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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Amendment 1

Tuesday, 29th August 2017, at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: - No apologies recorded.

Welcome: - Gerry welcomed all to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed – Duncan Laing, Seconded – Diane Sheffield.

Matters arising: - The reciprocal voucher for Thornton Golf Club's Annual Draw has been sent. It was hoped to use their voucher in the forthcoming St. Margaret's competition list of prizes.

The Captain wished personally to thank all those involved in the recent joint Captain's Day.

It was suggested that in future, inclement bad weather on Captains Day should result in utilising a changing room to act as the Half-way House Bar.

The committee fully endorsed the Captain's comments regarding our sincere thanks to Graeme, Elliot and their willing band of helpers getting the upstairs lounge improvements completed in time for the Captains' Day.

Secretary is Items: - There has been an email from Lesley Nicholson regarding a 'Governance' Seminar at Broomieknowe Golf Club in mid-October. It was agreed that the Secretary and House Manager attend this

event.

Advertising Letters have been received from Pemberton's Diaries and Swift Labels. Further SG Membership cards have been delivered. A written apology from the Secretary of Dunbar Castle Golf Club regarding their non-appearance at Captains' Day was read out and acknowledged.

Finance Report: There was no report available but I have included a Profit/Loss statement which Peter sent to me for our consideration.

House Report: - At the time of the meeting, the House Manager had had no joy securing the £1000 sum promised by Enjoy Leisure as their share of costs of golf course signage etc.

The Grant application process is still ongoing; the window for submission closes in October. Gerry has spoken to Douglas Kennedy for further advice. It was considered helpful to have a 'Third Party' involved in some way along with the Club and Viridor in the application process.

There was concern expressed at packaging blocking access to the Club Office, Kevin will speak to the Professionals concerning this matter.

Match and Handicap's Report: Elliot reported that it had been quiet apart from the organisation of the St. Margaret's Open. At this time, 90 minutes' worth of tee times were available.

There was a long discussion regarding Sponsorship of this competition. For whatever reason there appeared to be a difference of opinion regarding how the competition was being supported, whether by continued support from previous Sponsors or with the individual hole prizes coming from the monies taken from each individual tee marker sponsor. The Captain will continue dialogue with Joe McGinty to agree a mutually beneficial outcome for the Club regarding this matter for this season. The Competition Bible to include trigger point actions for all competitions regarding securing sponsorship, setting fees and expected prize amounts and numbers of places etc.

The Finals Day was being organised, it was hoped that all the finals would take place in the afternoon.

Elliot will carry out an inventory of the trophies covering their engraving and availability on Finals Day. Concerning the Junior Trophies, it is

disappointing to report that some are missing.

The Auld Yins Trophy is now not fit for purpose and a new one should be ordered. This was agreed.

Elliot reported that David Main's work patterns mean that the shop has a restricted opening time so we have to fit our delivery of trophies for engraving to suit him.

There was a request that Ladies are fully integrated in the David Blacklock Trophy meaning that mixed matches can and should occur. This was not seen as a problem, but as the Captains normally decided their preferred pairings and an order of play, they will be advised of our wishes.

There was a discussion regarding the DGS Charity Texas Scramble. The date was altered and was going ahead one week later than shown in Fixture Card. It was decided, as this event and the Headway Scramble were events organised by external parties that they will in future not be included in our Fixture List schedule.

Green's Report: - Andy was disappointed to report that some rake stands have been stolen/removed. The committee was asked to consider paying for extra/replacement stands. Similarly, the net has been repaired and the committee was asked to support a small gratuity to be given to the person who carried out the repair.

SEDERUNT – Graeme Turnbull left the meeting at this point.

Junior's Report: - Elliot reported that the Belhaven Day Trophy is also missing and a replacement is required.

The Junior Presentation of Trophies event is still being organised.

The Junior Open has had its result amended due to a gender mistake of one of the competitors. The vouchers will be posted out to the winning recipients.

Social Report: - Diane reported that the 70's was a flop with a disappointing number of only six members in attendance, however members of a visiting party and non- members were there to make it an enjoyable evening.

Diane reported that an on the night Raffle had raised £77 and this would go towards the cost of the Kids Xmas Party.

A Quiz night is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

Events proposed are as follows:-
Halloween Evening – 28th October
Kids Xmas Party – 2nd December
Christmas Party – 16th December
Pig Derby – to be confirmed.

Any other business: - An update was requested regarding the handing out of the Charity Cheques, this is in hand it was confirmed.

There was a discussion about the bar area being kept for members and golfers not for customers coming in off the street for meals. The same discussion also included the downstairs lounge being kept as an overflow of the bar area at peak times and not an extension of the dining room.

Rae expressed her disappointment with how the Captain's Day panned out. A general debrief conversation took place and it was agreed that the event needs an overhaul in particular to attract more members and guests to take part. This year there was only 22 entries out with those that played in the Captains' Party. The bottle donations for the Complimentary Bar should be delivered by Friday at the latest to ease any organisational issues regarding stock.

Andy raised the issue of needing to overhaul our committee structure. We have lost experienced individuals from both the previous Men's and Ladies committees and in some cases, the current sub-committees are 'understaffed'.

It was therefore suggested that we look at creating a more workable pyramid structure with the Executive meeting say on a quarterly basis to rubber-stamp and major financial outlays and high level changes in policy or procedure that have been put forward by the various Conveners. In effect each Convener should provide the Secretary with a short and clear report of their Sub-Committee meeting which would then be circulated to the Executive Committee members for ratification or if necessary amendment. It is worth stressing this is what David Wallace was striving for in essence as part of the new Constitution and Committee structure but those in attendance agreed that the current practice was not achieving the

original aim. This would result in shorter Executive meetings with the nitty-gritty works being discussed and decided at Sub-committee meetings, which would take place perhaps monthly, or as when necessary.

Two complaints have been received regarding Green Keepers having their lunch in the bar rather than in their Welfare Facility. It is disappointing to see that the Welfare Room is not fully utilised but there is no requirement for Council employees to be controlled as to where and when they have their breaks so long as it does not take longer than their contracted hourly requirements.

Duncan reported that the Broadband has been reinstalled with 28Mb speed available.

The Gazebo that Robert Martin provided on Captains' Day has been offered for sale to the Club. The Committee agreed to buy it.

There has been a considerable improvement in the removal of trolleys being left within Locker Rooms. Currently two are being stored one belongs to Mark McArthur who is recuperating from surgery and will be contacted as to it being removed.

One other trolley is tied to a radiator and despite several warning notices continues to be stored within the locker room. The committee agreed a different strategy to identify the offender/owner.

A meeting is to be scheduled with Kevin/Julie to discuss updating the House Rules. Duncan will invite committee members as well.

There has been a request from Julie to confirm the date of next year's Captains' Day as she has had an enquiry for a Wedding Party. The normal weekend slot will be allocated for next year's Captains' Day.

The presentation of the financial accounts needs to be clearer and easily understood. There should not be different amounts shown.

There needs to be better control of the TP system of entering competitions, the Professionals to be advised accordingly.

It was disappointing to hear that another set of clubs were stolen from the upstairs Locker Room. Notwithstanding the fact that it was a non-member that suffered the loss it is a worrying development and we may have to

reconsider improving security and tightening control of general access for the members.

The Club has received an unsigned letter from an unnamed member seeking clarification regarding notices of hygiene, legionella etc. Pam explained that the care facility she works at has a scheme in place and she will ascertain from their Contractor what is involved, costs and whether it is applicable in the clubhouse.

A general email and notices will be posted requesting volunteers for Referees for Finals Day.

**Date of next scheduled meeting –Tuesday 3rd
October 2017 at 7pm.**