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Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting **AMENDED**

Wednesday, 13th April 2016, at 7.30pm

Present: - Gerry Santangeli, Kevin Willis, Bernie Mullen, Robert Martin, Alex Coull, Elliot Coulter, Bruce Bull, Andy Hendry, Craig Clark, Willie Daisley, David Wallace, Graeme Turnbull, Peter Caird and Callum Richardson.

Apologies: - NONE.

Welcome: - The Captain welcomed all to the first meeting under her chairmanship. He welcomed new member Peter Caird and returning member Graeme Turnbull onto the committee. He also thanked Stuart Martin for his years of service and also paid tribute to the previous Captain Bruce Bull for his contributions over his tenure in the post.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed by Robert Martin and seconded by Elliot Coulter.

Matters arising: - The defibrillator casing has been erected in the foyer. Thanks to Craig Clark and Neil Paterson for their efforts with this task.

All arrears in the Membership scheme have been settled, including a previous historical issue. With regards to this year's scheme, 21 mandates have been returned, 7 are still outstanding whilst 2 previous participants have paid their fees in full rather than take part in the scheme.

Secretary's Items: - CONGU books for the next period have arrived; they contain a few changes which David has highlighted in notices in the clubhouse.

SGU Membership cards have arrived for newer members etc. All cards will

be given to the Professionals for distribution.

The SGU Voucher order has arrived, there was concern regarding the torn condition of the envelope, but all the contents were accounted for.

Treasurer's Report: - As previously reported Bernie explained the current status of the Monthly Membership scheme. No current fund status was available due to no monthly statement, as well as unconfirmed totals of the banking of membership totals. So far approximately 200 people have joined with around 30 new members.

Congratulations to Bill Kerr on his efforts running the two winter competitions as takings were £986 less the prizes, resulting in a profit of approximately £550.

The handover process to Peter Caird will begin shortly, liaison with other committees will be necessary as to how funds and accounts will be prepared with respect to the oncoming financial arrangements of the new Executive Committee.

Competition's Report: - David reported that the Winter Pairs had been won by Graham Davidson and P.J.Stables. The Winter Open saw 129 fees collected with 121 actually playing on the day. There had been some confusion regarding sweeps but overall the competition made a profit of around £1000.

The issue of our Opens not being in the 'Wee Yellow Book' was discussed, however we remain confident that our opens will be well supported as always.

The April Medal was a low scoring competition, unfortunately a glitch occurred whereby despite the correct result being posted on the boards, Howdidido erroneously informed the second placed player Peter Blair that he had won, when in fact Cetin Karayel had won on the better inward half rule. Bruce offered advice regarding a setting of number of places which would prevent future occurrences.

Sunday sees the first qualifier for the Championships and qualification notices regarding participation have been posted.

It has been decided that the outward nine holes will be the holes for the 9 hole qualifying course for handicap purposes as defined in the new CONGU rules. It is hoped that special cards will be produced for these instances when members wish to use this method.

Club Systems who run Howdido need the keypad for player input of scores in medal as there have been problems with the unit resulting in competitions being recorded at the desktop location by the Sub-committee.

A junior medal had taken place with 15 scores returned; the future does indeed look a little brighter.

It was suggested that Junior Golf be a recipient of the proceeds of the forthcoming Pig Derby Fundraising night.

The Charity Scramble organisation will be undertaken by the Comps Sub-Committee. The Secretary will email entry forms, invitation letter template etc to all involved.

There was concern regarding the allocation of free Sundays within the fixture list e.g. Shotgun competition should not be after Captain's Day. This will be looked into as well as the actual start time of the Shotgun event.

Green's Report: - Andy informed the committee that he had a meeting with Bruce Allison of ELC regarding incidents on the course and clubhouse. The meeting went well with apologies accepted and an agreement on how complaints etc would be handled in the future. Enjoy Leisure will provide feedback cards for comments, positive or negative regarding the course for visitors etc. Any member who has an issue regarding the course should contact the Greens Convenor who will take up their point with **Enjoy Leisure**; any response will be relayed back directly to the person.

Any issue regarding behaviour will be carried through the **ELC** Complaints Procedure as normal.

Andy will provide his Green's Report in due course. There was concern over course definition and red lining but there are clear signs of improvement as well.

Andy informed the committee that so far there had been 16 sponsors lined up with regards to new tee markers. The sponsorship deal will include £50 per year from 2017 towards the St. Margaret's Open.

The letter template sent out regarding board sponsorship is to be emailed

to Graeme Turnbull.

Junior's Report: - As previously reported the junior competition had been a success with 19 taking part and 15 completing their rounds. Thanks are due to Oliver Turnbull and Jamie Chapman for their contributions to raising awareness of the medal both at school, by text and social media.

Thanks were due to Gordon and Philip for their efforts in getting this venture off the ground. The potential is there for weekly medals.

Depending on the success of the competitions, the committee will consider supporting financially the cost of junior coaching on a monthly basis. Consultation with the Professional's will determine the way forward.

House Committee: - It was confirmed that the House is VAT registered. The House Accounts are currently being audited, things look positive.

There was a long discussion with regards to the constitution and set up and election of the members of the new Executive Committee. Firstly once the accounts have been fully audited and returned a House Meeting will be scheduled with a timeline decided on the way forward. Current committee members should consider whether they want to be put forward for any of the electable positions and perhaps cross committee discussions should take place regarding matters like finances, signatories etc.

With regards to club run functions it was hoped that when possible committee members should support them.

Any other business: - Kevin reported that the Pig Derby night organisation was well underway. All 6 races have £20 sponsors in place, 13 out of 36 horses have been bought for £5 each. Food will be available for 6pm and the first race will start at 7.30pm.

David reported that some of the club's trophies need replacing in particular for juniors assuming the early signs see a take-up of participation in more medals than is shown in the fixture card. Funding will hopefully be approved as and when necessary.

Graeme raised the issue of Captain's expenses. Clarification was provided by Bernie that recent Captains had not taken the original amount set aside. Clearly circumstances have changed from when this fund was made

available with for example less invitation to represent the club at other club dinners etc. It was agreed that expenses will continue to be made available to the Captain.

Elliot enquired as to status of the Member's Survey. The Secretary explained that the online survey will be administered by Scottish Golf once it had been set up by Lesley Nicholson our Area Club Development Officer. This is dependent of members providing their contact details. Those who don't will be given a hard copy to fill in. It is hoped to set it up after one month of joining opportunity with 14 days to complete the survey.

The Douglas Hastie Memorial Bench needs a varnish, this will be organised as soon as possible.

Elliot also raised the spectre of Slow Play; no evidence of it being monitored was available. We are not alone with problems associated with the issue. Reminder notices will be posted, with a future name and shame notice likely if the practice continues. Kevin will again remind sweep members of their responsibility in this regard. He will also continue to arrange draws so that smaller (so hopefully quicker) groups take cognisance of their pace of play.

Willie asked if the website could provide draws of Open Competitions in future. This is in the capable hands of Duncan Laing who is continuing to revamp our site and providing access rights to the Professionals etc.

The Club has been the subject of a Sky Spy visit and we are looking at ways of providing live sports coverage. Sky have quoted £360 per month which is clearly unsustainable.

Bruce congratulated Gerry on his accession to the 'throne' and wished him a successful term of office.

Craig has volunteered to sort out the lighting problems of various areas of the clubhouse by providing and installing L.E.D. light fittings and bulbs.

The Red lines around the course were discussed as they conflicted with the positions of stakes currently installed and as previously noted Andy will take this up with the green keepers.

Callum reported that the first Inter-Club match of the season against Gifford is on the 11th May. A notice will be posted shortly looking for

members to append their name for consideration.

The committee approved a request to donate a fourball as a raffle prize for the David Armstrong Memorial Day.

**The date of the next meeting –
Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm.**