



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

Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, 5th August 2015, at 7.00pm**

**Present:** - Bruce Bull, Gerry Santangeli, Alex Coull, Elliot Coulter, Bernie Mullen, Craig Clark, Kevin Willis, Andy Hendry, Stuart Martin and David Wallace.

**Apologies:** - Willie Daisley, Robert Martin and Callum Richardson.

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

**Previous Minutes:** - Proposed by Elliot Coulter and seconded by Stuart Martin.

**Draft Constitution:** - David went through the comments made by Gerry and Alex and discussed other points as they were raised. The general consensus was that it was 'a work in progress' and David was already starting to prepare a second draft. There was concern that the Ladies Section appear not to have discussed the first draft yet as it contained proposals that would have an impact on the Ladies current practices and fees etc.

**Matters arising:** - Concern was expressed with regards to lack of communication and time taken to deal with matters concerning Graeme Turnbull.

The Secretary outlined the extremely bureaucratic nature of ELC's forms for application for a grant towards the provision of a Defibrillator within the clubhouse. Arrhythmia Alliance can provide one for £835 plus VAT and it was agreed that part of the monies raised from our Charity Scramble will go towards the purchase of such an item. Overall the Charity Day raised £1825 and five charities will receive £250 with the

remainder going towards the defibrillator (£575). The shortfall will be covered by the Men's Section.

**Secretary's Items:** - Letters received from SGU, RBS, Lothian Printers, Greenburn Golf Club, Coventry for Fencing and Headway East Lothian. The club will reply to Headway ensuring them of our continued support for their Charity Scramble but gently encouraging them to assist us by scheduling their event to NOT compete with our own event in the month of June.

**Treasurer's Report:** - Currently funds stand at £21000; this figure includes Charity Scramble total so actual figure is £19175.

All standing orders in the Membership Debit scheme are operating without any problems.

In view of impending Winter Memberships, the shortfall of due House fees will be paid once the updated totals are confirmed.

**Competition's Report:** - The Rocks Open was cancelled due to inclement weather on the day (David was able to testify to the intensity of the rainfall) and has been rescheduled for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. The Vice-Captain will attend any prize giving ceremony due to the Captain's unavailability.

The issue of merit cuts and their application has been raised by a member via an e-mail. The Committee stands by its protocols with regards to this form of handicap adjustment.

The Seniors Open, Hon President's Prize and Fourball Betterball competitions have all taken place recently. Concern was expressed at the numbers of pairs entering the Shotgun competition and in view of impending changes regarding Club Professional etc an opportunity may present itself to delay the shotgun start to later on in the day. Consultation will have to take place with Enjoy Leisure, once we are aware of how future party bookings will be accepted.

Upcoming competitions include the John Cowan, Robert Turnbull, Kevin Phillips and Hussein Ali events. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary competition will be a three club and putter format it has been decided.

The Meta Denholm trophy for juniors which used to part of the Craig-en-Gelt now Rocks Open will be played for by allowing juniors to play in the

main Rocks Open. This opportunity will be advertised both in the club and Dunbar.

**Green's Report:** - Kevin reported that it has been and will be a busy month in particular with accommodation works for the forthcoming film shoot schedules.

Concern was expressed regarding the current green cutting regime as the lack of rain/water on such closely mown surfaces could result in problems. The Green Keepers are to be made aware of our concerns.

Andy reported that the liaison and regular meetings has resulted in a better working relationship and he cited two examples of requests being acted upon very quickly.

**Junior's Report:** - The joint membership has not seen many entries for recent competitions with for example only two players participating in tonight's competition.

The Junior Open which is part of the Lothian's Order of Merit series has attracted good numbers.

**House Committee:** - No report available.

**Any other business** – Andy Hendry informed the committee that he will doing the Charity Walk over the Forth Road Bridge for C.R.Y and sought permission to seek sponsors through forms etc, this was unanimously approved and this particular charity would be one to be supported by a donation from this year's charity scramble.

The Captain again took the opportunity to thank all who supported his recent Captain's Day whether by setting up bars, participating or attending the very successful Evening Disco and Presentation. It was particularly heart-warming to see Cathy Cowan in attendance as well as many of George Cowan's friends. The bar takings for the day was £2127.

In conclusion Bruce wished Gerry all the best for his future Captain's Days and it was agreed that the opportunity should be taken by Gerry and his Vice-Captain elect Kevin to consider how we can make the day even more appealing to members in terms of numbers participating etc.

**The date of the next meeting 2nd**

**September at 7.30pm**