

**Golf Newfoundland Labrador  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Ken Casey called the Annual General Meeting of Golf Newfoundland Labrador Inc. to order at 4:03 P.M. NST

**2. MEETING NOTICE:**

*The initial notice calling the Annual General Meeting of Golf Newfoundland Labrador Inc. was acknowledged being sent on Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with subsequent notices there afterward.*

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**Voting Delegates Present:**

Ken Casey	President
Ed Roche	Marketing Director
Len Woodford	Secretary
Chris Young	Treasurer
Jim Sloan	Rules Director
Nathan Peters	Competitions Director
Sandra Sparrow	Course Rating Director
Craig Ralph	Bally Haly Country Club
Rick Mercer	Pippy Park
Dennis Langdon	Tamarack Golf Club
Frank Delahunty	Tamarack Golf Club
Bob Dyckson	Gander Golf Club

It was confirmed that a total of twelve (7) voting delegates representing the Board of Directors and four (4) golf courses were in attendance.

**Observers:**

Bruce Watson	Tely Tour
Jeff Hutt	Atlantic Regional Director, Golf Canada

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

*It was moved by Len Woodford and seconded by Chris Young to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**Carried**

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The President referred to the minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Annual General Meeting which were circulated.

*It was moved by Jim Sloan and seconded by Sandra Sparrow to adopt the minutes as presented.*

**Carried**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The President noted that there was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence tabled at the meeting.

**8. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:**

8.1 President's Report

President Ken Casey presented the President's annual report (attached), highlighting several achievements for the organization over the year.

- January 2018 Planning meeting were the goals and objectives for 2018 were set and the budget finalized along with committee objectives.
- Success of the 2018 fundraising event “The Drive “which raised approx.. 16K
- Golf NL marketing committee in negotiations with ACOA re funding
- Golf in Schools program reached 17,000 students and hoping to reach 20,000 next year
- Golf Canada Provincial council has a new chairperson Susan McKinnon and a new term of reference were developed for the council.
- A successful year for the Provincial and Atlantic with the Juniors at Terra Nova, Amateurs at Bally Haly and the Atlantics at Terra Nova.
- Congratulations to Tamarack golf club as it celebrates it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Best of luck wishes to Blair Bursey as he turns pro.

8.2 Vice-President's Report

In the absence of a Vice-President, President Ken Casey presented the Hall of Fame & Awards Committee annual report (attached). He thanked the Committee members for their participation and involvement on the Committee over the past year.

- 2018 saw competition of an annual review and some 20 revisions to the policy
- Appointment of Roger Soucey as the central regional representative
- Held five teleconferences throughout the year and policy changes to improve the program
- The creation of place cards and posters to promote the Hall of Fame and Awards program was a major initiative
- 2018 order of merit list of tournaments, which included stroke play and two person competitions, was developed in consolation with the clubs
- The annual awards selection process has been completed and we are accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame on a continuous basis
- Congratulations to the Annual Award winners

### 8.3 Secretary's Report

Secretary Len Woodford presented the Secretary's report which highlighted

- Completion of 6 general board meetings and a 1-day planning meeting
- Numerous committee meetings that are important to plan the year's events
- One vacant position with the registration of the Membership Director and we are looking to fill the Vice-President position which is a two-year term
- Two positions were vacated in 2018, the Marketing Director and Junior Director and were quickly filled.
- Preparing of Golf NL information for archiving to The Rooms is ongoing

*It was moved by Sandra Sparrow and seconded by Jim Sloan to adopt the executive reports as presented by Len Woodford*

**Carried**

### **9. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Chris Young presented the audited financial statements (attached) for year-ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with the following highlights

- 2018 audit went well with a clean report
- Balance sheet – Cash down by 30K
- On the revenue side Grants down 30k due to more tournaments in 2017 and Miscellaneous down 14k – Canada Summer Games 2017
- Review of expenditures

*There being no questions or concerns, it was moved by Chris Young and seconded by Jim Sloan to adopt the audited financial statements for the year ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented.*

**Carried**

### **10. REPORTS FROM PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE DIRECTORS:**

#### 10.1 Competitions Report

Competitions Director Nathan Peters presented the 2018 report (attached).

- Three committee meetings were held in 2018 and thanks to the volunteers on the committee.
- Special thanks to the clubs who hosted the 2018 Championships, Bally Haly for the Adult Provincial and Terra Nova for the Junior Provincial and the Future Links Atlantic Championship and the sponsors
- 2019 Goals - assist in fundraising, host a standalone female provincial championship, encourage clubs to increase volunteerism re junior program
- Review of upcoming tournaments form 2019 – 2021
- Winners of the 2018 provincial championships

## 10.2 Course Rating - Handicap Report

Rating Director Sandra Sparrow presented the report for 2018 (attached). Due to the major changes to the rules in January 2019 and the changes regarding penalty zones that may affect course rating scores, it was decided to postpone any course ratings for 2018 until 2019 to ensure the ratings were valid under the new system.

- 2019 course ratings Black Duck, Osprey, Humber Valley Resort and Pitcher's Pond

## 10.3 Junior Report

Junior Director Wayne Allen presented the 2018 Junior Report (attached). Several items were highlighted.

- Golf In Schools program has seen significant growth with 19,920 elementary school children introduced to golf through their gym classes
- Future links junior programs and mobile clinics saw 7,203 juniors involved
- Focus now is that school children have access to junior programs and retention of these young golfers is met by clubs
- Telly Tour had 12 events including the tour championship and will continue with 12 events in 2019 Congratulations to the winners of each event and the order of merit winners for each division
- Junior provincials were held at Terra Nova Resort with the top three boys in junior division representing NL at the National boy's competition. The three winners all made the halfway cut, a first for NL
- Development team – the average age is younger, will have more support in the younger years and better prepared for early competition. The development team will be confirmed by mid January
- Junior Tayler Cormier competed in a Skills Challenge and earned a place at the national finals. She won the National final and broke the all-time scoring record for the event.
- Junior golf programs continue to grow, one of the biggest areas of growth is girl's participation with one club program consisting of 59 juniors with 39 of those girls.

## 10.4 Marketing Report

The Marketing Director Ed Roche tabled the Marketing Report for 2018 (attached).

- Goal – help Golf NL grow the game in the province through increased local participation and to tap into the tourism market.
- Strategic Marketing plan – meet with ACOA and Provincial tourism to see if there was any interest to support Golf NL. We are pleased to announce that ACOA will fund 50% of the cost to develop a 3 –Year Strategic Plan.
- Annual Golf Guide/ Rack card – list of the member clubs telephone number and WEB site address which was distributed to tourist information centers, member courses and hotels.
- Signature Photograph – creates a memorable brand experience and consistency throughout our materials
- Provincial Travel Guide – no cost full page ad in the guide, the ad was re designed and simplified to align with the image the province is showcasing.
- Golf NL social media – we utilize Facebook and Twitter to communicate events and news. We also launched a new Instagram page where clubs can capture quality photos of the

- course conditions throughout the summer could be displayed.
- Weekly Golf Report – full page weekly reports ran in the Telegram on rules, etiquette, golf tips, the Telegram looks forward to a strong relationship in 2019
- Kids and Family Expo -Golf NL , Glendenning , Clovelly and Terra Nova participated in the event held at the Techniplex June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 10.6 Rules Report

Rules Director Jim Sloan tabled the Rules Report for 2018 (attached). He acknowledged the support of Bruce Watson in assisting with rules education for the past year.

- Provincial championships were held at Terra Nova Resort and Bally Haly along with the Future links at Terra Nova. I would like to thank the Clubs, Volunteers, Sponsors and rules officials who made these events possible and contributed to their success.
- Rules Modernization – Jan 1,2019 marks the start of the new rules in golf an initiate at bringing the rules up to date for todays game. Officials will have to be recertified in the coming weeks.
- Rules education- Golf NL will be offering on-line rules education in early 2019 and encourage all clubs to advise their members.

## **11. MEMBER CLUB REPORTS:**

There were a total of four (4) clubs in attendance with the following courses providing a written or verbal report:

### 11.1 Tamarack Golf Club

President Frank Delahunty reported;

- On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and planning for the invitational in August
- Rough year for Lab West with people out for 10 weeks, had a harsh winter and had to put a lot of effort in to get the course into shape
- Election of officers in Sept, had a good turnout with a new faces, we are enthused and looking forward to the community and the club coming together.
- Wabush mines re-opened which is a plus, should see more interest in the club. The town of Wabush and Lab city as well as corporate is a big supporter of the club.
- Membership is down but the rounds remain the same and we are encouraged for the coming years

### 12.2 Gander Golf Club

Vice President Bob Dyckson reported;

- Their general manager had returned to UK and we are in the process of getting a new manager
- Continue to make changes to improve the course
- Putting on an extra event this year to support Blair Burse
- Restaurant and the clubhouse did well and we are looking at keeping the restaurant open a couple of days during the winter
- Golfing – good in the morning but slower in the afternoon. We have 40 juniors in our program
- Big purchases in maintenance equipment and a slight increase in membership and increase in green fees as we continue to make improvements to the course each year

### 12.3 Pippy Park

Executive Director Ric Mercer reported;

- They had an early start to the golfing in May but weather was poor for May and June
- Course was in excellent with no temporary greens at opening and was in the best shape at coming out of winter for several years
- Slight decrease in membership
- Good summer when it started and looking forward to next year

### 12.4 Bally Haly

Craig Ralph reported;

- The course was in good condition in 2018
- Club had an early discount for membership fees and gained 70 new members
- Hired a new golf pro Janson Hill and have a live score board for tournament
- Hired a new general manager from Labrador and looking forward to seeing what he brings to the club

## **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

### 13.1 2019 Annual General Meeting

The membership present was advised that the 2019 Annual General Meeting will be scheduled for Friday November 22<sup>th</sup>, at Bally Haly Country Club.. Notice of the 2019 Annual Meeting will be circulated in September as in prior years.

### 13.2 201 Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame awards will be held in 2019

## **13. REVISIONS TO CONSTITUTION:**

The President reported that the organization has not received motions to amend the constitution.

## **14. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:**

*It was moved by Chris Young and seconded Bob Dyckson to appoint W. P. Collins as the auditor for Golf Newfoundland Labrador Inc. for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.*

**Carried**

## **15. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

On behalf of the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Executive Director Greg Hillier tabled a report (attached) listing the nominations for the various vacant positions on the Board. He advised that nominations from the floor would be accepted. At the conclusion of the nomination process the following positions had been filled:

President – Ken Casey	Acclamation
Vice – President – Janine Fraser	Acclamation
Junior Director – Wayne Allen	Acclamation
Rules Director – Jim Sloan	Acclamation
Marketing Director – Ed Roche	Acclamation

*It was moved by Sandra Sparrow and seconded by Nathan to destroy the ballots from the elect.*  
**Carried**

**16. PRESENTATION OF 2018/19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

President – Ken Casey  
Vice-President – Janine Fraser  
Secretary – Len Woodford  
Treasurer – Chris Young  
Competitions Director – Nathan Peters  
Course Rating/Handicap Director – Sandra Sparrow  
Junior Director – Wayne Allen  
Marketing Director – Ed Roche  
Membership Director – Vacant  
Rules Director – Jim Sloan

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

*There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M. on a motion by Ken Casey*

**Carried**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Len Woodford  
Secretary  
Golf Newfoundland Labrador Inc.