



## **Minutes of Men's Committee Meeting Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** - Bruce Bull, Stuart Martin, Alex Coull, Bernie Mullen, Elliot Coulter, Graeme Turnbull, Callum Richardson, David Wallace, Craig Clark, Andy Hendry, Jimmy Gibb, Robert Martin and Kevin Willis.

**Apologies:** - Gerry Santangeli.

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

**Previous Minutes:** - Proposed by Elliot Coulter and seconded by Andy Hendry

**Matters arising:** - The Standing Orders for the Pay-up Membership Scheme is all up to date and monies owed have either been paid out or received.

Bruce discussed the issues of 'to pay's' and Open Competition draws with Kevin Phillips and agreement was reached with regards to each issue.

**Secretary's Items:** - Letters/Flyers regarding the following subjects have been received: - Club golf, Quarriers (Ladies Golf Day), R and A Championships, Sandy Lyle (Children with Cancer UK), Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open, 'My wee Black Book' and finally the Belhaven Best Scottish Club Handicap Championship.

**Treasurer's Report:** - This year's Monthly Membership Pay-up Scheme has currently 30 members with 27 being Full members and 3 in the O.A.P. categories. We have paid out £7000 approximately to cover the Instalments Scheme. Club funds currently stand at £15300

**Competition's Report:** - There are still issues with Howdidido with some competitions not being published and results showing differences from

those printed and those published. An example of this was the list of qualifiers for the Wingate Cup, this has now been verified. The Club Championship draws will be posted this coming weekend.

Sincere thanks are due to Duncan Laing for his time and efforts on the Club Computer with regards to 'cleaning up' and providing more memory etc. However we must be prepared for the need to purchase a newer computer with the necessary software to allow the currently installed programmes to run. This will probably be required in the next 3 to 6 months.

The Club has entered the Belhaven Best Club Handicap competition opting for the regional qualifier at Newbattle G.C.

The Captain confirmed that Joe McGinty (Bowercross Construction) has agreed to continue sponsorship of the St. Margaret's Open.

The Secretary will contact Keith Grieve with regards to the Sponsorship package covering the forthcoming Belhaven Open.

A short discussion took place regarding this year's County Cup. The invitation letter will have to be located.

**Green's Report:** - A long discussion took place regarding the current condition of the course.

Graeme read out a reply from Eamon John which was a response to his email which generally complained about the condition of the course. Staff numbers and equipment issues as well as inclement weather were the reasons given after an impromptu visit by Stuart Pryde to the course last Monday morning.

It was agreed that a letter, petition and supporting evidence in the form of photographs and videos be prepared/compiled for sending on to both Bill Axon and Eamon John

**Junior's Report:** - The current membership is now 9. Efforts will be made to contact them to establish interest/availability for the various competitions.

We should write to the Schools in the area further highlighting the low cost of Junior and Young Scotland memberships which is £27 to try and generate some interest.

**House Committee:** - There is an urgent need to purchase an Ice-Making Machine for the Bar as well as a decent Fridge Freezer for the Kitchen.

Graeme brought the Committee up to speed with what happened at a recent meeting with Norman Hampshire, Eamon John and Paul Iannetta of ELC with regards to repairs, sourcing grants and heating solutions.

Volunteer Committee members are to power wash and re-stain the decking. Andy Hendry offered to obtain a quote for new frames for the flags. Callum will also seek quotes for new furniture for the decking area.

Elliot suggested that a clock above the till be installed. Consideration will also be given to a WGC logo/sign somewhere in the bar.

**Any other Business:** - David Wallace raised the confusion that occurs in particular in Open Competitions with regards to order of play on the tees. It was agreed that the correct interpretation is the order of scoring on the previous hole determines the order of playing drives at the next tee. The lack of red stakes on the course to mark the lateral water hazard boundary needs to be remedied as soon as possible.

Concern was expressed by members not shouting fore after various shots. Members are to be reminded of their responsibilities with regards to this item of golf etiquette.

Contact is to be made with Belhaven Brewery regarding the provision of new wall mounted ash trays.

A request has been made for the provision of stools to allow easier movement of clubs etc from above ground/high lockers from a Health and Safety perspective.

The scourge of the game **SLOW PLAY** was again discussed. It is once again becoming a serious problem. Naming and Shaming of the main protagonists will be considered.

The issue of new member applications not being formally approved was raised. Ideally all applications must be vetted in order that no previously banned individuals slip through the net. The practice of two committee members doing a quick check will continue to speed up processing but the situation and protocols will be reviewed.

The Outing has 29 players going all monies are fully paid up with cheques required for the bus and golf/meals.

Complaints have been received regarding the on-course behaviour of a member in a recent competition. The Captain will speak with the offender to remind him of his responsibilities.

Lawrie the tenant of the Flat has provided sterling service with regards to the re-erection of the practice net. The Committee has approved a small gratuity in the form of a meal voucher for his time and efforts.

Contact has been established with Mr Love of Dunbar Castle Golf Club with regards to an Inter-Club match. It is likely to take place on a Friday in August.

The Committee is disappointed with the Headway Charity Scramble taking place only one week prior to the Club's own Charity Scramble. Whilst we wish them every success we hope it is not to the detriment of our own event.

The first Inter-Clun match with Gifford G.C. will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

The Captain has been invited to the Dunbar Castle G.C. Captain's Day and two pairs from the committee will also participate in the competition.

**The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th June 2014 at 7.30pm.**