



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

Wednesday, 8th April 2015, at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: - Callum Richardson and Craig Clark.

Welcome: - The Captain welcomed all to the first meeting of the new season, especially the new Committee Member Willie Daisley, who he hoped would enjoy the experience and contribute in his own style.

Previous Minutes: - Proposed by Kevin Willis and seconded by Stuart Martin.

Matters arising: - The recent meeting with EnjoyLeisure and their Consultant centred on online tee bookings and websites. The Secretary and Craig were in attendance and gave their own opinions about how the club was run and functioned with the three separate entities, Men, Ladies and the House. With regards to the website, it was decided to explore the opportunity for one overall site with the Professional having his own link, as well as the Men. With regards to the existing situation Duncan Laing was well underway creating a more user-friendly site. If the single site does come into fruition Duncan would be put forward to set it up with EnjoyLeisure.

Prices would be sought for a replacement Douglas Hastie Memorial Bench and once accepted the project would become a priority.

Eamon John's Secretary has come back with 4 different dates for the

meeting regards the course. 15TH April was the preferred option for both Kevin and Andy.

Secretary's Items: - Two letters from our Bank for the Treasurer and a flyer from Savills Leisure advertising their scope of work.

Treasurer's Report: - Bernie reported that funds currently stood at £14500. Standing Orders so far 24 members had filled in the appropriate forms with 7 still waiting to be completed. One further request to join the scheme had been received and accepted with the number being closed at 32 maximum assumed the outstanding requests are taken up.

The payment of the George Cowan Memorial Trophy has been completed to everyone's satisfaction.

The Winter Stableford competition profit was £745, again well done to Bill Kerr for his efforts.

As of tonight 193 people had joined the club with 13 of them being juniors. So far 31 new or returning members formed part of the overall total.

Competition's Report: - David presented his first report as Convenor reporting that the Winter Open saw 123 players enter with 117 actually playing on the day. The profit on the day was £1000. The first medal for April returned a profit of £80.

Thanks are due to Robert, David, Gerry and Stuart for their efforts on the day of the Winter Open.

The keepsake due to Oliver Turnbull was presented to him by the Captain.

The recent letter by Gavin Malcolm regarding changes to the format of future Winter Stableford competitions was discussed with Bill Kerr. The decision and reasons would be conveyed in a reply letter to Gavin.

The Competitions register for Howdidido needs completing as this will be carried out soon.

The forthcoming Championship Qualifiers will have posters available in the Pro's shop to reinforce what is printed in the Fixture Cards. Similarly play by dates and strokes allocation for the various matchplay competitions would be further advertised.

The Captain suggested that Willie be co-opted onto the Competitions Sub-Committee and this was passed.

Green's Report: - Kevin reiterated what would be discussed and hopefully agreed with ELC and the Green Keepers they include, walkway status, medal tees and re-measurement.

Top dressing is scheduled to take place after the Open Mixed Texas Scramble.

Junior's Report: - As reported earlier we have 13 juniors and they will all be written to regarding Junior Competitions, handicaps etc. The Captain was delighted to report that Kevin Phillips has offered his services regarding starting duties for competitions. Kevin has also up to date with the necessary Disclosure documentation for working with juniors. This statement effectively means that Kevin will be the Club's Junior Convenor. The recording of scores, handicaps and allocation of trophies etc would still be the responsibility of the Competitions Sub-Committee.

House Committee: - A House meeting has taken place with concerns regarding a Council grant only recently being allayed with the monies being transferred.

The House Manager is continuing to try and get the lease updated, hopefully with improved terms.

After the recent floor repairs, the cooking grills etc were removed and cleaned. The process of movement resulted in spilling/grime etc finding its way onto carpet and the costs of cleaning should be negotiated between the Caterer and the House Manager.

The issue of Club Constitution and Management re-structure was raised; generally there was agreement that these documents require updating. David Wallace will try to prepare and provide a new Constitution firstly for consideration by this Committee prior to proposing an accepted version for the House A.G.M. in June.

Any other business – The issue of more regular meetings of the House Committee to assess items like cleaning and general running matters should become the norm.

Gerry took the opportunity to reveal his candidate for Vice-Captain as we

are now into Bruce's second year. He was delighted to say that Kevin Willis has gladly accepted the offer. The Committee extended their congratulations to Kevin.

Elliot confirmed that a £100 deposit has been lodged with Abbot Travel of Loanhead for the bus for the Club Outing to Duns. Numbers currently stand at 23 and there is still adequate time and opportunity for other members to join the list.

**The date of the next meeting 6th
May at 7.30pm**