



**C.D.H. Number - 4105771**

**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 24th April 2018, at 7.00pm**

**Present:** - Kevin Willis, Pam Bull, Elliot Coulter, Peter Caird, PJ Stables, Duncan Laing, Graeme Turnbull, Diana McLaughlin, Willie Daisley

**Apologies:** - Elspeth Haston and Diane Sheffield

**Welcome:** - Kevin welcomed all to the meeting.

**Previous Minutes:** - Proposed – Peter Caird, Seconded – PJ Stables

**Matters arising: -**

Franchisees - The lease arrangement discussed at the last meeting has been put into effect commencing end April 2018.

A stroke index assessment has not yet been addressed. Kevin Willis undertook to progress this by first consulting Club Pros.

Although not recorded in previous minutes, a letter had earlier been received from Harvey Thomson. Regrettably, a written response has not yet been provided to him. Kevin Willis undertook to remedy this as soon as possible. In addition, the committee felt that, pending a formal response, communications to the committee from members should be acknowledged in writing where practicable.

**Secretary's Items: -**

Duncan offered a reminder that Mr Joe McGinty should be contacted in response to his continued generous support of the St Margaret's. Kevin undertook to contact Joe personally.

**Finance Report:**

Peter summarised accounts available.

29 members have taken up the instalment scheme for memberships.

An online banking facility has been arranged with access available to the Treasurer and Secretary.

**House Report:**

Current projects are progressing within previously defined budgets.

The upper flat boiler flue is in need of repair.

**Match and Handicap's Report:**

Both Ladies & Gents March medals were cancelled. Both were rearranged successfully.

The Winter Open was cancelled & rearranged for Saturday 31st March, this was abandoned due to inclement weather. Refunds are to be made to all entrants.

Since our last meeting it has come to our attention about an error in the fixture book, hopefully this will not cause too many problems. (Mens fixture 28 May is actually 27 May)

The Open Mixed Texas scramble was well attended; taking £920 entry fees with £400 paid out in prizes.

Both Ladies and Gents competitions are progressing well.

Qualifying for Gents Championship is well underway.

Entry to the Senior Mixed Open is light so far. Duncan will re-advertise.

Notices re:- supplementary scores, men's match play competition rules & protocols for entry into men's medals have been posted on the appropriate notice boards.

Notices have been posted for Gents wishing to play this year's Summer Pairs & Summer Singles competitions. A notice for the Auld Yins Trophy will

be posted in due course.

In the coming days a list will be drafted to check if all the mens' trophies have been returned.

An organiser is required to ensure sufficient sponsorship etc for the WGC Charity Scramble. Graeme Turnbull agreed to undertake this role.

It has been noted that some past competition monies are still held in the Pro Shop. Peter Caird will uplift these for allocation to club accounts.

A junior player competed in the Junior Winterfield Trophy in a round played outside the published fixture dates. This was deemed allowable as an exception. However, future fixture dates must be adhered to.

### **Green's Report: -**

It was perceived the Saturday sweep members were responsible for un-repaired pitch marks. Kevin would remind sweep members of the need to tend to pitch marks.

Top dressing and greens treatment has recently been completed.

A fence to the rear of the 7th tee area was proposed. This fence would discourage walkers and pets crossing the area. In addition, the fence could provide an advertising revenue opportunity. PJ will investigate construction costs.

Turnbull Memorial Bench - it is suggested the back of the 14th tee tends to be a spot that gets golfers gathered for a time with the benefit of great views .

### **Junior's Report: - Written Report Provided by Diane Sheffield**

Since the last committee meeting we've held the Junior Presentation which was a good success.

I hope to bring this in line with the men's and ladies this year, so to be held at the end of the summer season.

The juniors with handicaps are being given a voucher for a lesson when they rejoin. This will be claimed from the club when the Junior uses it so

there will be no confusion over whether the money has been spent or not.

Only 3 juniors had their names down for the Championship and Wingate Cup so I extended the deadline. There are now 6 and 5 and I will keep trying to persuade the others till the new deadline of 14th May.

No juniors played the April medal.

After phoning round 4 played in the Winterfield Junior trophy. I will start phoning them all on the Monday before each competition to get as many playing as possible. We are reintroducing the junior and senior greensomes shield next month, 12th May, so I will encourage them to enter that from Monday.

I'm also trying to set up a Facebook page for the juniors and their parents. This will be purely for group chats to organise matches and give information.

### **Social Report: -**

Quiz night 16 March - 7 teams took part.

Friday 6 April - 13 players entered the Fun 10 sweep. Following the sweep, the clubhouse hosted a 'Masters TV Night' with food available

Friday 22 June - Family fun day to coincide with civic week Friday. This will be included in the civic week programme and we will also advertise on the usual sites. Burgers will be on sale. Additional proposals include face painting and bouncy castle subject to price and permission. Krazee Kapers have kindly offered us 2 hours at no cost in return for a mention in our advertising. This offer will be further investigated.

Fun Games to include Target golf, pitch & putt, putting comp and shot into the bucket.

Future social events :- proposed and under discussion are: Sept Quiz night, casino night, date to be arranged, and Burns night ceilidh 2019.

It was discussed whether a social events suggestion box in the clubhouse would be beneficial. It was agreed that this should be trialled.

The Social Sub-Committee are continuing their discussions on fundraising to provide Xmas decorations for the club and kids parties.

A general discussion took place to consider the potential for 'fun' golfing events, encouraging non-playing partners and juniors.

### **Any other business: -**

The committee had been made aware of an incident of misconduct involving Graeme Turnbull.

Graeme had already apologised to others involved, and witnessing, his behaviour. Graeme now apologised to the committee.

In accepting Graeme's apology, the committee issued a warning to him and insisted that behaviour of this type should not be repeated or tolerated.

Winterfield will take part in the Winter League. Notices for names have already been posted.

It was hoped that we could once again take part in the East Lothians County Cup. PJ offered to identify the best contact at Kilspindie so that we could make a bid for a place.

Various signage around the course perimeter seems to be largely ignored or unseen by walkers. It was thought that larger signs might be appropriate. After a short discussion it was accepted that the signs are adequate.

It was felt that our bunkers need more sand. PJ advised that they would not be filled any deeper due to budget constraints.

The Captain had received an invite to Dunbar Castle's Captain's Day. Unfortunately, neither he or the Vice-Captain would be able to take up the offer.

Kevin informed the committee that it was planned that something similar to lines/targets would be employed on some holes during Captains' Day. This would introduce a fun element playable by all standards. There will also be further discussions regarding guest numbers and catering arrangements to encourage attendance.

**Date of next scheduled meeting –  
Tuesday 12th June 2018 @ 7pm**