

Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 25th April 2019 at 2.00 pm

1&2. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Janice Innes (Captain), Carmeen Eakin (Vice- Captain and Secretary), Valerie Bruce (County Rep), Loraine Logan (Competition Secretary), Liz Taylor (Treasurer), Tamara Sebire (Handicap Secretary), Karen Bradburn (Opens and Friendlies Rep)

Apologies: None. Janice Innes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 28th March 2019 were proposed for approval by Janice Innes and seconded by Val Bruce.

4. Matters Arising From previous minutes

Updating of Competitions Folder The Club Championship section of the Concise guide to competitions has been updated by Janice and will be published on the club website shortly. The references to the Rules will be amended to reflect the 2019 edition of the Rules of Golf.

Social Committee Update Liz has decided to withdraw from this sub-committee.

Plans are well in hand for the event on Saturday. A raffle will be held and a request for raffle prizes has been made to the men's captain and our ladies committee.

An application has been made for a licence for the next club night on 8th June, a quiz night to be organized by Carmeen. ACTION CE

Toilet Refurbishment quotes None yet obtained. OUTSTANDING

The committee agreed on the importance to the club of the improvement of these facilities and concluded that the matter must therefore appear prominently on the whole club's business plan.

Karen and Liz will secure quotes for the proposed work, albeit that we may not be in a position to proceed for some lengthy time yet. It will give us a target to aim for and hopefully act as a motivator for donations and fundraising. ACTION: LT/KB

Janice will look to obtain a Fundraising meter/gauge. ACTION JI

One of the toilets in the ladies' locker room is broken. Janice will alert Chris Nurcombe to request that it would be repaired hopefully in time for the ladies County Open. ACTION: JI

ACTION: Passwords for the ladies' section to access Club V1 and BRS changed. JI and CE Completed

ACTION: CE to send reminder on how to carry out the draw to Loraine and Liz. Completed

ACTION: Catering for friendlies was confirmed at £9 for a main course plus a traybake. Completed

ACTION: Winter Golf Report-The results for the Winter Eclectic were posted on the notice board. Heather Campbell is the winner with a brilliant nett 55 after deduction of ½ handicap. Carmeen Eakin, Maureen Wilson and Kimberley Beveridge all achieved eclectic gross scores of 68, but were roundly beaten by Heather Campbell with her marvellous gross 66. Completed

5.Reports

Captain's Report

The last Council meeting took place on Monday 1 April. Of note was the update in relation to membership, with 38 resignations across various categories and 9 full new members. A request came from the Gents Section to add in a competition to the fixture list, which I circulated around you all thereafter. I have made the necessary amendments on BRS and will update ladies in the next newsletter of the changes once the Gents Captain has confirmed this.

Discussions around the way forward for the Greenkeeper's cottage were held with the subsequent outcome being an EGM to be held on 18 April at 7pm. Calum Forbes has been appointed as the new labourer following the interviews. Next Council meeting is on 6th May.

Since our last committee meeting, the season has got underway and competitions have commenced. Unfortunately, there was a frost delay for our Opening Stableford on Sunday 31 March and similarly for the morning competitions on 10 and 13th April. Let's hope that's the last of the frost for the season!

The Fashion Show on Thursday 4 April was a great success with a convivial atmosphere in the clubhouse. It was great to see friends of members there from other clubs and everyone appeared to enjoy the evening. Thanks go to Fraser for compering the evening, all the models who participated and of course the ladies who attended/bought tickets. Thirty six tickets were sold for the night – so a good start to our fundraising effort. The lucky ticket prize on the night was won by Ashleigh Davidson (Ticket No.35) so she is looking forward to her lesson from Fraser. The Handbag raffle was launched on this evening too, and there was a good number of ticket sales on the night.

The Coronation Foursomes competition on 13 April was won by Joanne Wilson and Lynn Stephen, who will now go through to the next round which is to be played at Edzell Golf Club. Well done ladies.

There was a bit of confusion at the 3 ball better ball competition on 17 April, as to whether all scores needed to be recorded or just one. The computer was set up to record all scores so there weren't any insurmountable issues, albeit there needs to be a further look at the 9 hole set up and the reduced handicaps. The recording of all scores will need to be added into the competition guidelines. There is also an opportunity here to use a specific scorecard and that is worth considering.

I have now taken down the sheets for the knockout competitions and will do the draw for these prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We have £2189.72 in the bank as of the 5th April. This does not include competition fees yet to be banked. We have five entrants for the Coronation fours- £20.

County Representative's Report

County Open 2nd May Entries so far are 70. Starters and helpers have been arranged. (Eleanor, Nancy, Nigel, Sandra W, Heather M, Carmeen and Janice). Handbag raffle tickets will be on sale.

Watt Duffus 20th May The team is Carmen, Maryla , Fenneke and Carmeen, with Janice as reserve.

The Golf View League The first game is on Saturday 8th June at Aboyne against Newmachar. I have to arrange tea and sandwiches for after the game will have to speak to Colin. On Thursday 27th June there is an away match against Deeside, and on Saturday 17th August at Aboyne.

Lyon Inter-Club Foursomes This will be at Aboyne on 5th/6th August and it is hoped that some of our young stars will be available then. Teams will be determined nearer the time.

Pennant League Val will get an update as and when appropriate from Lynn Stephen who has kindly agreed to coordinate this.

Outing Signing up will close at the end of June for the outing to Kirriemuir on July 13th.

Competition Secretary's Report

The gents' section requested a change in the fixture list to accommodate a Gents Invitational on August 24th. This was accepted by the ladies committee and the ladies fixture list has been amended. The Ladies Stableford has been moved from Saturday 29th June to Sunday 25th August and therefore the ladies will have a counting competition on that weekend. The Captains Day Frances McColl Trophy has been moved from Saturday 24th August to Sunday 30th June.

The New Season kicked off on the 31st March with some fabulous stableford scores. Silver Division was won by Marie Giblin with 43 point and the Bronze Division was won by Sandra Wilson with another great score of 40 points. The first medal of the season on a very wet and cold day on 3rd April was won by Janice Innes in the Silver Division and Heather Campbell for the Bronze Division. On Saturday 6th April the winner of the Spring Meeting was Donna Brown with an on par score of 72. The Coronation Foursomes 2019 was won by the pairing of Lynne Stephen and Joanne Wilson with a stableford score of 38 points. The fun 3 ball better ball on April 17th was won on countback by the team of Joanna D'Onghia, Heather Mackenzie and Mary Burgess. The sun was shining on the ladies for the Lucy Gordon Quaich on April 20th and was won by Carmen Griffiths with an incredible net score of 66. The Bronze division was won by the on form Donna Brown scoring a net 73.

Friendlies /Opens Coordinator

We are currently short of 3 names for May 13th at Torphins.

Janice will drum up support for friendlies in newsletter and will print signup sheets for volunteers to help on the various Opens.

Handicap Secretary's Report

Fraser has a book to keep a record of who is playing for a Supplementary score. Carmen Griffiths is keeping Tamara informed of away scores.

6. Matters Arising From Circulated Reports

Treasurer

Liz will contact those with outstanding competition fees.

It was agreed that £1500 can, in principle, be earmarked for toilet refurbishment costs. Liz confirmed that this still leaves adequate funds for normal ladies' section activities.

Competition

There has been little or no take up for the nine hole competitions. Only 2 ladies have paid 9 hole competition fees. (Edna Wildgoose and Jennifer Walker).

The facility on BRS to email members when a tee booking has now been activated following a suggestion from the men's section. This change resulted in Fraser receiving a lot of calls about this, but it is felt that it is useful, and people will get used to it.

The 3 ball better ball scoring was discussed. The 18 hole competition is set up so that the best one nett score from the 3 players is selected. It is unnecessary for everyone to hole out or enter their scores for every hole on the computer but does no harm to do so. The better ball competitions are team events and are not qualifying scores for handicap, nor for the birdies tree! Individual competitions on the 9 hole must always be Stablefords.

7. Opens

Still to be arranged after discussion at Council meeting:

26th May (Sunday) Open Mixed Greensomes

11th July (Thurs) Senior Open Mixed Greensomes

22nd Sept (Sunday) Open Mixed Greensomes

In view of the seemingly disproportionately large numbers of Club Opens ladies have been asked to take the lead on, Janice will ask if the seniors will take over the running of the Open Mixed Greensomes on 26 May. ACTION JI

8 .Suggestion Book and Correspondence

Nothing to report

9. AOCB

- Entry for Coronation Fours Final. Lorraine will organise the entry. ACTION LL
- Closing Competitions for Sat May 18th and Sat May 25th.
Janice will close 18th May and Tammie will liaise with Carmeen to close the competition on Saturday 25th May. ACTION JI /TS/CE

- Other Fundraising Ideas

Janice emphasised the need for more fundraising ideas in order to finance the refurbishment of the ladies' toilets. Some suggestions included the option of holding a ladies' quiz from Eleanor Anton either after a competition, on an evening or as a takeaway sheet. Other ideas were a regular raffle and a monthly fundraiser.

It was agreed to do a monthly fundraiser from May to September, with a guessing jar format to change monthly. The cost would be £1 an entry and collected at the bar area so that it would be visible and open to all to enter and thus raise as much money as possible. Carmeen and Tammie will do alternate months with Carmeen starting with May. ACTION CE / TS

A discussion took place on operating "twos" in conjunction with every competition. It was decided to try this for June to September, at £2 to enter, with the proceeds to be split 50/50 between the winners and the refurbishment fund.

All of us are to think of some fundraising ideas which can then be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: JI/CE/LT/VB/LT/TS/LL

- Raffles for Club Fundraising Night Saturday 27th Donations were requested .
- Women's Golf Day Tuesday 4th June
This is envisaged to run in a similar vein to last year with putting and some soft drinks and home baking. Thanks go to Fraser for supporting this. Participants will be invited to attend Captain v Vice Captain as a follow up. Janice to coordinate with Fraser. ACTION JI
Tamara will speak with Fraser on the potential of a follow up with a view to encourage joining as members and joining in competitions. ACTION TS
- As there has been some confusion over the recording of birdies the book was corrected.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 30th May 2019 at 2pm