

Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 18 April 2018

Present: Val Bruce, Janice Innes, Liz Taylor, Carmeen Eakin, Karen Bradburn Fenneke wolters-Sinke, and Janette Wright

Apologies: Tamara Sebire and Loraine Logan,

1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

Liz welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted. It was also confirmed that Joanne Forbes has not joined the Club this season and therefore is no longer on the committee.

3. Approval of Minutes 3 March 2018

Minutes proposed for approval by Val Bruce and seconded by Carmeen Eakin.

4. Matters Arising/Actions

Data Protection Form – Liz and Fen have designed a form. This will need to be discussed at Council and a Club Form agreed as opposed to individual sections. ACTION COMPLETE – form circulated by Council for completion by members

Prize from Fraser for coffee morning raffle – Liz has this in hand. ACTION COMPLETE – not pursued due to the other offerings available from Fraser.

Coronation Foursomes Winners – This was followed up by Liz and unfortunately the winners had not been entered for the final following winning last year's competition. ACTION COMPLETE.

County Amalgamation - Janice had raised this at the Council Meeting and there was no concern re the additional funds as subscriptions would just need to rise to cover the cost. ACTION COMPLETE.

Raffle Prizes for 24 March – Raffle was well supported by Committee. ACTION COMPLETE.

Newsletter – circulated by Fenneke – ACTION COMPLETE

Get into Golf coffee morning on 21/3 and the annual coffee morning on 24/3 had both been well supported.

5. Correspondence

Janice had received a letter from the On-course Foundation with a view to considering them for the Captain's charity next year. To be considered and potential to attend an event in Livingston to learn more.

Liz had received a letter from Lou Nisbet with a view to securing protected tee times after the 9 hole competitions on Wednesdays. The suggestion was discussed but it was felt that it was not the committee's role to book non-competition tee times and that Lou and other players could book these times online or with Fraser of their own accord. Liz to respond to Lou.

Liz had received a request from the Junior Section in terms of Ladies volunteering to play with juniors in order to give them Matchplay practice – preferably Sunday afternoons. This would be supported but the section might not be able to provide the number of willing volunteers requested.

6. Reports Captain's Report

The season has got underway despite the weather. Let's hope it's going to improve, though we had a good turnout of ladies on Wednesday the 11th April. Let's hope it continues.

The lady member numbers have stayed much the same, as follows

70 full members
2 country
7 twilight
6 9 hole
1 26 yr old
2 18-25 year olds
4 12-15 year olds
8 under 12
40 social
Total **140**

We have been asked by council to change two of our fixture dates. Saturday the 5th May to Sunday the 6th May. This is for a significant outing. Also 26th September, moved to Thursday the 27th September, as the north east alliance have asked to played on that date and again this will bring in significant revenue into the club. Hopefully we will not be asked to change any further fixture dates.

One of the 9 hole ladies asked if they could play the back nine occasionally. It was noted during discussion that the back 9 holes are not a measured course for competition purposes. Again I have notified council and arranged with Fraser .

The pace of play ace recommendations seem to have been adopted already by the ladies and I think we just need to encourage this when we are playing with the ladies.

Tamara has been asked to fulfil the role of social secretary to the council and hopes to get some events organised soon. Sure she would appreciate any suggestions or help.

Please keep the date for the coronation 4's on the 2nd August free. I spoke to the lady organising the event and I expect we will need to find a few volunteers.

Carmeen and Fen have been busy updating all the information sheets on the wall behind the computer. Also Carmeen has done a precise list of the formats for the various competitions to keep us all right.

Fraser's sessions for ladies has been well received and currently over subscribed. However, he will put on a few more if the need arises. He has also asked if we would like to organise a fashion show later on in the year. We will keep this on the back burner just now.

Heather Campbell won the Ladies Section Winter Cup.

Young Carmen did well at the Scottish girls under 18 competition, coming a very presentable fifth and a reduction in her handicap.

Congratulations to Joanna D'Onghia on her hole in one on the 7th April.

New marketing leaflets are available - worth taking a few if you have the opportunity to spread them about a bit.

Council

The last meeting had taken place on 9 April. A new finance committee has been appointed, which will be led by Brian Kinhead with Justin Grant, Nigel Bradburn and Sadie Parkinson as the members. Work has been ongoing in relation to identifying proposals for Corporate Memberships. Maintenance work is required on the cottage. There had been no interest in the role in relation to tending to tubs/hanging baskets and cleaning the area around the high pressure machine. Efforts will continue to identify a willing person to undertake these duties. A lot of work continues in relation to marketing the Club.

Greens

Two new members of greens staff have been appointed. There was a course walk organised for Council members, which took place on Monday 2 April. The course walk and discussions last two hours, and unfortunately the weather was very cold. It was an informative session.

Competition Secretary

A condensed guideline to ladies' competitions has been compiled by the Competition Secretary and circulated to committee members for approval on 21 March. Following this, copies were available at the coffee morning and are now available in the locker room. The guide has also been uploaded to the club website.

Various meetings have been held in preparation for the new golf season to allow new committee members to learn about aspects of running competitions such as doing the draw and closing competitions.

Some time has been spent tidying up and clearing the locker room noticeboards and cupboards.

Further to the communication accompanying the newsletter, I have compiled a notice for the locker room with instructions for Entering a Competition and the Draw Procedure. This includes details of the new trial for late entries. In addition, I have provided a book for recording late/non-draw entries which is kept by Fraser. No late entries have been made so far.

As there have been several errors on the website and marketing leaflets relating to ladies' matters I requested an up to date SSS certificate for display in the locker room and advised Nigel to update the website. I am looking in to getting sticky labels showing the correct ladies' SSS with the view to allowing us to use the big scorecards.

Daily Mail 4s pairs were advised of their draw against Tarland and are due to play their match on 13th April.

The winter eclectic run by Tamara has concluded with the winner being Tamara Sebire with an impressive net 50. Runners up were Joanna D'Onghia 61, and Nancy O'Brien 62.

New Season

2018 competitions commenced with the Opening Stableford which was won by Carmen Griffiths with 38 Stableford Points off a 3 handicap. There were 11 entrants.

A handful of brave ladies faced the weather for a Medal on Wednesday 4th April: (3 entries). The Spring Meeting on Sat 7th April was won by Carmeen Eakin on countback, with Joanna D'Onghia achieving her first hole in one on Hole 8 using a well struck 5 wood. Drinks were enjoyed by all in the clubhouse. This fixture was better attended than last year with 16 compared to 11 last year.

The Stableford on Wednesday 11th was well attended with 22 players with 11 in each division. There were 26 entered the draw but there were 4 call offs. Kimberley Beveridge won Silver with 36 points and Valerie Bruce the Bronze division with 32 points.

There have been no 9 Hole competition entrants at the morning tee time so far, but some ladies have played in the 9 hole competition in the evening and plan to do so until light permits them to play 18 holes.

We have had to add extra tee times for the Wednesday morning on 11th April so this augurs well for the coming season.

Handicap Secretary

There are currently 74 ladies on the handicap list. Since the start of the season we have had the following changes:

Social member: Wendy Begg

Resigned: Maureen Boyle, Zibby Brown, Helen Bruce, Denise Elrick, pat Morren, Onchitra, Jennifer Williams and Kate Taylor

New members: Marjorie Clark (>75 9 hole), Maureen Wilson (full), Joanne Wilson (full), Fiona Macaskill and Mollie Jamieson (<12yr)

Maureen Wilson, who used to be a member at Aboyne and returned this year, had her handicap re-instated after putting in three cards.

Maureen Craigie, who has been a member for a while but doesn't have an handicap yet, is now putting in scorecards.

Kathleen Wight, who was injured last year and not been able to put in three cards, has been re-instated her handicap based on medical reasons.

Implications CONGU changes 2018:

A new handicap category 6 for handicaps 36.5 to 54 has been introduced for all golfers. This means that ladies who are not able to play their current handicap of 36 will go up 0.1. According to the new rules, it is recommended that all players currently at the maximum handicap are reviewed with a view to increasing their handicap to a level that reflects their playing ability. The software will allow such adjustments. These players will have been identified in the Annual Review Report (done at end of season), especially the new All Members report. We currently have three players who play off 36 and two of them have already gone up 0.1: Lucia Hunter, Kay Lucas and Fiona Macaskill.

The committee will have to determine an appropriate handicap for such players, with the following guidelines:

- Players who have submitted scores in the last couple of years which are outside their buffer zone but generally single figure excesses (5-9) might be considered for a 2 shot increase.
- Players who have submitted scores in the last couple of years who are outside their buffer zone and generally double digit excesses (+10) might be considered for a 4 shot increase.
- Those players who have not submitted any scores in the last couple of years should be reviewed sympathetically and an appropriate increase determined.

These are suggestions and the Committee can increase by more if it considers appropriate.

My advice would be to monitor their scores over the coming weeks/months and review their handicap by using the Continuous Handicap review report.

On Monday 16 April I will meet with representatives from the Seniors and hopefully Gents and Junior section to discuss the implications these changes might have for our open competitions (handicap limits). We will then advise Council before their next meeting.

ACTION: Carmeen to ensure ladies competition entry handicap limits are set at 54.

ACTION: Janice to check with Fraser as to whether any limits have been applied in the BRS system in respect of Opens and whether higher handicap players would be unable to book online.

Handicap decreases

Carmen Griffiths has had a wonderful start of the season by scoring a nett 66 in one of the rounds at the Scottish Girls Open Championships. Her handicap was cut from 3.4 to 2.4. Congratulations!

County Representative

County open 3rd May. Hoping for a good turnout – 59 registered so far. Still some spaces. Would appreciate some help on the day will have a sheet with times on notice board.

Friendly Matches

All matches have now been arranged and confirmed.
Posters informing the Ladies section are now on display in the Ladies locker room. Uptake is a little slow (including uptake on coffee morning) but it is still early and I am confident we will be able to enter a team both home and away. The cost for the Meal & Cake has risen to £9 this year.

Treasurer

43 ladies have signed up to play in competitions, with seven probably players fees outstanding. Carmeen and I will keep an eye on this and I might have to chase a few up.
We spent £70 on the introduction coffee morning and £126 on the proper coffee morning. However, we raised £150 on the raffle, so very nearly broke even.
Our current bank balance is £1927.52.

7. Women's Golf Day – Tuesday 5 June 2018

There was discussion within the committee around what if anything to do to mark this occasion. Given all the activity ongoing around this date, there was naturally concern around demand on committee members in particular. However, it was agreed that a discussion would be had with Fraser in terms of what we could do during the early part of the evening as a way as an add on and fun event following the get into golf coffee morning. This would also act as an event for the working lady.

ACTION: Janice to speak with Fraser.

8. Fixture Updates

Following some key events requested to take place at the Club, a request was received from Council to move ladies fixtures from 5 May to 6 May and also from 26 September to 27 September. This has been agreed and changes will be notified in the next newsletter.

9. Outing

This is arranged at Edzell on 14 July. A deposit has been paid of £125. The price of £44 includes Tea/coffee & bacon roll before the round and a one course meal, biscuits and tea and coffee after the round. The sign up sheet is still in the locker room for anyone else who would like to attend.

10. Invitation from Montrose

An invitation had been received from Montrose in relation to their Open competition on Friday 8 June - £16 a couple. The sheet has been placed in the Open Competitions folder.

11. Suggestions from Fraser

It was felt that a Fashion Show could be held in the Autumn and this will be progressed in the next couple of months.

12. Suggestions Book

There was still the outstanding item from Donna Brown in the book, which Liz wrote in a response for

16. AOCB

Fraser now has a key for the Polo shirt/jumper cupboard in case there are any late/last minutes requests for clothing. The book for signing out clothing is in the cupboard.

Until the Data Protection returns are back into the Club, it was decided to append phone numbers to Knockout competition draw sheets in the locker room, so that matches can be progressed.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17 May 2018, 1400 hours at the Golf Club.