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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd November 2016, at 7.00pm

Present: - Gerry Santangeli (Chairperson), Rae Muir, Pam Bull, Elliot Coulter, Craig Clark, Alex Coull, Duncan Laing, Peter Caird, Andy Hendry and Fiona Hendry.

Apologies: - Kevin Willis, Graeme Turnbull and Diane Gibb.

Welcome: - Gerry welcomed all to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed – Duncan Laing and Seconded – Craig Clark.

Matters arising: - Gerry intimated his sincere thanks to Craig, Elliot and Alex with regards to the organisation of the trophies etc for the recent Presentation Dance. Similarly thanks are due to Pam, Elliot and Stuart Martin for their sterling efforts in selling raffle tickets on the night. The others who helped make his first Presentation Dance a resounding success, although nameless, they know who they are.

Secretary's Items: - We have received a letter from Prostate Cancer who hoped that we could support them in some way.

New Member Bob Stewart has offered to provide a trophy for a Super Seniors Stableford Competition, this request is passed onto the Comps Sub-committee to consider and reply.

Finance Report: Peter produced some sample accounts which had been passed to him. These items were a little difficult for those present to

comprehend. A meeting between Peter, Andy and John Medley will be arranged to oversee accounting methods and the ongoing process of amalgamating the original three accounts into one club account.

Since the meeting Peter has assembled a report of the current status Which is broken down as follows: - House sub-total £42249.74, Men sub-total £34866.97 and the Ladies Sub-total £7194.81. The current assets less current liabilities as at 22nd November are £84241.52.

House Report: - The account situation needs sorting out as soon as possible as John Medley is paying all the current bills/accounts.

Rae will produce cheques which are used as individual prizes at the Ladies Presentation Dance; these will be photocopied to assist as a receipt after which she will receive remuneration in the form of one cheque.

The Painter work account has been received and settled.

The new Stair Carpet (which has been taken to the upper floor) has been completed based on a pro-rata price of the original estimate of £1950 + vat.

Elliot reported that Graeme has got a cost of £3500 for flooring in the lounge. It is also hoped that the current tables could be improved by recycling the tops similar to those in the recent bar upgrade.

Prices will also be sourced for a 12kw log burner in the old fire locations as well as various plumbing works in the bar and elsewhere.

The Skips that were used in the clear out of the upper floors will be paid for from club funds.

The request from the Physiotherapist to run her business using rooms etc within the clubhouse was discussed at length and after careful consideration it was felt that we could not accommodate the applicant's wishes to the satisfaction of the club.

As we move forward as a committee the need for prudent forward planning and costing with regards to potential building and facility

improvements may necessitate internal fund raising as well as applications for grants. The issue of heating, roof and disabled access are becoming ever urgent in terms of action. We should consider the preparation of a publicity document highlighting both the committee's wish list and the member's survey results which could prove the evidence to possibly request that a levy be imposed as part of next season's fees.

Match and Handicap's Report: Craig, Elliot and Willie Daisley have prepared a draft schedule for next year's competitions. Alex will collate the Ladies and Junior's competition dates as soon as possible so that both the club's sections and the Professionals' can plan for next year.

Green's Report: - Andy had met with ELC this morning and can report on the following points:-

- Lateral Posts and Red lines have been completed
- Walker Warning Signs in two locations have been erected
- Warning Sign regarding car drivers on the road has been erected
- The new Tee Signs have arrived and they look splendid and will be erected with assistance from the green-keeping staff (Thanks are due to Alex and Duncan on the project)
- The greens have attracted good reports regarding condition etc
- On-course Bins, ELC have no funds available, cost would be circa £4k perhaps we could look at grant awards for this job
- Pathway at the 1st Tee will see improvements to the steps and the fence
- The pathway from the 14th tee to be replaced
- The Winter Programme centres on bunker face improvements, there has been issues with turf delivery and this has impacted on the original strategy of starting and finishing work one hole at a time

Any other comments will be covered by Andy's own minutes which will be an appendix to these minutes. (This appendix not published on web)

Junior's Report: - Elliot reported that it was intended that Junior Medals occur on the first Friday of every month from April to September starting at 1.30pm. There will also be some months with two competitions utilising those trophies which have been accounted for. The September Finals Day will also see the playing of a Junior Wingate Cup.

The East Lothian Juniors AGM has taken place and contact will be made with David Warren. Gordon Hillson will also finalise our Junior Open date.

Fiona informed the committee about Safeguard Training, which is a three hour session and should have at least 6 people attending. It was also reported that Mhari Nicol has expressed an interest in helping with the Juniors Sub-committee.

Thanks are due to Fiona for her efforts so far.

Social Report: - Rae reminded those present that tickets were still available for the Ladies Presentation Dance which has Roger West providing the music.

Any other business: - A short discussion took place regarding the Monthly Standing Order Membership Scheme which will be open to Ladies next year.

The David Blacklock Trophy is well underway in terms of organisation and again Ladies will be participating for the first time. Best wishes go to both captain's and let's hope for fair weather and a good day at the club.

Elliot intimated that the organisation of next year's Men's Outing is at an advanced stage and all will be revealed soon.

Duncan reported that a visit from a BT Eengineer was imminent and the cabling is in place and this will hopefully see an increased broadband capability for the clubhouse.

Duncan reminded everyone that the website has gone stale in terms of input but we are working hard of some new initiatives to keep the site fresh and appealing.

The Committee section of the website with photographs and contact email addresses will be online once the final touches have been added by Duncan

Duncan stated that the Office needs a tidy up so it can be more easily accessible and safer to work in!

Duncan reminded all that the Club 2000 training was part of the update package and must be organised as soon as possible so that more people are up to speed with all the idiosyncrasies of the program.

Finally Duncan stated that the end of season raffle is nearly complete in terms of ticket production and the securing of principal prizes.

Elliot remembered to ask about whether the venue for next year's venue for the Men's Presentation Dance has been finalised as Hallhill as an alternative should be investigated as there is a possibility of securing a share of any bar profits. This option should be approached with caution as they as a venue are struggling financially but it should be investigated.

Pam reminded the committee that the ladies locker room access door needs fixing as a matter of urgency.

Pam also confirmed that both Ladies and Men's Handicap review will take place at the end of the year.

**Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 10th
January 2017 at 7pm.**