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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 23rd August 2016, at 7.00pm

Present: - Gerry Santangeli (Chairperson), Kevin Willis, Rae Muir, Pam Bull, Elliot Coulter, Andy Hendry, Craig Clark, David Wallace, Alex Coull, Graeme Turnbull and Fiona Hendry .

Apologies: - Duncan Laing and Diane Gibb.

Welcome: - Chairperson Gerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed - Craig Clark and Seconded – Andy Hendry

Matters arising: - Letter to Stevie Nicol regarding sweep money was handed over personally. David Wallace had also spoken to him personally. The Kevin Phillips Memorial Trophy will be provided by Rab Hanney. Next year's date is to be arranged and in keeping with the family's wishes the format will be a Fun Day Scramble. A letter of thanks to Rab for his kind donation will be prepared.

Secretary's Items: - We have received the following items: - an SGU Voucher for settlement, Penstripe regarding future club diaries, Swift Labels regarding membership labels and Rab Hanney's letter. Also we have received an email from Lesley Nicholson of Scottish Golf regarding a Membership Drive Seminar at North Berwick GC on 26th September. £25 cost per attendee.

Finance Report: - David revealed that the amounts in each account were as follows: - Men's £31278, House £31092, Ladies £6333 which gives a consolidation total of £68703.

The Club has received a letter from RBS regarding the potential charging to Club Savings Accounts. We will watch with interest no pun intended.

We would appear to be £1000 down in comparison to last year's figures.

The Finance Sub-Committee will consist of David, Peter Caird, Andy Hendry and John Medley and a meeting will be scheduled soon.

House Report: - Graeme and John had a meeting with Ian Sills. He was really pleased with how the new Professionals had settled in. The course and clubhouse were in ever improving condition and the course appeared to be played more. Figures given for the period 1st April to 28th August showed the total rounds as 9629 compared to 7635 last year. Season tickets have risen from 120 to 131. Membership has also risen from 277 to 303. Overall income was £1300 down but not seen as a concern by Enjoy Leisure. (See attached sheet for comparison figures.)

A meeting with Eamon John has also taken place. Eamon too was impressed with the positivity surrounding the club and course. He also appreciated the efforts taken to spruce up the downstairs lounge. With regards to replacement boilers we will secure quotes from at least two companies.

With regards to our lease, the principal term was for the Council to keep the building 'wind and watertight'. Unfortunately ELC are clearly cutting back on their maintenance support and as a consequence of this the Club will have to develop a suitable maintenance strategy including 'Improvement Projects'. Obviously we will have to consider what the Club can fund and what funding streams are available to secure grants.

We are grateful to Jimmy Boyle for his efforts in the re-painting of the lounge as well as to those who organised materials and provided scaffolding etc.

Match and Handicap's Report: - Craig reported on the various competitions that had taken place since the last meeting. The Captain's Day had been particularly successful.

Pam reported that the Ladies Championship will be contested by Jennifer Flockhart and Mhari Nicol. There was also concern that the traditional Ladies Medal tee times between 12 noon and 12.30 were not being kept free, particularly to allow them to get well clear of the oncoming participants in Men's competitions. It was agreed to keep a buffer of free

time to allow the ladies to get well clear of the men.

The Sub-Committee should meet as soon as possible and incorporate Pam and hopefully previous Men's Competition members. It has been a steep learning curve for Craig but it's something that needs to be kept firmly in check with the all-important Competition Bible produced and updated with all competition formats, future dates and qualifying procedures.

The St. Margaret's sponsorship has fallen onto Andy's lap and in liaison with Robert it is hoped that all holes will be sponsored as well as the main competition sponsorship confirmed. Well done to Andy etc for their organisation and to the sponsors for their continued support.

The East Barns Trophy (J.Higginbottom Memorial) format will be clarified especially regarding the presentation etc.

The Robert Turnbull Champion of Champions Qualifier list will be posted much sooner in future to avoid any confusion.

The Hussein Ali Tri Am will be a three player better ball scramble format.

There has been a rise in the changing of tee times by competition entrants, whilst there may be good reason it has been clearly abused. No alteration will be allowed after the shop closing time on the Saturday prior to the competition. This rule will be clarified by a notice posted on the appropriate board.

Green's Report: - Andy reported that progress was slow on the production of warning signs for walkers etc. He does have a meeting with Bruce Allison next Tuesday when an update will be requested.

Tee Marker Signs, Andy has 8 confirmed sponsors and ELC and Enjoy Leisure committed to providing £1000 each towards the cost. 6 other sponsors are provisionally committed to the project leaving only 4 to sell.

Bins on the course would cost £200 each, further discussion will take place with ELC to ascertain their position regarding their provision.

The proposed Winter Programme will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting and will include scheduling a grass cut at the 6th Medal tee. Also we will raise whether the spoil heap at the 7th could be re-used to form a banking to separate footpath from the back of the tee.

The Sub-committee has finally been confirmed Stevie was advised to withdraw presumably from the 'conflict of interest' viewpoint and a meeting will be convened as soon as possible.

Junior's Report: - Elliot reported on the successful Junior Championship which all players return a score in poor weather conditions. Annabel Hosie is our first Junior Champion in seven years. The juniors certainly appreciated the food that was provided.

The Club's Junior Open attracted 20 entries, again all scores were returned with club member Harry Newton claiming the top prize.

Junior Medal's will continue for another couple of months and the season will culminate in a Junior Presentation event.

The issue of Junior's participating in Men and Ladies competitions was also discussed. In the case of the men the qualifying handicap had been raised from 12 to 14. A suggestion to raise this to 18 has been put forward by Neil Paterson but it was decided to keep the status quo requirement. With regards to the Ladies there has been no desire shown by girls so far to play in their medals but it will be discussed by the Ladies at their next meeting.

Fiona updated those present regarding PVG requirements and how it applies to the current club officials. With regards to the Professionals they were going to ascertain their current status and if necessary the Club would as a goodwill gesture offer to pay any appropriate update fees.

Social Report: - There was no official report in Diane's absence but the blackboard was being updated weekly to inform members regarding Friday night sweeps and the Quiz and Curry night. The date has also been confirmed for the Kid's Xmas Party.

The possibility of providing Christmas Dinners/Lunches is also being investigated.

Gerry also confirmed that Keith Miller's Band will perform at the Presentation Dance.

Any other business: - Graeme informed the committee that the following charities will share equally the proceeds from our Charity Scramble: - Dunbar Day Centre, CanCare, Children 1st and a local

Dementia Charity.

An explanation was sought by David Wallace on how the Raffle monies accrued was spent and in future this will be logged more clearly for auditing purposes especially with regards to receipts for the Disco etc.

Duncan Laing's email to Gerry was discussed. Approval was granted for the purchase of software for website improvements.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th September at 7pm