

80th Anniversary (1935 – 2015)
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Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 18th March 2015, at 7.30pm

Present: - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Stuart Martin, Callum Richardson, Craig Clark, Elliot Coulter, Robert Martin and David Wallace.

Apologies: - Bernie Mullen, Andy Hendry and Kevin Willis.

Welcome: - Captain welcomed all to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed by Robert Martin and seconded by Callum Richardson.

Matters arising: - The turf for various improvements arrived today and not earlier as previously reported.

Secretary's Items: - Letters or Flyers received from the following:- Royal Blind – Celebrity 'Try and Score', SGU Golf Membership Cards, Scottish Open Ticket Offer, St. Columba's Hospice – Celtic Challenge, The Telegraph – Old Mutual Wealth Golf Challenge and Gavin Malcolm – Proposal to amend Winter Stableford Competition rules.

Treasurer's Report: - As Bernie was absent there was no report, however a new cheque is required for the George Cowan Memorial Trophy, and this was due to a different name for the account to be settled.

We have also received an account from Lothian Printers for Fixture cards etc.

Competition's Report: - Gerry reported that the Winter Open was now full until 1pm with spaces only available in the afternoon. A request for volunteers to act as Starter was made, with various people offering their services.

There had been an issue with the Club's Handicap list on Howdidido with particular reference to members transferring their handicaps to

Winterfield. Gerry, after many conversations with the SGU, has finally got it sorted with the shift key and 'S' command being the saviour.

Gerry has also sorted out Oliver Turnbull's keepsake from the Belhaven Day Trophy (juniors).

The Auld Yins Trophy will have a sheet posted inviting entries and a draw for a matchplay event provided thereafter.

At this point the committee was informed that David Wallace will become the Competitions and Handicap Convenor with Stuart Martin co-opted onto the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed to reorganise the Trophy cabinets with the one above the access doors between the bar and lounge being utilised to display the Club's most prestigious trophies. Cups etc which are not played for will be put into storage.

Bruce has kindly offered to assist the Secondary Schools competition (this Friday) by recording the scores etc on the Club computer.

We have received notification from Alan Buchanan that the proposed Seniors Inter-Club match with Gifford GC has been postponed due to lack of numbers.

The Winter Stableford competition again run by Bill Kerr has returned a profit of £680.

Green's Report: - In Kevin's absence a discussion took place regarding the current condition of the course. It was felt that the course was looking better particularly at the previous weekend, however there was concern regarding the amount of work being carried out prior to this weekend's Winter Open. We are grateful that Kevin is prepared to stay on and that Andy Hendry has offered his services to assist him with regards to green's matters. In view of our concerns we will invite Eamon John to our next meeting to have a question and answer session regarding the course etc.

Finally it was agreed that the bunkers must be raked prior to the Winter Open, volunteers have put themselves forward to carry out the task

Junior's Report: - So far no candidate has come forward to take up the post of Junior Convenor. The situation to be re-visited once it became

clearer how many juniors re-join from 1st April.

House Committee: - With regards to progress on a possible re-organisation of the Committee structure between the Men's, Ladies and House Committees, the Ladies met last night and are 'open to negotiations'. The House Committee are due to meet on the 23rd March to discuss their view.

Bruce informed the committee that he had received a letter of a proposed re-structure from David Wallace. David had expressed an interest in the matter and after receiving a few constitutions which need to be confirmed that they are the most up to date. His main concern centred on the lack of an overall group who would meet periodically to monitor the expenditure of the three accounts currently in existence. This matter needs more research and consideration prior to putting forward a proposal to the three main sections. What is clear is that a new constitution or constitutions need to be modernised to meet the current needs of the clubs both in a business and legal sense.

With regards to the recent Karaoke evening which was an overall success contributing heavily to takings of £1040 on the day. A vote of thanks to Kevin Willis for all his efforts. Provisional dates have been scheduled for future events are 13th or 14th June and 22nd August (which is the date of Kevin Phillips 25th Anniversary competition).

Any other business – Elliot requested that the minutes be sent out earlier. He also expressed concern about the quality and content of the website. Alex Coull has already entered into discussions with Duncan Laing about revamping the site with a more user-friendly programme. The issue of members email addresses being utilised for better communication was also suggested.

He also felt that not all his questions in a recent email had been answered. Also along with Robert Martin he was concerned that a recent Anonymous letter was 'being passed about'. This practice must cease and dealt with at the next committee meeting.

Callum confirmed that currently 20 people had put their name down for the Outing to Duns. The quote for the bus was circa £435.

Those present were told of the passing of James Docherty this morning, the flag will be at half-mast as a mark of respect. It was agreed that the flag will be raised to half-mast for any member or past member in the

future.

A meeting with On the Tee and EnjoyLeisure was scheduled for the 30th March at 2pm, Alex Coull and Craig Clark would be in attendance.

A progress report on the replacement bench in memory of Douglas Hastie will be discussed at the next meeting.

A SHORT MEETING AFTER THE AGM WILL SET THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

**The date of the next meeting 8th
April at 7.30pm**