



**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1935 – 2015)**  
**C.D.H. Number - 4105771**

Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015, at 7.30pm**

**Present:** - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Bernie Mullen, Kevin Willis, Andy Hendry, Willie Daisley, Craig Clark, Callum Richardson and Stuart Martin.

**Apologies:** - Elliot Coulter and David Wallace.

**Welcome:** - The Captain welcomed all to the meeting.

**Previous Minutes:** - Proposed by Stuart Martin and seconded by Willie Daisley.

**Matters arising:** - A training night for the defibrillator is to be set up. Once contact has been made a poster will be created to inform members, when and where as well as the maximum number of trainees allowed.

**Secretary's Items:** - Letter from the organisers of the Dunbar 999 Emergency Dance for a raffle prize. Committee agreed to donate a Fourball voucher. SGU Memberships cards for newer members have arrived.

**Treasurer's Report:** - Bernie reported that club funds were around £24000, this figure include amount raised from Charity Scramble. Five cheques for £250 will be distributed to our chosen charities.

All standing orders continue to be collected as normal.

The St. Margaret's saw £240 raised from a raffle.

**Competition's Report:** - In David's absence, Willie, Stuart and Craig

reported that everything was going well with respect to the Presentation Dance. It was requested that trophy winners return their trophy to the club by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

The St. Margaret's Trophy had been successful; thanks are due to the guys with regards to competition administration, sponsor boards, advertising signage etc.

The winter competitions were under control, as usual our grateful thanks go to Bill Kerr for undertaking the organisation, recording etc.

**Green's Report:** - Andy reported that a meeting had taken place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, ELC representation will be changing. Please refer to the notes which are attached to these minutes.

A short Q and A took place regarding the Council's aspirations etc.

**Junior's Report:** - Kevin reported that only one junior (Oliver Turnbull) had participated in the recent October Medal.

It was also disappointing to report that communication with Dunbar GC has recently been non-existent.

**House Committee:** - Bruce reported that there had been a couple of meetings which had taken place, one to discuss the future Council strategy with regards to any replacement of Kevin. Unfortunately those House Committee members present could not report further due to the confidential nature of a proposal to Enjoy Leisure/ELC.

The other meeting was about the current draft of the new Club Constitution. It is clear that both the House Chairman and the House Manager have clear concerns regarding wording and financial practices proposed and once David becomes available a meeting to explain the contents will have to be convened.

There had also been a joint meeting on this constitution with representatives of the Ladies Section. This generally was more positive with only minor points needing clarification or amendment.

The issue of further upgrades/improvements was discussed at length in view of the reasonably healthy reserves held by the Men's and House Committees. Two potential projects were identified and they will be investigated and quotations sought. One project will look at new seating

etc in the lounge adjacent to the bar and the other will look at replacement lockers (suitably sized for the modern bag etc) in each of the locker rooms.

**Any other business** – Robert expressed his sincere thanks to Stuart for his efforts taking monies etc for the forthcoming dance. Numbers who have paid are 99 with the likelihood that the final attendance figure would be 110.

Elliot has purchased raffle tickets (in clearly different colours) for the dance etc.

Bruce informed those who will be turning up to set up the trophies etc at the Dunbar RBL that due to a funeral access will not be available until 3.30pm at the earliest. It was decided to do the polishing etc in the clubhouse prior to going to the venue at the designated time.

The Townies v Out of Townies sheet requesting names is filling up quickly so the respective Captains should start formalising their pairs and batting order so to speak.

**The date of the next meeting 25th  
November at 7.30pm**

## **MINUTES OF GREENS MEETING HELD 15th OCTOBER 2015**

Present Andrew Hogarth ELC: Bruce Allison ELC: Andy Hendry WGC green convenor:  
Stevie Nicol & Scott Higgins WGC green keepers.  
Apologies Craig Pennycuick WGC green keeper: Kevin Willis WGC green convenor.

Minutes.

As this was the first meeting since April, it was felt there was no need to propose and second the previous minutes.

Andrew Hogarth opened the meeting by introducing his colleague Bruce Allison who will be taking over Andrew's duties. Bruce will be our contact within the council from now on.

This was described as future proofing to ensure there were always more than one body with knowledge of the job.

### **Winter Programme**

The winter work was discussed. The green keepers plan to have all bunkers on the first nine holes astro turfed by April, weather and staffing permitting. They asked for agreement to enlarging the bunkers on five and six to create more of a risk and reward position by narrowing the landing area between the bunkers. Also they want to do away with the two bunkers on eight by creating a raised banking. I said this would be put to the committee at our next meeting.

They also want to enlarge the left hand green bunker on seventeen, creating an L shaped bunker pushing up towards the green. They are happy to paint changes on course to show intended changes.

It was also mentioned that the robot was on order and as soon as it comes, the banking at one will be cut along with any other difficult area. No definite date yet.

It is also intended to put anti slip edging on all sleepers.

A general tidy up of the pathways at one, twelve and seventeen will be undertaken to flatten and define the paths. Probably using rolled scallops.

### **Verti Draining**

The state of the greens due to the recent work was discussed. I stated that there was quite a bit of complaint from members about the length of time it took to complete the work and the amount of sand remaining on the greens. It was explained that nine inch holes had been dug to deep feed and maintain the greens, this is only needed every few years. Also there was a delay in rolling the greens due to a machine arriving late with the staff. Since then there has been another aeration done with mini tining and seaweed and seed has been applied. Hopefully this will revitalise the greens and we will see the effect in the coming months and new season. It was added that if required, temporary greens could be installed for such programmes. Committee to discuss and advise. It was added that the green keepers and competitions committee should liaise and create some "down time" to allow necessary maintenance work to be undertaken without causing too much disruption.

Scott pointed out that there was a lot of work to be done during the process and weather permitting it was a lot for three green keepers on top of day to day work. Andrew mentioned that there was a possibility of using council staff during such work. One for future reference.

## **Tee Positions**

The old chestnut of how far back a tee should be placed was raised again. The two yard measure only applies to new tees.

Malcolm Pennycott from Eagle Promotions checked the fixed points and tee positions after the measure on 30/06/2015 and is satisfied that everything conforms to current CONGU requirements and guidelines. The tee at nine will be squared up a bit to ensure sufficient room is given. Also the medal tee at thirteen was mentioned, with a few people having stumbled into the adjoining garden. The council will put up a railing to stop further accidents.

## **A.O.B.**

I mentioned that quite a few members were walking down the banking at the first rather than clatter their trolleys down the path. We went out to look at the path and Andrew/Bruce agreed to have a council worker look at the path and try to fix angled pieces of wood at the end of each step effectively creating a smoother path for trolleys. They will also put a rail up at the side to stop members using the muddy pathway with the possibility of slipping as the weather worsens.

New Tee signs were raised by myself but the Council felt this was the clubs responsibility.

Andrew and Bruce brought up the possibility of a new watering system being a possibility. They are going to "**test the water**" by talking to Eamon John about funding. If he is keen on it, it will be back to us to propose the project and seek help from the council in preparing funding grant forms and requests. Stevie thought the last system was in the region of 100K. To adhere to new laws a silo water tank would have to be installed. We will await the response from the council.

It was added that through dialogue and meetings that there seemed to a better atmosphere within group. Matters can be discussed and sorted before they become an issue and promised work can be monitored and updated as necessary.

The general condition of the course throughout the season has been appreciated by both members and visitors and long may this continue.

Finally it was suggested that we have a follow up meeting on Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th December.

**Andy Hendry**  
**WGC**