

Irish Club of Mississauga Golf Society 2023 Annual General Meeting – held at Irish Club, Mississauga held on January 14, 2024 – <mark>DRAFT Minutes</mark>

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by the Captain, John Rudden. John called for a minute silence to reflect on our golfers who passed away during the year. Doug Cussons, committee member and active member of the Society and Club passed away December 29 and Bob Saylor passed away during the summer. Our sympathies to both families.

2. <u>CAPTAIN'S REMARKS</u>

Captain, John Rudden thanked the Committee for all their assistance during the year. He noted all the tournaments, winners, and sponsors for the year. John thanked all the tournament sponsors and encouraged members to consider sponsoring during 2024. John also thanked Jimmy Fay for all his work and time given to tabulating winners after each tournament.

John congratulated the winners of the 2023 tournaments, including the Golfer of the Year Brendan Baragwanath, Matchplay Tournament winner Brendan Baragwanath and Keith Duffy the Captain's Day Tournament.

Brendan Baragwaneth and Jimmy Fay were thanked for running the Matchplay event again this year.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2022 AGM

The 2022 AGM minutes were presented to the meeting for approval.

A motion to approve the minutes was made.

Moved by: Sheelagh Byrne Seconded by: Declan Kidd Carried

4. TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Kevin Arey presented the annual treasurer's report. This year 63 paid members. The report shows a bank balance of \$6,111. This includes a \$1,266 from the Irish Open tournaments. The report also shows an income of \$784.

The Closest to Pins charity donation made to Mississauga Food Bank \$275, the Captain's choice for this year's charity. John also topped this amount up to \$500.

A motion was made to approve the report as presented.

Moved by: Peter Byrne Seconded by: Sheelagh Byrne Carried

5. STAND DOWN OF THE 2023 COMMITTEE:

Before standing down the captain informed the meeting that current committee members, Garry O'Sullivan, Sheelagh Byrne, will not be serving on the 2024 committee. John thanked them for their contribution over the year. He encouraged other members to consider serving next year.

The 2023 committee stood down at this point in the meeting.

6. <u>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024 SEASON</u>

Captain: Garry O'Sullivan informed the meeting that vice-captain, George Caddoo was nominee as Captain for 2024. George was acclaimed as Captain by those in attendance at the meeting.

Vice-Captain: still outstanding

- **President:** Current Captain, John Rudden acclaimed.
- Secretary: Bernadette O'Sullivan had agreed to stand as secretary acclaimed.

Treasurer: Kevin Arey was also acclaimed as Treasurer.

Committee Members:

Nominated	Response	Response
Peter Byrne		Accepted
Janet Lovekin	Nominated by K. Arey	Accepted
Kieran O'Connor		Accepted
Maurice Cussen	Nominated by Tom Mulvany	Accepted
Pat Murray	Nominated by B. Baragwanath	Accepted

Nominations were closed.

The Committee for 2024 were acclaimed and applauded:

President	John Rudden
Captain	Geroge Caddoo
Vice-Captain	still outstanding
Secretary	Bernadette O'Sullivan
Treasurer	Kevin Arey
Directors	Peter Byrne, Kieran O'Connor, Janet Lovekin, Maurice Cussen, Pat Murray

The new Captain, **George Caddoo**, then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. George thanked the outgoing Captain for all his work during 2023 and looks forward to working with his committee for 2024 season. Jimmy Fay thanked John Rudden for his efforts during the year.

7. EVENT DATES FOR 2024

The dates and venues for 2024 were presented, as follows:

May 4	Hidden Lake
June 8	Granite Ridge
July 20	Victoria Park
Aug 10	Grey Silo – Captain's Day
September 7	Carlisle
October 5	Springfield

The following dates for the other Society events next year will be:

Kickoff for 2024 (Including Putting Competition)	Sunday April 21, 2024
Captain's Dinner:	Saturday, October 19, 2024
Annual General Meeting:	Sunday, October 27, 2024

The Club Committee will be notified of all the dates to ensure availability for Society Members to return to the Club after Tournaments and for non-tournament events to take place at the Club.

8. <u>MATCHPLAY 2024</u>

Brendan Baragwaneth and Jimmy Fay agreed to run this Society event again in 2024. Signup sheet available at meeting. Everyone encouraged to consider entering the Match Play in 2024.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tournament Sponsorships: Following up from discussion at last year's AGM, the committee decided to add \$10 tournament fee to each tournament to cover the cost of prizes. If there is a shortfall the Society will cover the costs. However, if any individual or group would like to step up and sponsor, they are very welcome.

The first tournament on May 4 will be sponsored by the Committee in memory of Doug Cussons. Sheelagh and Peter Byrne will sponsor food for this tournament, The Captain's Day tournament will still be sponsored by previous captains.

Discussion took place regarding returning to Irish Club after tournaments. The objective is to promote the club and encourage golfers to come back to the Club after events. Garry O'Sullivan pointed out that there was often a conflict with the Club and is often negated the purpose. It was noted that since Covid the practice changed, and golfers were more inclined to stay outdoors at the course for a drink. However, the committee will continue to encourage members to return to the club.

2024 Irish Open: The Irish Club has asked to organize this event for 2024. Tommy Masterman, President of Irish Club, addressed to meeting. He confirmed tournament booked for September 21 at Granite Ridge, scramble, with 1:00 pm shotgun.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.