**Minutes from the Captains meeting ECGC2017 Zell am See Austria.**

September 12th 2017 at Das Alpenhaus Kaprun.

The meeting commenced at 20:00. Present were the Captains of the various teams, Committee members of ECGC2018 and Simon Wordsworth of the Aspiration Group.

Nick started by welcoming all and asked for acceptance of last year’s minutes and financial report.

Minutes: Accepted Graham Foulkes seconded Gavin Williams.

Financial report: Accepted Martin Stoll, seconded Christian Berge.

Nick then invited Paris to give an update of ECGC2018:

Frank from Paris reported they are expecting 57 teams with a total of 234 people. Website is ECGC2018.com

Nick went on to invite proposals for ECGC2019:

Gavin Williams proposed Celtic Manor on behalf of London APP1.

Approximate cost would be 755 Euro.

Danny Sharpe proposed on behalf of Prestwick ACC.

St Andrews Fairmont 9th till 13th September.

Approximate cost 740 Euro.

After a vote it was decided unanimously that **ECGC2019 would be held at St Andrews from 9th – 13th September 2019.**

Michael gave the financial report:

The old amount on the account was 22273,63 Euro.

Levy from Aix en Provence - Catalunya: +2370 Euro

ECGC committee meeting (in London): -1460 Euro

Current amount: 23182,78 Euro

Nick then explained the new procedures regarding prizes. Each OC will now provide a trophy for the winners of the four singles competitions. They would not expect to be returned. A winners board would be maintained on the ECGC.de website. Nick proposed that the senior’s trophy should be known as the Al Murray trophy. Al was a founder member of ECGC and tragically passed away earlier this year. This motion was unanimously accepted.

Nick also mentioned that is the responsibility of the team captains to ensure that their teams handicaps are appropriate and if any of the teams handicaps are subject to question that they would be approached by a member of the EC to provide the appropriate evidence to support a players handicap.

Some captains were concerned about the banking fees involved in money transactions. After a lengthy discussion no outcome was achieved as to the way forward.

Fiona McAllister expressed concern at the size of the event and thus difficulties for a number of countries to host it. The committees response was that the manual states the minimum requirement for hosting an event and that no team/country should feel that the current size of the event should preclude them from putting in a proposal for the captains to vote on.

Claudio questioned whether there could be any compensation for Massimo who found himself stranded in Cuba due to Hurricane Irma. Unfortunately Nick replied that this was not possible as this was a case of ‘force majeure’.

The meeting concluded at 22:00.

Kevin McMahon ECGC Committee Secretary.