



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

Wednesday, 2nd September 2015, at 7.30pm
AMENDED 17.09.15

Present: - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Elliot Coulter, Kevin Willis, Andy Hendry, Willie Daisley, Stuart Martin and David Wallace.

Apologies: - Bernie Mullen, Robert Martin, Craig Clark and Callum Richardson.

Welcome: - The Captain welcomed all to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed by Kevin Willis and seconded by Andy Hendry.

Draft Constitution: - David outlined the various changes in Draft No. 2. A short discussion took place and in view of the Lady Captain's written response any future meetings/discussion will include representatives from the Ladies Section. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th September.

Matters arising: - Both the Captain and Kevin have had very frank and positive discussions with Graeme Turnbull. Graeme expressed his opinion on several matters which have been duly noted and the committee were delighted to hear that he wishes to take on the role of Junior Convenor from the start of the new playing season in 2016 or as soon as practicable after the retiral of current convenor Kevin Phillips.

The purchase of a defibrillator has been completed by the arrival of the said item today. The Men's Section will cover the shortfall of the cost after a donation from the Charity Texas Scramble has been deducted. Other charities chosen to receive £250 include C.R.Y., SiMBA, C.H.A.S

(Scotland), David Armstrong Memorial Fund and Headway East Lothian.

Investigations will be made with regards to training on how to use the defibrillator and advertising the location of the machine both locally and on the internet.

Secretary's Items: - Letters received from SGU, Clic Sargent, Dunbar BC and the Ladies Section

Treasurer's Report: - Bernie's report was provided via an email. Club funds stand at £21252 which includes Charity Money of £1827.

All standing orders are progressing satisfactorily.

£910 of membership fees paid to House bringing this payment due now up to date.

Income from competitions was as follows: - Junior Open £232 and Rocks Open £1159.

Competition's Report: - David reported that SGU Vouchers were paid out as prizes for the recent Junior Open.

Currently, entries for the St. Margaret's, is 110. Boards for sponsors, SGU vouchers and away players in competition will be dealt with on the Friday prior to the event. Sponsorship Thank you letters will be prepared by the Secretary.

It was reported that Rab Hanney and Ian Affleck wish to jointly purchase a replacement trophy for the I.M.A. Shield. This is an extremely generous offer for which the committee are extremely grateful.

The desire for a trophy for the Order of Merit table was again raised; it has the support of P.J.Stables, Peter Blair and Harvey Thomson. As previously intimated the Committee are of the opinion that the Order of Merit is for fun, and as such does not merit a trophy being offered to the winner.

The September Finals Day is fast approaching and the various competitions seem to be progressing smoothly and on time. Volunteers to referee the finals will be sought but clearly this will be dependent on the availability of committee members who have either qualified to play or are acting as caddies etc.

Green's Report: - The Head Green keeper has been spoken to with regards to his programming of verti-draining and top-dressing of the greens. This will take place after Finals Day.

It was commented that meetings with the Council are less frequent.

Also it was suggested that consultation be made with the green keeping staff on how best to programme competitions next year particularly to see if free Sundays can be utilised and adhered to. It was accepted that inclement weather can cause problems with regards to this due to the need to re-schedule.

Junior's Report: - As intimated previously Graeme Turnbull has accepted the role of Convenor. Graeme and David Millar of Dunbar GC will likely coordinate the set up of the End of Season competition which involves 18 holes at both Winterfield and Dunbar.

Any future debrief of how the season has gone should involve Kate Green of ELC (Golf).

A short discussion took place regarding Junior's participating in medals. The previous protocol was that they have to be of a handicap of 14 or better. It was accepted that Junior's could play purely to improve or maintain their handicap and for example they could not play in the St. Margaret's as it was a Gentleman's Open (i.e. 18 years and over).

The matter was further discussed and clarified at a meeting held on 16th September. **Juniors will not be permitted in adult medals unless they have attained a handicap of 14 or better. Junior Winter Medals would coincide with the Men's Medals and Juniors can be drawn with Men in the normal competition times. Juniors can only win their own grade of medal unless they have satisfied the handicap criteria.**

House Committee: - The House had agreed to purchase the Defibrillator on our behalf.

Any other business – The Kevin Phillips 25th Anniversary competition and Karaoke evening were resounding successes and Kevin was generally shocked but appreciative of the club's gift of a Salver.

Alan Watt has expressed a keen interest in a lead role with regards to

future social events including Xmas, the committee agreed to this proposal.

Dance tickets were now on sale with Stuart and Robert the main points of contact. Raffle tickets will be clearly distinguishable by colour and the raffle process will be as short as possible dependent on the band's musical break.

The Captain informed the committee who he has invited to be his guests at the Presentation Dance and obviously final numbers will depend on who accepts their invitation.

The date of the next meeting 21st
October at 7.30pm