

**Golf Newfoundland Labrador
Annual General Meeting
Bally Haly Country Club
Friday November 13th, 2015
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Following a welcome to all in attendance, an overview of the itinerary for the weekend, and the introduction of members, guests and observers in attendance by the Executive Director; President Stephen Wedgwood called the Annual General Meeting of Golf Newfoundland Labrador Inc. to order at 6:35 P.M. NST

2. MEETING NOTICE:

Jim Sloan read the notice sent to the membership via e-mail to call the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The initial notice was acknowledged being sent on Tuesday September 2nd, 2015 and subsequent notices there afterward.

3. ROLL CALL:

Voting Delegates Present:

Marcheta Gallant	Past President	marchetagallant@gmail.com
Stephen Wedgwood	President	Swedgwood@wedgwoodinsurance.com
Adam Stanley	Secretary	adamstanley0@me.com
Paul Kelly	Marketing Director	pkelly@glendenninggolf.ca
Jim Sloan	Rules Director	jsloan@mikan.ca
Thomas Jones	Gander Golf Club	gandergolfclub@nfld.net
Callum Tulloch	Gander Golf Club	gandergolfclub@nfld.net
Stephen Sparkes	Bally Haly Country Club	info@ballyhaly.com
Mike Wills	Bally Haly Country Club	info@ballyhaly.com
Wilf Pardy	Blomidon Golf Club	blomidon@blomidon.com
Sue Pardy	Blomidon Golf Club	wspardy@nf.sympatico.ca
Jeannette Lundrigan	Grande Meadows	jeannettelundrigan@gmail.com
Mike Browne	Grand Falls Golf Club	grandfallsgolfclub@nf.aibn.com

It was confirmed that a total of thirteen (13) voting delegates representing eight (8) golf courses were in attendance.

Observers:

Kay Thompson	Governor, Golf Canada	cthompson@nf.sympatico.ca
Dallas Desjardins	NGCOA Atlantic Regional Director	d-desjardins@ngcoa.ca
Bruce Watson	Executive Director, Tely Tour	bruce2@mun.ca
Miller Ayre	Commissioner, Tely Tour	miller@telegram.com
Howie Hansford	Nominee	howardhansford@gmail.com

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Jim Sloan and seconded by Wilf Pardy to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The President referred to the minutes of the November 14th, 2014 Annual General Meeting which were circulated.

It was moved by Adam Stanley and seconded by Callum Tulloch 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 to be tabled at the meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

8.1 President's Report

President Stephen Wedgwood presented the annual report (attached), highlighted a number of achievements for the organization over the year including the enhancement of the provincial championships, marketing activities and thanked the various Committees for their hard work and dedication to the organization to improve and enhance all aspects of the operation.

8.2 Vice-President's Report

Due to the vacant Vice-President's position, President Stephen Wedgwood, Chairperson of the Hall of Fame & Awards Committee presented the annual report (attached). He thanked the Committee members for their participation and involvement on the Committee over the past year. It was noted that a number of minor amendments were made to the policy and the Order Of Merit point system was reviewed and revised.

8.3 Secretary's Report

Secretary Adam Stanley presented the annual report (attached). He noted that the Board has met on six (6) occasions during the year and held a one-day planning and Board orientation session to develop plans for the coming year, as well as, identify new initiatives to grow the organization. The Secretary acknowledged the support of Bally Haly Country Club for providing facilities to host

Board meetings.

In terms of Board nominations, the Secretary indicated that all positions have been filled indicating a very positive interest in the organization.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the absence of Treasurer Ken Casey, the Executive Director presented the audited financial statements (attached) for year-ending September 30th, 2015.

In reference to the report, the Treasurer highlighted a number of points including the fact that the organization realized a net surplus at year-end of \$25,380 .00 and total net assets of \$44,219.00. It was noted on page 7 that while the audit shows the total accounts receivable at \$31,92175.00, in reality this amount has been reduced to approximately \$22,000.00 with the collection of membership dues and other outstanding accounts.

There being no questions or concerns it was moved by Adam Stanley and seconded by Wilf Pardy to adopt the audited financial statements for the year ending September 30th, 2015 as presented.

Carried

10. REPORTS FROM PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE DIRECTORS:

10.1 Competitions Report

In the absence of Competitions Director Jan Peters, President Stephen Wedgwood presented the 2015 report (attached). In the report Humber Valley Resort and Pitcher's Pond were thanked for the tremendous support and assistance in hosting the provincial championships. The winners of the various championship categories and significant results from the Atlantic and national competitions were noted. The Committee was acknowledged for the hosting of a successful fundraising initiative to assist in enhancing the championships and providing travel subsidies to players attending Atlantic and national championships. The President thanked the members of the Committee for their contributions toward the development of the championships.

10.2 Course Rating - Handicap Report

In the absence of Course Rating Director Sandra Sparrow, President Stephen Wedgwood presented the report for 2015 (attached). It was noted that two course ratings were completed for the past year including Terra Nova Resort, (Twin Rivers * Eagles Creek) and Brookside. It was anticipated that three additional courses would be rated this past year; however, due to various circumstances these courses were not completed. For 2016, the Committee anticipates rating the three (3) courses including The Willows, Gander and Grand Falls and will work with each course to develop a course visit schedule suitable for all parties involved in the rating process.

The Director noted that there is a serious shortage of active and experienced course raters in the province and steps will be taken in the next few years to increase the number of individuals involved in the program. The President thanked the Director and rater Eddie Bearn for their continued

assistance and support of this important program.

10.3 Junior Report

In the absence of Junior Director Jamie Moran, Secretary Adam Stanley presented the 2015 Junior Report (attached). A number of items were highlighted including the implementation of the Golf in Schools (GIS), and Future Links Program (FLP), both of which saw a continued increase in participants. It was also noted that GNL has the highest rate of GIS participation in the country. GNL hosted the annual Spring Junior Golf Camp at Clovelly and thanked the course and management for their assistance and cooperation.

In terms of the high performance program, the Provincial Development team consisted of a total of eighteen (18) players including four (4) girls and fourteen (14) boys. The team held a number of training camps and course management sessions leading up to the provincial and Atlantic championships. Overall, the team performed well at various levels of competition and anticipate substantial results in the coming year.

This year five (5) boys and two (2) girls competed at the national championships with two (2) of the boys making the cut and the boys placing seventh in the team standings. At the Atlantic Championships, Blair Burse finished third and allowed GNL to secure an additional quota spot at the boys' national championships. This spot was filled by Matthew Bonnell.

Overall, it was a productive year for the junior program and the Committee is in the process of reviewing the guidelines and training program for the high performance program with input from the players and parents that will incorporate a number of changes. The members of the Committee were thanked for their time and effort in assisting with the development and implementation of the program for the past year.

10.4. Marketing Report

Marketing Director Paul Kelly tabled the Marketing Report for 2015 (attached) and reported that the Committee has completed the total re-branding of the organization and this rebranding has been incorporated into all collateral of the association. The website has been totally revamped and began operation in early April.

The annual Golf Pass Program, supported by the membership, allowed GNL to participate in the Telegram Mega Auction, purchase advertising to support the Golf Page and assist with other activities. This year GNL attracted four (4) corporate sponsors and work is progressing on identifying an additional sponsor for 2016. GNL continues to provide lead services and participated in initiatives of the Atlantic Golf Organization (AGO). The chairperson acknowledged the work and contributions of the Committee members over the course of the past year.

10.5. Rules Report

Rules Director Jim Sloan tabled the Rules Report for 2015 (attached). He acknowledged the support of Walter Crotty and Bruce Watson in assisting with rules education for the past year. The Director noted the addition of two (2) new Level III officials and the implementation of the online rules sessions leading up to the annual Level III rules clinic at Bally Haly Country Club.

The Director thanked a number of officials for participating in a number of competitions over the season including the Provincial Championships, Atlantic Championship and the Provincial High School Championships. The Director noted a special thanks to Bruce Watson for taking the time to plan and implement the online rules sessions.

11. MEMBER CLUB REPORTS:

There were a total of six (6) clubs in attendance with the following courses providing a written or verbal report:

11.1 Grand Falls Golf Club

General Manager Mike Browne reported that the club has hired a Superintendent to focus on enhancing the turf at the course. The membership levels have been maintained and a volunteer group has come together to form a junior Committee and focus on developing the junior program. While participation at the Provincial Mixed has declined, the event continues to be very successful.

11.2 Grande Meadows Golf Club

Club Representative Jeannette Lundrigan reported that the club was in fantastic condition all season. Membership at the club is stable and there has been an increase in junior participation this past year. The club has hosted a number of events including the annual Men's Invitational and Burin Peninsula Open and is looking forward to hosting the 2017 Provincial Junior Championships.

11.3 Bally Haly Country Club

On behalf of Bally Haly, Mike Wills reported that like most courses across the province the weather in June and July had a negative impact. However, Bally Haly took that time to enhance and develop its customer service program and improve the experience to both members and non-members. Membership levels in the various categories are stable and, during the season, holes 14 and 15 saw some upgrading. In closing Bally Haly thanked the courses in the region for providing power carts to assist with one of their major events in August and the support was greatly appreciated.

11.4 Blomidon Golf Club

Club Representative Wilf Parady reported that Blomidon came out of the winter in great condition and began play almost immediately. There has been a continued enhancement of the course with the development of two (2) new greens over the past season. A new membership program aimed at encouraging past members to return was implemented and 65 individuals took advantage of the promotion. The next step in the process is to determine how to retain these individuals. The junior program continues to be strong with 100 participants and 50 youth in the 5 to 9 year old program.

11.5 Gander Golf Club

General Manager Callum Tulloch tabled a written report (attached) on behalf of the course. He noted that 60% to 70% of the course had major damage but despite the conditions the course opened on May 20th. As with most courses, weather conditions reduced play and thus revenue but the

course managed to retain its present level of membership. This year the course focused on the promotion of its various programs including a ladies' beginner program with 10 to 16 individuals, approximately 60 individuals in the Men's night and 30 in the Ladies' night. The club held a bi-weekly mixed night with approximately 24 to 30 players each evening. The club has begun to focus on junior golf and this year Gander managed to coordinate a visit by Wayne Allen through GNL. Some work was completed on the course including the cart path on hole #6 and the club plans to purchase a grass roller for the coming year.

11.6 Glendenning Golf

Director of Golf Operations Paul Kelly reported that Glendenning has had another successful season despite the atrocious weather conditions in June and July. This year, the overall membership at the course was stable and membership in the men's and ladies' leagues has grown to 327 and 267 players respectively with all youth programs full throughout the season. The course continues to diversify and this year will hold 64 weddings and 42 Christmas functions.

There was a 15-minute break and the meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M. NST

12. NEW BUSINESS:

12.1 2016 Annual General Meeting

The membership present was advised that the 2016 Annual General Meeting will be scheduled for the weekend of November 25th, at Bally Haly Country Club in St. John's.

12.2 Tely Tour Transition

THAT: Golf Newfoundland Labrador (GNL), will work with the executive of the Tely Junior Tour to begin the transfer of the operations of the Tour. The transition will begin in the fall of 2015 and by the fall of 2016 the Tour will become the full responsibility of GNL.

RATIONALE: After creating, developing, implementing and enhancing the Tely Junior Tour for the past ten (10) years, the Executive Committee of the competition wishes to entrust the Tour to GNL to continue the program, its goal and objectives, increase participation from youth across the province and engage volunteers in each region.

Moved by: GNL Junior Committee

Seconded by: GNL Board of Directors

Carried

13. REVISIONS TO CONSTITUTION:

The President tabled two (2) motions to amend the by-laws of the association as follows:

13.1 Motion # 1 - Membership

THAT: By-law number 4.1 Membership is revised as follows:

Present wording:

4.1 Membership with GNL shall be defined as set forth. There are two (2) Classes of membership in the Association:

4.1.1 Member Club: A golf course, wherever situated in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) which has requested and has been accepted as a member of the Association and which maintains on a regular and continuing basis an Amateur membership.

4.1.2 Member Course: A golf course, wherever situated in NL, which has requested and has been accepted as a member of the Association.

Revised wording:

4.1 Membership with GNL shall be defined as set forth below. There are **three (3)** classes of membership in the Association:

4.1.1 Member Club: A golf course, wherever situated in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) which has requested and has been accepted as a member of the Association and which maintains on a regular and continuing basis an amateur membership.

4.1.2 Member Course: A golf course, wherever situated in NL, which has requested and has been accepted as a member of the Association.

4.1.3 Public Player: An individual situated in NL who has purchased a membership card for Golf Newfoundland Labrador under the national Public Player Program. This individual will be entitled to all individual member benefits with no voting privileges.

RATIONALE: The eventual movement to a new national membership model that includes the voluntary purchase of membership by an individual needs to be acknowledged and defined under the Membership.

Moved by: Stephen Wedgwood

Seconded by: Board of Directors

Carried

13.2 Motion # 2 - Finance

THAT: By-law number 8.0 - Finance is revised as follows:

Present wording:

8.1 The signing officers of the Association shall be any two (2) of the three (3) Executive Officers excluding the Past-President. At least two signatures shall be required on all negotiable instruments and bank withdrawals.

Revised wording:

8.1 The signing officers of the Association shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director. At least two signatures shall be required on all negotiable instruments and bank withdrawals.

RATIONALE: This will include the Executive Director as a signing officer for the Association.

Moved by: Stephen Wedgwood

Seconded by: Board of Directors

Carried

14. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

It was moved by Thomas Jones and seconded by Jim Sloan to appoint W. P. Collins as the auditor for Golf Newfoundland Labrador Inc. for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

Carried

15. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

On behalf of the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Adam Stanley 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 process the following positions had been filled by acclamation:

Vice-President – Adam Stanley	Acclamation
Secretary – Eddie Bearn	Acclamation
Course Rating/Handicap Director – Sandra Sparrow	Acclamation

