



C.D.H. Number - 4105771

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

AMENDED

Tuesday, 21st March 2017, at 7.00pm

Present: - Gerry Santangeli (Chairperson), Pam Bull, Elliot Coulter, Alex Coull, Duncan Laing and Diane Gibb.

Apologies: - Kevin Willis, Rae Muir, Peter Caird, Andy Hendry, Fiona Hendry, Craig Clark and Graeme Turnbull.

Welcome: - Gerry welcomed all to tonight's meeting which will proceed despite having 7 apologies.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed – Duncan Laing, Seconded – Elliot Coulter.

Matters arising: - Elliot commented it was his opinion that the recent email traffic regarding monthly membership fees was unnecessary as he felt that the matter was originally decided. After a short discussion regarding the pros and cons of what was minuted, the 10% addition would not apply this year, but it would be revisited prior to setting next year's Pay-up Scheme rules etc.

The notice board statement for this year's scheme posted by Peter appears misleading and unclear as the normal practice of seeking out the intentions of last year's members (around 27 people) as to whether they will continue has not been reflected in his statement. We await the final list of 40 members who will be participating.

Secretary's Items: - Letters from the Scottish Golf Show Organisers to both Captains's offering complimentary tickets for them and three others.

Finance Report: Those present found the various strands of Peter's Financial Spreadsheet difficult to follow, similarly with John's P/L sheet. It was noted that last year's Charity Scramble monies still have not been handed over and they probably should not appear in the closing accounts, but that is for an Auditor to advise accordingly.

House Report: - Gerry reported that the newly refurbished lounge was used officially for the first time for the recent Quiz night. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all involved in the works leading to the finished article. Comments have been extremely complimentary. Concern has been expressed by John Medley that scratches can be seen on the new floor and a reminder notice should be posted regarding acceptable footwear.

Kevin Lees has suggested an official opening night for the lounge invitations to be extended to Tee Marker Sponsors, those involved in the works to prepare the lounge with their partners, Committee and possibly Charity Cheque recipients.

With regards to the Sky Contract the document was being countersigned by Gerry tonight to allow John to return to Sky for installation programming etc.

John is still working on the details of the Franchise contract which he will produce for the Sub-Committee to discuss and fine tune as required.

Elliot raised the issue of the club not having an appropriate First Aid Box behind the bar; this is to be remedied as soon as possible.

Elliot also suggested an inventory of doors (with locks), list of working keys as well as a Key holder's register. This was agreed as a sensible suggestion and should be produced as soon as possible.

Match and Handicap's Report: The recent Winter Open has been very successful with a profit of between £1100 and £1200 which is dependent on whether Enjoy Leisure Visitors fees have already been taken off. The entry split was 68 members and 42 visitors which was unusual with the visitor total being lower than in recent years. A discussion took place on the large profit being linked to the higher than expected rise in the entry fees. The Captain is extremely worried that the higher fee could result in lower participation in future opens, to this end those in attendance agreed to an 'early bird' discount being applied to open entry fees. Duncan will advertise this offer on the website. Alex Coull expressed his disappointment in the prize money

available to the various winners; as it was kept at last season's amounts. Whilst accepting that we are a business he felt that the increased fees merited increased prize money amounts especially as the club had potentially made nearly £11 profit per entrant.

There had been an issue with the club closing the competition with up to 7 players' results shown as having a higher handicap than the maximum of 18.

Future competitions should have all visitor entrants entered much earlier than on the morning, consideration also to be given to securing CDH numbers of future visitor entry whilst accepting their form.

Currently the handicap for juniors being able to participate in Men's competitions is 14 or better. After a short discussion it was agreed to raise this threshold to 18.

The Fixture Card Booklet is currently with the Printers after the proof was approved with appropriate amendments to be heeded and applied.

The Sub-committee has discussed the issue of merit cuts. Whilst they have been a successful tool at creating a level playing field of handicap allocation recent recipients have suffered at the 'unfair nature' of the extra cut after probably having their best ever score. Under CONGU merit cuts should be as the result of the Annual Review, therefore once a year. As a consequence of their considerations the application of below net 60 merit cuts will cease with immediate effect.

It is hoped that this year's Annual Review recommendations will be implemented and the members suitably informed prior to the start of the new season on 1st April. The Ladies have applied the recommendations of their Annual Review already.

Green's Report: - The feedback from the recent Winter Open and East of Scotland Alliance competition on the course condition was very positive.

The new Tee Markers at both the 10th and 14th display the wrong par of 4 rather than 3. Andy Hendry has moved quickly to contact Eagle Signs for an appropriate solution to this oversight. Similarly the new Sponsor board for the 5th is currently being fabricated.

The 13th Tee marker will be moved to a more appropriate position and Tom Brady has been kept fully informed.

Junior's Report: - Elliot will be discussing the coaching programme for juniors with the Professionals and this will be highlighted on the website and within the clubhouse.

Social Report: - Diane reported on the recent very successful Quiz Night which had 44 people in attendance. It had been hoped to have another Quiz on 15th April. However as this is the Easter weekend it might be better to re-schedule.

The start date for the Friday night sweeps will be 7th April. This is also during the Masters Weekend and there had been talk at the club of a similar event as last year with golf, food etc. Confirmation if this indeed the case will be sought but the Sub-committee will keep the membership fully informed as to what will actually be proposed for the 7th April.

Duncan also reported on the success of the 'End of Season' Raffle which has raised the excellent sum of £1330.46. Thanks go to Duncan for his efforts, also those committee members and the Professionals who generously donated prizes. Special mention for Babs who sold 10 books (£500).

Any other business: - Duncan informed the committee of new multiple logon protocols for the P.C. This extra layer of security will allow the club to know exactly when and who is logged on the computer, and if any files are deleted etc we will know who to contact.

The compressed version of Howdidido instructions has proved too difficult due to lack of compatibility of current programme modules. Similarly this problem means the full size PowerPoint presentation of Club sponsors cannot be provided on the touch screen in the foyer. However, a smaller 'notice board' slideshow thanking all the sponsors has been included on the screen.

The logon details and passwords for office bearers email addresses on the Club's website were distributed. This will allow a safe and secure system for those individuals to answer any email enquiries directed at them.

As this is Bab's last official weekend, it was agreed to organise a bouquet of flowers as well as inviting her and Tommy to proposed Lounge Opening Night.

The committee were informed that a currently banned person Barry Gaffney is likely to try and rejoin the club. There was no time limit put on his previous

expulsion from the club but despite rumours suggesting he is a reformed character it was agreed that he will not be accepted as a member. Elliot will inform the professionals of our decision. Kevin and Julie will also be made aware.

At the time of the meeting no details had emerged with regards to Judy McComb's funeral arrangements, but the committee will be kept advised of any information as and when it is revealed.

**Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 25th
April 2017 at 7pm.**