



C.D.H. Number - 4105771

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 5th December 2017, at 7.00pm

Present: - Kevin Willis, Pam Bull, Diane Sheffield, Elliot Coulter, Peter Caird, PJ Stables, Elspeth Haston, Duncan Laing, Graeme Turnbull, Diana McLaughlin.

Apologies: - None

Election of Chairperson: - It is a constitutional requirement that the Executive Committee Chairperson be elected by the committee. Kevin Willis was elected to this post by unanimous vote.

Welcome: - Kevin welcomed all to the meeting. He then updated the committee that he had received, from Alex Coull, a letter of resignation from the committee. Kevin had also spoken to Alex and concluded that Alex's resignation was to be accepted. Kevin and all committee members wish to extend to Alex their thanks, on behalf of themselves and the club, for his hard work and support of the club over many years.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed – Pam Bull Seconded – Peter Caird

Matters arising: - There was a brief recap of the decision by Viridor Credit to turn down our application for grant funding of clubhouse extension and improvements. Diane advised that external specialist advice could be available to assist the club in approaching alternative grant/funding sources. Diane agreed to approach such a specialist and arrange an invitation to a meeting with chosen committee members.

Secretary's Items: -

Scottish Golf's AGM will held on Sunday 4th March 2018.

Lothians Golf Association - 2018 Per Capita Fee will be £1.50 This increase from £1.35, the first change in 6 years.

Finance Report: Nothing further to report since AGM. Peter did note that problems persist concerning receipt of monies from Enjoy Leisure

House Report: - Graeme summarised the club's 'wish-list' for ongoing improvements and agreed to commission professional plans/drawings as necessary.

The committee agreed that priorities were 1- Disabled Access and Toilets, 2- Ladies' Toilets, and that Graeme should proceed with these projects.

Graeme advised that external lighting to the rear of the club building was to be replaced by sensor lighting.

Match and Handicap's Report: Elliot reported that the December Mens and Ladies medals had taken place. There had been no juniors participation in medals competitions. It was agreed that juniors should again be reminded that Mens medal fixture dates doubled up as a junior medal fixture.

Most trophies have now been returned. An email will be sent to holders of the few remaining to be returned.

Elliot briefed the committee on this year's costs for trophies, engraving and keepsakes.

The Competitions Calendar is now complete and ready to go to print.

The trophy donated by Richard McMullen - the Royal Scots Trophy - is now ready for engraving and a base. The first competition for this trophy will be 4th November 2018.

It was agreed that the club should endeavour to secure prizes of £50 per hole for the St Margaret's Open.

Green's Report: - In view of the changes to bunkers, a new tee sign map is required for the 11th tee. Costs will be sought from Eagle.

ELC have inspected erosion risks on the 14th and 15th tees. ELC are also aware of general concerns regarding safety of walkways and ground conditions.

As in previous minutes, the 1st tee should be exclusively positioned on the tee ground in front of the Pro Shop.

New signage advising that the bank on the 1st hole is in play and should be negotiated with care will be positioned on the 1st tee and at the bottom of the bank.

Junior's Report: -

The Juniors' Presentation will take place in March 2018.

Last year, the profits from Pig Race Night were donated to the pros for use in junior development; this to include lessons for juniors. The committee wish to know how many of these lessons have been given so far. Diane undertook to contact the pros for information.

Social Report: - Diane reported that the Pig Race Night had proved very popular and raised £870.

The Kids Xmas Party had cost £600 (46 children attending this year). Donations had been requested from attending parents/guardians but this had only yielded £55. This high cost was generally discussed and the committee considered that fund raising measures should be employed throughout the year in advance of Xmas 2018.

It was hoped that 2018 would include 'Golf for All' events to include relaxed golfing themed days where non-playing family and friends would get involved.

Any other business: -

Vacant Committee Member Position - A proposed and seconded nomination has been received in respect of W Daisley for the vacant Committee Member position. The committee unanimously accepted the nomination.

Opens - Elliot undertook to provide Duncan with a list of all opens for the coming seasons. Duncan will then publicise these on WGC website, Facebook, The Wee Yellow Book, Scottish Golf etc.

Club Flag - A new club flag is required as current stock is in poor repair. Elliot had obtained costs from the supplier of £425 plus VAT. The committee agreed that a flag should be bought. Elliot will liaise with John Medley to conclude the purchase.

Sub-Committee Reporting - It was agreed that sub-committee conveners should make minutes of their monthly meetings available to members of the Executive Committee as soon as practicable following each meeting.

**Date of next scheduled meeting –
Tuesday 20th February 2018 @ 7pm**