



# The Blairgowrie Golf Club

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>DATE:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
<b>VENUE:</b>	Club Meeting Room
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY:</b>	Stuart Wilson, Managing Secretary

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	
James Macfarlane - Club Captain via conference call	Jamie Watson – Committee Member
Margaret Kerr – Ladies Captain & House Convener	Stuart Wilson – Managing Secretary
Colin Allison – Vice-Captain	
Alistair Batchen - Finance	
Mike Mullins – Marketing & Strategy	
Eric Lindsay - Committee Member	

<b>APOLOGIES:</b>
Craig Hay – Greens

<b>1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:</b>
The minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> August were approved and will be published online.

<b>2. MATTERS ARISING:</b>
The Action Points list is to be updated and circulated.

- Thanks were expressed by the Captain to all involved in delivering what was deemed to be a highly successful Captains Day. The format, prizes and BBQ all seemed to go down well with the members that participated on the day.
- The trees on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole of Lansdowne that run from the teeing ground to the fairway are to be trimmed back to form a wider avenue.
- A discussion took place about the teeing grounds that visitors should be allowed to play from. It was decided that visitors could choose the tee from which to play but that the starters would suggest appropriate tees in line with the players handicaps.
- The buffer times for the Ladies competitions are to be reduced in line with demand and to allow for greater tee time availability for the rest of the membership. Starters are to remind players in subsequent tee times that they are to be mindful that they are following the Ladies Competition and not to press.



## 3. FINANCE REPORT:

The Finance Report was approved. Highlights include:

### **Profit and Loss Account:**

Draft Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> July show a surplus of £13,382 and year to date surplus of £371,328. Particularly strong performance in visitor income of £77,866 and Subscriptions of 31,184.

### **Cash flow:**

As advised last month cashflow remains strong with new members joining and very good visitor income. September is forecast to have very good visitor income.

### **Budget:**

The budget for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 has been discussed with the Finance Sub-Committee and is presented today for approval.

### **AGM Proposals:**

The Proposals for AGM with financial implications were discussed and approved including a freeze on fees and an incremental increase for the Intermediate age category from the age of 30. This increase would be initiated from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and would not be applicable to existing Intermediate members.

## 4. MARKETING & STRATEGY REPORT

The Marketing and Strategy Report was approved. Highlights include:

- The membership figures were circulated and showed a further 15 new members in the past month.
- The current level on the cap for full members sits at 1300. This was discussed and it was decided to recommend that this cap remains set at this level for the present. This will be revisited in the event of increased membership demand.

## 5. GREENS REPORT

The greens report was delivered with the following highlights:

- Scottish Woodland Trust have conducted a visit for an initial survey. There has been a recommendation that the trees be thinned to allow for regeneration of the plantations. The Greens staff are to provide ariel maps with the areas to be selected for thinning so that a proposal for the works can be compiled. It is expected that the level of works that will be required will generate income for the Club rather than a cost.
- Mr Richard Windows, Agronomist for the R and A, is to conduct a site visit on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September in advance of the Club hosting the Jacques Leglise Trophy and Junior Vagliano Trophy in August 2022.



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- As part of the commitment to hosting the Jacques Leglise Trophy and Junior Vagliano Trophy it is incumbent on the Club to have certification from the Golf Environment Organisation. The Club have held this distinction before, and it is anticipated that this will be routinely achieved once again.
- The Capital Expenditure approved at the previous month's meeting has all been ordered.
- The winter programme of works for this coming winter season is to be compiled and approved as soon as possible.
- It was noted that materials are increasing in cost, particularly fertiliser, and it was recommended that it may be prudent to purchase now for next year before there are any further significant price increases.

### 6. HOUSE REPORT

The House Report was approved. Highlights included:

- Bins are required to be put in place in the car parks.
- The boiler room needs to be cleared out along with several storage areas within the Clubhouse. A skip is to be arranged for the winter period for a clear out.
- The ashtrays on the patio tables are now in place and have made a huge difference.
- The furniture in the bar and lounge is looking tired and dated and this requires to be addressed. The current lounge chairs have been supplied by Dovetail who will be approached for prices and supply of tables that will fit in with the current furniture.
- Positive comments have been received on the current cleanliness of the course toilets. Toilets are to be routinely inspected.
- Issues such as a loose flagstone, weeding and general repairs were discussed. It is hoped to have the Maintenance role filled shortly which will then allow such issues to be managed effectively.

### 7. MATCH & HANDICAP REPORT

There was no Match and Handicap report this month and the following items were raised:

- The Club Competitions continue to be fulfilled without any major issues.
- The Club Match Play events are continuing into the later stages as we near the end of the season.
- Several alternate Club Match fixtures have been agreed in principle for 2022 with the following Clubs of Monifieth, Royal Montrose, Murcar and Royal Aberdeen.

### 8. LADIES REPORT

- Congratulations to the winners of The Strokeplay Championships for McPherson Quaich's (Scratch and Handicap) over the two courses, as follows: -
- Scratch - Susan Arbuckle with a gross 166 and Handicap - Sue Waddell with a net 146
- The Ladies Captain's Day was cancelled at short notice due to heavy rain which continued until the middle of the morning. 56 ladies including the Wee course ladies were to have taken part in the competition and my sincere thanks go to them as that number would have meant an excellent day -



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nearly half came along to enjoy complimentary coffee and cakes and a chat. Three new ladies were welcomed on the day, Moira, Margaret and Marion - it was lovely to get a chance to speak with them and good to note they were already taking part in the Ladies' competitions.

- The Mar Patterson 4BBB Stableford winners were Liz Fertacz and Ron Dow winning with 47 points with better last 3 holes - Scott and Jacqui Landsburgh were runners up also with 47 points.
- The Dorothy Farquhar 4BBB winners were Elaine Smith and Jacqui Doig - net 68; runners up were Liz Fertacz and Lorraine MacGregor - net 69.
- The Wee Course continues to see good entries for their competitions. 16 ladies played in the medal on 13th August.
- The Centenary Medal was won by Brenda Clough with the best net score.
- The Mixed Karrinyup 4BBB stableford played on 15th August was won by Murray and Mary Miller (better last 6) with 42 points and runners up Peter and Hilary Inglis also with 42 points.
- The Ladies Past Captains' Day competition took place on 17<sup>th</sup> August, played over the Wee Course/Rosemount in fine weather. The ladies all enjoyed a buffet lunch after play with Jean Laeburn winning the competition on the Wee Course and Fiona Johnston on Rosemount; Fiona won the Claret Jug trophy.
- The Millennium Trophy was won by Denise Ginley with Jacqui Doig as runner up.
- Incoming Lady Captain Gillian Tissell will be invited to attend the September Committee meeting.
- The Ladies AGM Notice is to be emailed to all full Lady members.

### 9. SENIORS REPORT

The Senior report was approved, highlights included:

- Matches were played against The Senior Golfers Society at Muirfield (Lost 2:4), Elie (Halved 4:4) and Panmure (Won 5.5:2.5) at home, Pollok (Won 5.5:2.5) and Royal Aberdeen (Halved 4:4) away. This brings the season's totals to W11, L6, H2.
- The Section is now fully subscribed.

### 10. JUNIOR REPORT

The Junior report was approved, highlights included:

- Junior coaching continues with Declan Gray who will be leaving us shortly to resumes his studies at the UHI. Graeme Leggat will be continuing with the Junior Coaching Programme through to the end of the season.
- The success of the Juniors at elite level is to be communicated further to the members as and when it happens.

### 11. MANAGING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Managing Secretary Report was approved; highlights include:



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### **Staffing:**

Nicky has settled in well in the Reservations role. An offer was made for the maintenance role but declined by the applicant.

### **Marketing and Strategy –**

Attention is now turning to 2022 for membership and visitor income. We had signed up for the Scottish Golf Tourism Week at the Fairmont in November, but this has been postponed to March.

Databases of emails are being updated with new contacts collected through 2021. We currently have £96k of golf bookings in the system for 2022 through Covid postponements and repeat business.

### **Membership –**

Numbers continue to grow and can be seen in the Membership report attached.

### **Visitors and Events –**

The overall projection for the year based on previous and advance bookings is now sitting £115k above budget at £412k. July returned £77k with August and September forecasting similar amounts.

**IT:** The EPOS till system has been installed this week and is operational. Some fine tuning will be required over the forthcoming days.

The server is out of warranty and a review of the current infrastructure is underway with a view to installing a dedicated broadband line to host our systems online rather than on a server.

The Reservations computer was performing poorly as the operating system was obsolete and this has been replaced with a laptop for ease of use and efficient running of the bookings.

### **Facilities Management:**

- Quotes have been requested but are still to be received for the boiler house works, control panel and sewage pump.
- It appears that we have no working air extraction throughout the Clubhouse.
- The water tank has been cleaned and disinfected.
- The bats appear to have moved out for the summer.
- The PAT testing has been completed.
- The small handheld vacuum cleaner was blocked, this has been cleared and it is functioning again.
- Bogues are to visit to remove the remaining pieces of stickers from the carpets on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- Club Crested welcome mats have been ordered for the entrances.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email from member Mrs Jo Stewart questioning the eligibility requirements on Captain's Day being extended to members with no-playing privileges. It was explained that the day had been open to all members and that any member that did not have playing privileges associated to their membership



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had paid a member's guest fee on the day. Eligibility for entry for next year's event will be given consideration and communicated in advance of the event.

### 3. A.O.C. B

- The Committee Proposals for the AGM are to be considered and published to the membership by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<b>TIME:</b>	18.00
<b>CAPTAINS SIGNATURE:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	