topics and the importance of having a representative sample of attendees. Underlying data of membership broken down into different categories has been developed by the ILGU and GUI and will form part of the questions to be asked on the day.

Finance

Work in this area is ongoing, such as the consolidation and validation of both GUI and ILGU accounts. The DG remain in the process of approaching auctioneers and gathering quotes, in relation to the cost of carrying out this work.

Communications

SC provided the group with an update on current communications work, specifically the detailed communications plan for the group and a proposed content plan for a separate OGB website.



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The group will continue with this plan and hope to have the website 'live' ahead of the next meeting.

Remaining Working Groups

The DG had a conversation around the Terms of Reference for the remaining WG's, before the groups are finalised. A discussion also ensued around the expressions of interest received and process for recruitment. Members also spoke about when proposals from these groups are expected.

Draft Proposal Structure

Group members revisited the draft proposal from February 2016 and addressed if the proposal was still fit for purpose. Proposed amendments were made, to ensure the document covered all key areas, including model components and to confirm it suited current stance and future discussions.

Project Plan Update

SC provided the DG with a brief update on the overview of the project plan timeline. The plan incorporates the progress of Working Groups, the DG meetings covering different aspects of the project and a projected date for completion, taking into account presentation of the proposal for Board review.

Project Priority Reflections

IOM drafted a paper and spoke about his reflections on the work of the DG and the overarching components of the group as the discussion progress, including future structures and similar areas of importance. The framework of the proposal on a macro level was addressed by DG members.

Resourcing for a successful Proposal

DG members discussed the need for a full time Project Manager and appointed Sarah Crowe to this role. The role will have to be signed off by the respective Boards at their next meetings.

Clarity on Issues/Reports from DG members

Members of the Group addressed a range of different issues around OGB, such as categories of membership, hierarchy in clubs and the model of OGB. They also touched on the topic of Equality in terms of the approach to be taken throughout the Working Groups.

Work Plan for the DG for 2017

The future work plan for 2017 was touched upon briefly and a detailed plan will be fleshed out ahead of the next meeting. The document will allocate work duties and tasks to be completed by the DG.

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The DG agreed future meeting dates and approved the draft schedule document for frequency of meetings:

Date and venue of next meetings

- Tuesday 21st February 10am – 3pm – Milltown Golf Club
- Friday 24th March 9am– 3pm - GUI Offices, Carton House
- Thursday 20th April 10am – 3pm – Malone Golf Club
- Tuesday 23rd May 9am – all day – GUI Offices, Carton House
- Thursday 22nd June 10am – 3pm – Galway Golf Club