



Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 10th September 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Stuart Martin, Jimmy Gibb, Andy Hendry, Elliot Coulter and David Wallace.

Apologies: - Callum Richardson, Robert Martin, Kevin Willis, Craig Clark and Bernie Mullen.

Welcome: - Captain Bruce Bull welcomed all to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed by Stuart Martin and seconded by Andy Hendry.

Matters arising: - Email reply to Steve Moir of Golf in Scotland stating no involvement or participation in advertising etc. Matter now appears to be closed.

Recent C.C.L.A.S.P. Fundraising Day received a cheque for £500 from the proceeds raised from the Club's Charity Texas Scramble. Overall they raised £3300 with the golf, raffle and auctions. The charities Clic Sargent and SIMBA are to receive donations of £500 each and that will conclude the distribution of funds raised from our own Charity Day.

The member's website has been down since the 18th August, principally through problems with the Secretary's own PC. Have had to buy a new version of Office as well as go through the tedious process of re-installing various programs including Expression which allows website editing etc. The domain provider has since requested that a new version be installed and compatibility with information currently stored is being verified.

The Captain spoke with the Professional regarding lockers not becoming available, currently this stands at two, and the hope is that one member will rejoin soon.

Elliot sought confirmation on the use of the Social Fund, which had seen significant recent contributions. The anticipated principal use would be to boost club funds for perhaps contributing to clubhouse decoration projects for example.

Secretary's Items: The SGU has sent two further Membership Cards for club members who have recently been allocated a handicap. Promotional letters have been received from Penstripe (Diaries) and Premierplan (Scorecard Manufacturer). CCA Signs have submitted two design proposals for a Club Logo Welcome sign in the bar; the preference was for the blue background.

A letter from Harvey Thomson concerning a Proposal was read out to those in attendance. The matter was debated at length and a unanimous decision was made by those present.

Treasurer's Report: - In Bernie's absence there was no report. Elliot sought information on the costs/takings of the recent Captain's Day. It was difficult to answer the question fully as we did not know the costs of meals, band and the takings from raffles and the bar, but could not give a definite cost or profit for the Golf Club rather than the House from the day, Bernie would be able to answer more clearly.

Competition's Report: - Gerry opened by thanking the guys for their sterling efforts in recent weeks and in particular in running the St. Margaret's Open. There continues to be some minor glitches with respect to the publishing of competitions, it has been noted that Scratch results have been published but not the Handicap, this is despite the competition printing correctly prior to posting on the notice board. Clarification was provided that the Senior Championship Final would be played over 18 holes.

The Secretary did explain that this particular motion was not in recent (2 years) minutes and that although certain items were discussed they were not always minuted.

It might be prudent to start a Rules Decision Book where items like David Wallace's proposed Championship and Matchplay Dates are recorded and other important items are readily available for Committee members to refresh their memories.

The Presentation Dance organisation is in full swing with further discussion to take place to agree types of keepsakes etc.

There was a suggestion to move the St. Margaret's Open back to a Saturday, this was unanimously rejected.

The recent St. Margaret's competition saw £283 raised in the raffle, well done to those involved. A thank you letter to all the various sponsors to be sent out.

Volunteers were sought to do referee duties in the Match play Finals Day.

Kevin Phillips is looking for confirmation dates and entry fees for 2015 Opens as soon as possible.

Green's Report: - In Kevin's absence the Captain read out an email from Kevin which basically answered various comments put forward by Committee members. In short a lot would be covered by a Winter Maintenance Programme.

We still await a cost on a replacement bench and its installation.

Junior's Report: - NO REPORT although the Course was the venue for the Lothian's Golf Association Junior Champion of Champions Stroke play Which will take place between the morning and afternoon September Match play Finals.

House Committee: - The Captain reported on the recent House Committee meeting which he felt was positive, this was disputed by the other representatives in attendance principally due to the lack of action by the Council regarding the rear access door and kitchen floor repair.

The Chief Executive is being contacted to try and elevate the nature of our concerns.

Any other Business: Andy Hendry reported the sincere thanks of the C.R.Y. Charity on our recent donation.

The Captain reported on his conversation with respect to a memorial trophy in the name of George Cowan. It would appear that the various members of the 'Lavender Hill Mob' would actually pay for the trophy from funds accrued throughout the year. The suggestion of the Captain's Day Trophy replacement was met with grateful approval. The need to choose a Trophy quickly was evident and the members of the appropriate Sub-Committee were expected to discuss and decide very soon.

A Ryder Cup Night was muted but so far nothing had been organised.

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 7.30pm.