



Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 26th November 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Stuart Martin, Callum Richardson, Robert Martin, Craig Clark and Bernie Mullen.

Apologies: - Kevin Willis, Elliot Coulter, Andy Hendry and David Wallace.

Welcome: - Captain Bruce Bull welcomed all to the meeting and reminded those on the Committee the recent news of the untimely death of Kevin Willis's brother Maurice (Mo); suffice to say our thoughts are with Kevin and the rest of his family.

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

Matters arising: - Letter was posted to G.Turnbull.

Letter and cheque posted to S.I.M.B.A.

The George Cowan Memorial Trophy, his friends have seen the trophy brochure and have made their choice. The trophy is to be presented on future Captain's Days.

The Douglas Hastie Memorial Bench, Kevin had circulated a hyperlink to a brochure to all the committee members, it would cost approximately £500. It is intended to organise, purchase and erection for the start of the next membership season.

Bruce gladly reported that the recent Presentation Dance had been very successful, with excellent feedback from various attendees.

Dunbar R.B.L. has already been booked for Friday 23rd October 2015 with a deposit already paid.

Secretary's Items: - One item which was an advertising flyer for a printing company for scorecards etc.

Treasurer's Report: - Club funds currently stand at £16700; £500 has been set aside for C.H.A.S. from the Charity Day. The Standing Order/Direct Debit scheme is functioning normally.

The S.G.U. fees are due and these will total £2300, the nominal fee had risen by 30p per person.

The L.G.A. fees request is awaited. Also the Engraving and Trophy account from W.Main and Sons will be due for settlement.

The Committee agreed to fund the presents for the Kids Xmas Party as normal.

Competition's Report: - Gerry reported that he and his Sub-Committee had met recently to consider various proposals, amendments and the introduction of two new events next season. These were the Hussein Ali TRI-AM replacing the club TRI-AM and Kevin Phillips 25th Anniversary Day, which is self-explanatory. The Open Four ball Better ball competition has been dropped from the schedule, principally due to falling entry numbers.

Next year's Club Championship qualifiers will fall on consecutive Sundays.

Junior Competition's will be scheduled for Wednesday's.

All Open Entry fees will rise by £2

The Ladies will join the Club 2000 Competition/Handicapping scheme from January; this will cost an extra £55.

After the confusion of handicap allowances for each competition not being posted or understood, space will be found in the Membership Booklet for them to be inserted.

Green's Report: - Bunkers as usual the main topic, concern was expressed regarding the new bunker to the left of the second green. The close proximity of the wall and Promenade could cause safety issues. Questions were also raised regarding the near vertical faces as being unfair.

Concern was also expressed regarding the use of the side 1st Medal tee,

clarification is to be sought regarding the non-use of this location.

Junior's Report: - The Committee continue to actively secure a Junior Convenor after the Junior Competition schedule has now been agreed.

House Committee: - At the time of the meeting we had heard nothing on the floor repair, and it was considered prudent to ask John to get some more quotes. Since then John Medley has emailed the House Committee to confirm that we had indeed received a grant towards the floor repair. Good news at last on this subject.

Xmas decorations will be erected on Sunday 7th December with a notice looking for volunteers to assist. A decent artificial Christmas tree will also be purchased.

Any other Business: - Callum reported that investigations were already underway with regards to sounding out potential venues for the 2015 Club Outing. Also the Gifford home and away match dates have already been agreed. Suggestions were sought from the Committee with regards to other opponents. The EDF Challenge match is unlikely to take place on the corresponding date next year due to a shutdown being scheduled for that period. Talks will continue with regards to securing a mutually acceptable date.

The issue of Club notices being defaced by persons unknown was raised as the forthcoming notice for the David Blacklock Trophy had seen an individual's name scored out when he was still available. Members will be reminded that if anyone is caught defacing notices in future they will be severely dealt with by the Committee.

Alex Coull raised the issue of moving the A.G.M. date forward to February, this would allow for new Committee Structures to be properly reflected in the Membership booklet and Kevin Phillips would also be able to advertise new membership costs earlier. The suggestion will be considered but is dependent on the time taken to audit the Club accounts etc.

The date of the next meeting to cover Emergency Business only will

**be on Saturday 27th December
2014 at 10.30am.**