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**ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBER CLUBS
OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK GOLF ASSOCIATION**

ZOOM	May 13th, 2025	2:00 PM
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The Meeting was called to order by President Andrea Garland at 2:03 PM.

1. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting

Golf NB Executive Director Brianna McQuillan confirmed that the notice of meeting was circulated on April 29th, 2026, according to the association's By-Laws.

2. Approval of the Agenda

L. Richardson moved that the agenda be approved as circulated. Seconded by Allison Chisholm.

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting of Member Clubs

J. Simpson moved that the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting of Member Clubs be approved as circulated. Seconded by T. Polchies.

4. First Tee Atlantic Update – Kiley McDonald

K. McDonald starts with onboarding multiple new courses, school programs and community programs. Last year saw 11k+ participants and this year is projected for 20k+ through these programs.

Schools are expected to have a set percentage of their student body participating in the First Tee. 6 Golf Courses, 17 schools, 7 community programs and 6 green grass facilities offer the program of First Tee Atlantic.

The goal going forward is to grow the game in the Saint John area. Alongside this, there were 6 Girls Try Golf events across Atlantic Canada, the goal for this year is 8.

Coach training for First Tee in Nova Scotia saw 17 coaches at Level 2 training, the largest attendance since the start. 10 coaches anticipated for New Brunswick coaching session.

5. Presentation of 2024 Audited Statements – Darren Lawrence of MacMillan Lawrence & Lawrence

D. Lawrence introduces himself, proceeds to share his screen of the audit for all to see and explain what the audience is seeing.

D. Lawrence goes over all statements and reports that will be covered. He skips over the wording as it is the same as the prior year.

He states that Golf NB's revenue has increased \$639,000 up from \$554,000 in the prior year. He states how nice it is to see the increase.

D. Lawrence goes over the regular expenses that Golf NB had in the prior year. He says when you have more revenue and more activity, there's an expectation of increased expenses. He comments again on the revenue increase and says this will benefit the members.

He transitions into net assets, unrestricted funds, property & equipment. Investments have increased to \$372,000. D. Lawrence states the total net assets ended the year at \$448,000.

D. Lawrence skips over cash flows and the first page of the financial statements. He goes into Note 5, this includes general membership went up to \$170,000, public player \$35,000 and facility \$25,000.

Note 9 is explained. This includes the F-150 truck payments and the rent of the office space.

D. Lawrence ends by opening the floor to questioning. No questions were asked and proclaims there is no alarming data in the audit.

6. Motion to Appoint McMillan Lawrence & Lawrence as the Auditors for the Association for Fiscal Year 2025.

G. Machum moves to have this audit approved as shown. Seconded by L. Richardson

Motion Carried.

7. Golf Canada Update – Jeffrey Hutt

J. Hutt says thank you to A. Garland and says he wishes he was out golfing because of the weather. They are looking forward to another banner year at Golf Canada.

He states membership renewals are up 5.5% this year. Clubs are clearly busy and are introducing new programs for women's and junior players in an effort to develop the game.

J. Hutt states that there is not much to say, but he is happy to answer questions and thanks the audience, handing it back over to A. Garland.

8. Presidents' Message – Andrea Garland

A. Garland states that we have surpassed our 2020 Strategic Plan Goals, and she is most pleased with the growth of the game, which has been reflected in our memberships. It has been shown as well through all member demographics.

A. Garland as president, wants to put forward two items, more or so statements of intent. The first is that she would like a facilitator for our strategic plan for the summer; this will be brought forward in the fall. The second is to review terms of reference for all the committees, also to be brought forward in the fall.

Garland gives appreciation to Judy Astle and Alison Chisholm for their contributions to Golf NB. She proceeded to speak of all these ladies' great achievements, contributions to the game of golf, as well as their family and career outside of golf. Both ladies were given a standing ovation.

The President concludes her message by handing the floor over to Executive Director B. McQuillan to provide a thorough report on the current status of Golf New Brunswick.

9. Executive Directors' Report – Brianna McQuillan

B. McQuillan opens by talking about how we should reflect on last year's success, as well as looking forward to the future and carrying the gained momentum into the 2025 season. She states that Golf NB is not only growing but also thriving.

She highlights the great achievements that our high-level golfers have earned in the 2024 season, including U15 National Champion, Carter Lavigne. She gives her thanks to all the amazing golfers that participated at the highest-level representing Golf NB.

B. McQuillan speaks on the new enhancements to Golf NB's events, including the Men's Amateur Fourball being its own standalone event. This also brings the Senior Fourball and Ladies Fourball together for one full weekend of golf. She thanks The Algonquin for their unwavering support in hosting events for the growth of the game.

B. McQuillan introduces Morgan Irvine back for her second summer as a student at Golf NB, and the newest Summer Tournament Coordinator, Brady Fudge. She gives kind words to the value they will bring this summer. She mentions Jake Ward, who is closing in on his first year at Golf NB. She touches on the value he brings to Golf NB as a whole.

B. McQuillan expresses excitement in the Junior Development Team wrapping up a successful offseason program, thanks to the great tutelage of coaches C. Vaughn and J.F. Richard. She gives thanks to those who supported the team, as well as the importance of this team to the long-term development of our future athletes.

B. McQuillan talks about the 2025 Canada Summer Games and how excited we are at Golf NB to cheer on the team, and even more excited to announce that the 2029 Canada Summer Games will be hosted in New Brunswick.

B. McQuillan gives an update on the Junior Golf League and its continued growth. It has now grown from 5 events to 10 events, including new locations. The constant growth would not be possible without the clubs around NB who have supported the JGL, as well as the various sponsors.

B. McQuillan speaks on the newest sponsors for the 2025 season, including Cobra Golf, Puma Golf, Bridgestone Golf and Levelwear Golf.

B. McQuillan reports on the rise in members. In 2024, there were 9905 across the province, a huge bump up from the numbers found in 2023.

B. McQuillan ends her report by giving thanks to all workers and volunteers around the province for their hard work in growing the game, as well as believing in the goals that Golf NB has set forward in growing the game throughout the province.

10. Motion of Approval of Committee Reports as Circulated

S. Comeau moved to approve the reports as circulated. Seconded by A. Chisholm.

Motion Carried.

11. Motion to Nominate Joe Sullivan as Golf NB's Provincial Council Representative for 2025 Year

G. Machum calls for a motion to approve the nomination. Seconded by E. McFarlane.

Motion Carried.

12. Membership & Bylaw Proposal – Andrea Garland, Joe Sullivan & Brianna McQuillan

B. McQuillan starts with the membership policy. It was brought to the attention of the board during the 2024 fall meeting; it was brought forward that a new membership policy and bylaws will be approved at the 2025 spring meeting to ensure fair and just policies across the board to all members.

B. McQuillan speaks on the changes, including clarifying who our members are, how membership works, and ensuring the structure is in line with the best practices. They are important changes for a clear framework, improved transparency and appropriate representation for all member clubs. Ultimately, this positions Golf NB for a stronger future.

B. McQuillan continues to speak on the benefits of this policy. The benefits include: insurance coverage, access to Golf Canada Score Centre, eligibility for Golf NB events, and more. These benefits also include discounted junior membership fees to help avoid any financial barriers and continue to grow the game from the youth level and up.

B. McQuillan mentions that if approved, this new membership policy will come into effect at the commencement of the 2026 golf season and there will be no changes to the current operation season. She then hands it over to J. Sullivan.

After the vote, it is passed over to J. Sullivan to speak on the new bylaws. He opens by touching on changes that Golf Canada has made to enable good conversation between provincial associations when setting benchmarks.

J. Sullivan discusses how membership dues are determined by the board and presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting. J. Sullivan discusses how membership dues will be structured.

J. Sullivan mentions there was not much to touch on for the bylaws, everything else is administrative stuff, including moving the auditor from the fall meeting to the spring meeting, as there is no more fall meeting. He briefly explains why this change has been made.

Motion to Accept and Implement the Membership Policy with wording "the policy may be amended from time to time between regular reviews, and such amendments shall become effective upon approval by the Members at the next Annual General Meeting" for the 2026 Season

Motioned by J. Sullivan to accept and implement the Membership Policy presented, seconded by J. Simpson. St. Stephen Golf Club opposed.

Motion Carried.

13. Motion to Accept and Implement the Bylaws as Presented for the 2026 Season

Motioned by J. Sullivan to accept and implement the Bylaws as presented, seconded by S. Comeau.

Motion Carried.

14. Nominating Board – Joe Sullivan

J. Sullivan presents the nominations for 2025 Board of Directors and asks if there are any nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor.

J. Sullivan welcomes a new member, Jean-Pierre Theriault, to the Board of Directors. That is all for new members for the 2025 season. J. Sullivan passes it over to A. Garland for motion to approve.

15. Motion to Accept the Nominations Report as Presented

Motioned by J. Sullivan to accept the nominations as presented, seconded by L. Richardson.

Motion Carried.

16. Adjournment

A. Garland gives thanks to all involved for taking the time to attend the meeting, as well as giving their hard work and input. She praises Golf NB and calls for an adjournment of the 2025 Spring Annual General Meeting.

17. Motion to Adjourn the 2025 Golf New Brunswick's Annual Golf Meeting, motioned by S. Comeau

Motion Carried.

The 2025 AGM concluded at 3:31pm, on May 13th, 2025.

Appendix A

Attendance List

Tom Hendershot – Herring Cove Provincial Park
Allison Chisholm – Rockwood Park Golf Course
Joe Sullivan – Covered Bridge Golf & Country Club
Judy Astle – Old Mill Pond Golf & Country Club
Kathy Appleby – Fredericton Golf Club
Mary Walton-Rossignol – Fredericton Golf Club
Peter Hyslop – Covered Bridge Golf & Country Club
Evan McFarlane – The Algonquin
Frank O'Donnell - Fredericton Golf Club
Andrew George – St. Stephen Golf Club
Steve LeBlanc – Westfield Golf & Country Club
Kent Howatt – Petitcodiac Valley Golf & Country Club
Jason Porter – Riverside Country Club
Brent McKay – Petitcodiac Valley Golf & Country Club
Bob Gray – Maplewood Golf & Country Club

Golf NB Executive Committee

Andrea Garland – President, Riverside Country Club
Evan McFarlane – Vice President, The Algonquin Golf Course
John Simpson – Course Rating & Handicap Chair, West Hills Golf Course
Leanne Richardson – South-East Representative; Director Country Meadows Golf Club
Jean-Pierre Theriault – North-West Representative, Fraser Edmundston Golf Club
Sandy Comeau – Tournament Committee Chair, Country Meadows Golf Club
Greg Machum – Finance Chair, Fredericton Golf Club
Peter Frenette – Sponsorship/Partnership Chair
Tammy Polchies – Performance Engagement & Growth Chair, Woodstock & Covered Bridge Golf & Country Club

Staff & Guest

Brianna McQuillan – Golf NB Executive Director
Jeffrey Hutt – Atlantic Canada Regional Director, Golf Canada
Jake Ward - Golf NB Administration Manager
Kiley McDonald – Coordinator, First Tee – Atlantic
Brady Fudge – Summer Tournament Coordinator, Golf NB
Morgan Irvine – Summer Tournament Coordinator, Golf NB

Past Presidents

Allison Chisholm
Tom Hendershot
Judy Astle
Joe Sullivan

Observers

Tamara Stephen
Denis Mallet
Robert Cormier

TOTAL NUMBER OF GOLF NB CLUBS REPRESENTED – 16