



# One Governing Body



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

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

19/20 March 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  
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)

#### **Working Group Reports**

##### Volunteer Working Group (WG) Report

The Volunteer WG presented their report to the DG and made some key recommendations covering all areas of volunteering. This ranged from volunteer recruitment and induction to staff relationship with volunteers.

##### Future Club Formation (FCF) WG Report

The DG reviewed the FCF report and discussed the main recommendations. The Chair of the WG will present to the DG in May and BMcC will liaise with the Chair ahead of the WG presentation on some specific topics contained within and omitted from the report.

##### Handicapping/Course Rating WG Report

Two members of the WG presented their report findings and put forward some key recommendations in both areas. They recommended some joint initiatives and the DG will review the proposal in more detail and await further WG reports before deciding on what to bring forward.

##### Rules WG Report

Two members of the Rules WG talked through their report and how they would envisage Rules to be structured in the new OGB. They spoke about a National/Regional Rules Committee(s), Rules schools exams, Role of Rules in the new OGB and Essential Equipment, amongst many others.

#### **The Proposal – Progress Report from other WG’s**

##### Club Services

The WG have begun drafting their report and are finding the results from the survey they conducted around future club services extremely useful in arriving at recommendations for the future of OGB.



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## Game Development

The Game Development WG recently addressed additional core areas such as Disability Golf and the pathway/river between Club level golf and High Performance. A discussion ensued around these topics amongst a number of others previously identified.

## Championships

The WG are drafting their report and will have it ready in advance of the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## High Performance (HP)

The HP group are working well together and are preparing the draft report in advance of the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## Finance

The WG have agreed their approach and will be meeting to work through some of the financial modelling. They also have a meeting scheduled with Deloitte to agree financial projections.

## Organisational Structure (OS)

The OS WG talked through their draft report and covered areas such as national and regional structures, legal structure and the potential volunteer structure, amongst others. The OS paper will be further developed as the discussions progress.

## Communications

The Communications WG have begun to draft a report detailing how communications should be structured in the new OGB and a more robust draft will be reviewed by the DG at the next meeting. They are also looking at the structure of the club communications briefings in Q3 2017.

## **Briefing and Feedback session of the GUI and ILGU Board Members**

The feedback and information session of the respective Board members took place, where the DG briefed Board members on the main points and the emerging key themes. The Board members provided feedback to the DG on any areas lacking attention and the DG provided reasoning and rationale on a number of points.

## **Additional Proposal pieces being developed**

The DG briefly touched on a number of elements in the draft proposal document, such as additional topics that needed to be inserted into the document e.g. Case for OGB and voting in the new OGB etc. DG members also conducted discussions on the topics of culture and governance.

## **AOB**

### **Date and venue of next DG meetings**

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9am – 4pm – GUI Offices, Carton House
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9am – 3pm – GUI Offices, Carton House
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 11am – 3pm – Galway Golf Club
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9am – 3pm – Galway Golf Club
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 3pm – Malone Golf Club
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 3pm - GUI Offices, Carton House
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – TBC (*GUI/ILGU Board Members*)