



**Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 23rd July 2014 at 7.30pm**

Present: - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Stuart Martin, Callum Richardson, David Wallace, Craig Clark, Jimmy Gibb and Andy Hendry

Apologies: - Elliot Coulter, Kevin Willis, Bernie Mullen and Robert Martin.

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

Previous Minutes: - Proposed by Stuart Martin and seconded by Craig Clark.

Matters arising: - Alex Coull provided an explanation regarding the Council's Dog Control and Fouling policy. No progress on suggested Social activities although the Ladies are having an 'Evening with Kevin' which will entail golf instruction etc. The traditional Boxing Day Fun day is also being resurrected by the Ladies section.

Secretary's Items: SSE Scottish Senior Open Posters and Complimentary Tickets. Letter regards David Armstrong Memorial Day.

A letter was also received from a member seeking reimbursement of fees on medical grounds.

Treasurer's Report: - In Bernie's absence the Captain relayed the following information:-Club account balance £15300. The fees for the Seniors Open was £951, the Rocks Open was £770. Belhaven Brewery's Sponsorship of £600 has also been received.

All standing orders are up to date.

Competition's Report: - Letter of thanks to be sent to Jim Findlay of the

Rocks Restaurant and Hotel for their recent generous sponsorship of the Rocks Open. We should explore further sponsorship opportunities to integrate the Rocks in other events, as they are very keen. In future entry forms and advertising posters should be made available for posting at the venue.

Howdidido programme has been transferred onto new computer; generally it has been a smooth transition, although the most recent competition saw the gremlins return with respect to the first internet publishing of the result, we hope this was a one-off incident.

David Wallace then explained his report and suggestions for next year's Championship qualifying dates, protocols and rules for taking part. The proposal was unanimously accepted and perhaps will be integrated in the Membership booklet next year as well as being prominently displayed on the notice boards.

A long discussion took place regarding the format of the forthcoming 75th Anniversary Competition, various ideas were put forward and the Competitions Sub-Committee were charged to finalise the details as soon as possible. It was agreed that we should encourage teams to have either a lady or if possible a junior in each team.

A further debate took place on the times available for qualifiers to play in the Robert Turnbull Champion of Champions. It was agreed that qualifiers would get the opportunity to play between 8am and 10am as well as 4pm till 5pm.

The forthcoming Mixed Open Greensomes will have a hole sponsored by us. An SGU voucher will be donated.

Green's Report: - The Head Green Keeper has advised that the Douglas Hastie Memorial Bench is in a bad state of repair and as such is unsafe and will be removed.

The Course is generally in good condition although there was concern expressed by one member in particular regarding the lack of sand in bunkers particularly those that have undergone works with new revetted faces. This was generally accepted and it is hoped that the situation is sorted sooner rather later. The Head Green Keeper is to be informed of our concern.

Junior's Report: - NO REPORT

House Committee: - The rear access door to the toilets is being closed

but the actual door has not yet been repaired or replaced.

Graeme Turnbull will when commitments permit collect the hardwood and replace the table tops. Again many thanks to George Christison, for his kind donation of the materials.

Any other Business: - The issue of accessibility to the Ladies Locker Room for early risers etc has not been resolved and John Medley is to be approached to inform staff regarding locking of doors etc when closing up at night so that access is available.

Robert Martin is seeking confirmation of ticket prices for the Presentation Dance; this will be confirmed after the buffet price has been agreed.

Bruce's Captains' Day is looking good with a high number of entries, a good weather forecast and a potential fly-past by the Red Arrows
The Ladies Section and Volunteers for the Complimentary bar has also been organised.

Any committee person available to assist in the setting up/stocking of the Complimentary bar should turn up as early as they can. The same goes for any tidying up duties in terms of course preparation, bunkers, flag etc.

**The date of the next meeting will
be on Wednesday 20th August
2014 at 7.30pm.**