

Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 20 June 2018

Present: Val Bruce, Janice Innes, Liz Taylor, Carmeen Eakin, Loraine Logan, Tamara Sebire

Apologies: Fenneke Wolters-Sinke, Karen Bradburn and Janette Wright

1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

Liz welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted.

3. Approval of Minutes 17 May 2018

Minutes proposed for approval by Val Bruce and seconded by Loraine Logan.

4. Matters Arising/Actions

ACTION: Liz to e-mail President to advise of availability of Ladies Committee members for the Mixed Open on 27/5. Done – ladies not utilised. Action COMPLETE

ACTION: Liz to raise with President the potential of a welcome pack for new members. Liz sent an e-mail for discussion at next Council meeting. Action COMPLETE.

ACTION: Janice to do the draw for Ladies & Swannies on 22/5. Done and event held. Action COMPLETE.

ACTION: Janice to do sign up sheet for Captain v Vice Captain. Done and limited response. Action COMPLETE.

ACTION: Janice to contact Janette re availability for Finals Day on 16 June. Done by Liz. Action COMPLETE.

5. Correspondence

A flyer in relation to an Open had been received. This was placed in the Opens Folder in the Locker Room.

An information sheet had been received from Clic Sargent in relation to being a nominated charity in future years. This will be given consideration along with the other similar notifications.

An e-mail had been received from the Vice Captain at Forfar Golf Club in relation to the potential for a reciprocal outing arrangement for approximately 20 ladies to take place (preferably on a Thursday). This was discussed and it was agreed that Liz would take this to the next Council meeting for confirmation that this was an acceptable practice and that catering would be the sole cost.

ACTION: Liz to raise at Council

Thereafter Janice to respond accordingly to the sender of the communication.

There was a discussion in relation to an e-mail received from Fraser regarding a male member playing with his wife, who would be playing in our medal, but outwith the draw. It was felt that the fact the Gents Medal is walk on, hinders the opportunity for male golfers to identify playing partners – particularly if new to the club. It was decided to raise this at Council as to whether some booking slots could be available.

ACTION: Liz to raise at Council

6. Reports Captain's Report/Council/Greens

Huge congratulations to Shannon McWilliam for her excellent performance at the Curtis Cup. It was really good to see Shannon holding her own among the American players and fans. She looked very relaxed and played really well. Her family must have been bursting with pride

Kimberley and Carmen both played in the Scottish Women's Amateur competition at Elie. Both got through the first round but were beaten in the Match play on the Saturday.

Also, congratulations to our successful Scratch Watt Duffus team – Maryila, Shannon, Kimberley and Carmen. All played very well in tough conditions at Newmacher. The CSS was 75. Our handicap team didn't do so well but still had a good performance. A fantastic score from Fenneka dropped her handicap to 12. Very well done to all.

Keith Gardiner and Joanna D'O were the winners of the Swannies match. A good game was had by all.

The Ladies Putting Challenge held on Ladies World golf day was a huge success with 32 ladies attending. We had a mixture of members and visitors and all seemed to enjoy it very much. We got the chance to introduce ourselves to some of the new members who had done the Get into Golf sessions but are not playing competitions yet. Fraser did a great job, organising the event and providing golf lessons for prizes, very kind of him and I thanked him on behalf of the committee.

The Ladies Tri-am went really well, with good scores on a perfect day, the entry wasn't great (42) but I think its worth keeping it on the fixture list, as I think it will be better supported in following years.

The Hallen Fours and the MacKay Cup draws are progressing well, without any problems – so far.

The Championship finals took place and the results are as follows:-

Maryla Sime – Ladies Club Champion

Judith McCaffery – Ladies Silver Division Champion

Janice Innes – Ladies Bronze Division Champion

Aberdeenshire won the Northern Division County Jamboree, which took place at Strathmore Golf Club and will now progress to the Scottish Finals. Kimberley and Carmen were both in the team.

Shannon McWilliam has been picked for the European Women's Team Championship to be played in Austria between July 10-14 and Carmen Griffiths has been picked for the European Girls Team Championship in Sweden which runs at the same time.

The posts at the rear of the 1st green leading up the side of the car park have been painted green by some Senior volunteers – this eliminates any explanations regarding out of bounds particularly for visitors. The greens were cored on Monday 18 June. The accident book for the Club is positioned behind the bar, should they be a need to log any accidents or near misses.

Handicap Secretary

There are currently 81 ladies on the handicap list. Since last month's meeting we have had the following changes:

New handicaps:

Katie Gordon, 34 (full member)

Helen Wright, 10 (full member)

Shirley Young, 32 (full member)

Handicap decreases

In Bronze division it was Marie Findlater who played very well. Her handicap has been cut with -2.3 to 19. In Silver division it was Fenneke who was able to cut her handicap with -2.0 to 12.5. Congratulations to Marie and myself!!

Continous Handicap Review

According to this report from ClubV1, there are two ladies on the list who could be considered for a handicap increase based on 7 consecutive 0.1 increases in 2018. I suggest to monitor this and review again next time when more competitions have been played.

9 hole >75 members:

Following on from the last meeting, Lou has continued contacting me and Justin with her frustration about not having a handicap. I have spoken with Jane Penny and it seems all ladies are fine with this except Lou. She also asked why they are still on the handicap list

with a competition handicap.

Twice I have pointed out to Justin that this needs to be changed in the system but I

received no reply. Recently he sent all members in this category an email highlighting the restrictions about not having a competition handicap and asked

whether they want to upgrade to a different kind of membership so that they can play in competitions. As there was no reply from anyone, I have now adjusted their handicaps into a non-competition handicap.

Last week a few signed up for the 9 hole competition. As I was doing the draw I changed it into a normal booking, with a tee time starting from 11.07. We need to monitor this closely for the rest of the season.

Holiday

Tammie will cover my duties while I'm away (back on 25 June). A document with guidelines how to perform certain handicapping tasks in ClubV1 has been sent to her and Janice.

Competition Secretary

The spell of hot and very dry weather has contributed to some good scores over the past month. The Bogey Cup was a close contest with both Janice Innes and myself Carmeen Eakin scoring +3, but Janice won with a better inward half. Fenneke Wolters-Sinke came in with a net 68 to win the Medal and First Aggregate, cutting her handicap to 14 in the process. Val Bruce and Janice Innes in Bronze had net 72. The medal on 19 May was won by Kay Powrie in Silver (70) and Lorraine Hunter in Bronze (75). The Stableford was won by Alison Reid with 39 points narrowly beating Kimberley Beveridge's 38 points, while in Bronze Marie Findlater won with 34 points.

The month of June opened busily with Women's golf day event, Texas Scramble and Open Tri Am and the final strokeplay round of the Club Championship all in the first week. In the Texas Scramble the winning team was Joanna D'Onghia, Heather Simpson and Rhona Goodenough with a net 63.5. I arranged teams as evenly distributed as possible and prepared cards for this. Most teams played in the morning with one in the afternoon and one in the evening slot. It seems to have been enjoyed by all and is a good way of integrating both newer members and higher handicap players into the ladies section. The Stableford on 9th June was won by Judith McCaffery with 39 points and Elizabeth Rose 35 points. The Medal and 2nd Aggregate was won by Marie Findlater in Silver with nett 70 and our lady captain Elizabeth Taylor in Bronze with 70.

Numbers entering 18 hole competitions have varied in this period between 8 and 20 players. All results are published on the notice board and in the local press.

Nine Hole Competitions

On the fixtures on 9th May, 23rd May, and 13th June there were zero entrants. Two ladies played in the 9 hole competition on 30th May. As stated in the handicap report, some ladies have been booking online in the slots reserved for competitions despite being ineligible to play in a competition.

Other Matters

With other committee members being unavailable it fell largely to myself and Janice to prepare for the Open Tri Am. The template for the cards which I prepared for this

event appears to have been a success and should be a valuable resource for next year.

There was a discussion around the 9 hole competitions and those without handicaps marking the cards of those with. It was felt that this was in order and enable all ladies to play together. The booking slot for the 9 hole competitions could be changed to 1100/1107/1114 for future years, to prevent any booking issues into the competition slot times – given that over 75's cannot play before 11am.

ACTION: Janice to look at the background settings for the 9 hole competitions.

The Tri-am was also discussed and a committee member raised concern that the caterer came over to guests at the Tri-am and began to sell tickets for a Banchory Duck Race. This was felt to be inappropriate. Liz agreed to take to Council.

ACTION: Liz to raise this matter at Council.

There was also a view that given this was an inaugural event for the Club, that it should be retained as 42 players took part. It may be worth raising the entry fee to £15 from £12.

Friendly Matches

- Match against Edzell all planned. A reminder has been sent to all who put their names down and Liz has agreed to be contactable if anyone withdraws as I am unavailable. Thank you Liz.
- Peterculter contacted me re our friendly to say they had a clash of dates and could we re-schedule our game. This I have managed to do, tee times are booked and the caterer informed. The new date is 30th July at 1:30pm. I have contacted everyone who was on the original date and advised of changes asking them to remove their name if the new date is not suitable for them.
- There was a shortage of numbers for the match v Deeside on Monday 25th but a team of 8 has now been sourced. Thanks to everyone for stepping in.

County Representative

Congratulations to Kimberley Carmen, Maryla and Shannon for winning the Watt Duffus Trophy again this season. Well Done.

Val advised that she is to organise a team for the Lyon Foursomes.

There was no update in relation to the Golf View League, so Val agreed to contact Lynne Stephen.

ACTION: Val to gain an update on Golf View League for next meeting.

Treasurer

The bank balance is healthy and £80 was made on the raffle at the Tri-Am.

The raffle prize stock is reducing, so some donations from members would be welcome.

ACTION: Janice to do Raffle Prize request sheets for the Locker Room.

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

It was agreed that this event had been a success, in no small part to Fraser's efforts. This would be worth repeating in future years. Invoice from 1st to 18th Catering Ltd still to come.

Janice advised that it would be normal practice for ladies to contribute to the meal at the Ladies & Swannies event, so this will occur again next year.

8. Outing

Some of the final payments have been flowing in - £34_due by the end of the month – 18 people. 1.30/1.45pm for coffee and bacon roll. 1st tee time is 2.30pm. Val to arrange prizes.

9. Club Invitational

Liz had raised this with other members of the Council and the event had not been progressed. It has now been postponed and a new date will be set.

10. Ladies Foursomes Open- 10 August

Liz took details of which committee members could help out on the day and requested a sign up sheet for volunteers be placed in the locker room.

ACTION: Janice to do sign up sheet.

11. Coronation Fours – 2 August

Similarly, volunteers from Committee noted by Liz and Janice to prepare a sign up sheet as a large number of helpers will be needed on this date.

ACTION: Janice to do sign up sheet.

12. Jamberry Social Night and Captain v Vice Captain- 22 June

Following some last minute additions – 10 ladies are available to play. Due to the low numbers the Jamberry aspect will be postponed to a date later in the year.

ACTION: Liz to speak to Colin Redman re food

ACTION: Janice to postpone Jamberry visitation

13. Suggestions Book

No entries since last meeting.

14 . AOCB

- 1) Janice raised the aspect of succession planning for the committee – of those present, all were happy to remain on the committee. Whilst not at the meeting, Fenneke had previously indicated she would stand down. The committee members will begin to speak to lady members, to see if anyone is interested in joining the committee.
- 2) Janice also highlighted that Joanna D'onghia was sitting in the lead position of the Titleist Order of Merit.
- 3) Carmeen queried the presence of the flag for the flag competition on the 24th. Liz offered up a flag she has for use.

ACTION: Liz to drop off her flag prior to Sunday.

- 4) Liz highlighted that she had done cards for Shannon given her play at the Curtis Cup. Cards for each of the Championship winners and also a card for Heather Mackenzie who has been unwell and also celebrated a milestone Birthday.
- 5) Liz enquired about helpers for the Seniors Mixed Greensomes on 12 July and will forward names to the Senior Captain.
- 6) A welcome card/sign for the Insch Ladies Outing.

ACTION: Janice to prepare one – as a trial initially

- 7) The limited number of entrants into the Club Championship was raised by Liz and following on from requests by members it was decided to request proposals/options from members and then hold an EGM within the ladies section so that we can be ready for the fixture list meeting in September.

ACTION: Tammie to circulate message for suggestions and prepare proposals for next meeting. She will ask Fenneke to circulate a message. Deadline for suggestions to be 14 July and then options can be discussed at next meeting. Proposed date for EGM will be 23 August (evening).

ACTION: Lorraine to research process for EGM and voting rights

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19 July 2018, 1830 hours at the Golf Club.