

## Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 27 September 2018

**Present:** Tamara Sebire, Janice Innes, Liz Taylor, Carmeen Eakin, Fenneke Wolters-Sinke

**Apologies:** Janette Wright, Val Bruce, Loraine Logan and Karen Bradburn

### 1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

Liz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 3. Approval of Minutes 29 August 2018

Minutes proposed for approval by Fenneke Wolters-Sinke and seconded by Carmeen Eakin

### 4. Matters Arising/Actions

**ACTION:** Liz had sought clarity from Ballater. Given our decision to maintain a Saturday outing, the reciprocal arrangement would not be suitable for 2019. ACTION COMPLETE.

**ACTION:** Fenneke to discuss with Fraser prior to any 2019 diary being purchased. Liz spoke with Fraser and they will be happy to have a book and record supplementary score notifications in the pro shop. ACTION COMPLETE.

**ACTION:** Karen to collate a full summary of match results. This will be done on Karen's return back home

**ACTION:** Janice to do a welcome sheet for the Ladies Open. Done. ACTION COMPLETE.

**ACTION:** Janice to prepare a note of the EGM. Done and agreed note of EGM is now in the Minutes folder in the locker room for perusal by members. ACTION COMPLETE.

**ACTION:** Janice to revise the draft fixture list following feedback/suggestions. Done and with Fraser. ACTION COMPLETE

**ACTION:** Val to consider outing options for July. Val was absent but it was agreed by the committee to retain the Outing date at the weekend and to look for an Open elsewhere to use for our outing and keep costs down. ACTION COMPLETE

**ACTION:** Liz to raise toilet/locker room at the next Council Meeting. This had not been done but was on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting on 8 October 2018. ACTION HELD OPEN FOR UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING.

ACTION: Janice had obtained a price from Valentino's Disco and it was agreed that this would be booked. £50 deposit required and remainder payable on the night. A midnight finish was specified. Liz to forward the deposit.

ACTION: Carmeen to speak with Scott Mackie re potential use of Community Bus for transport for Christmas night. This had been done and Carmeen fed back that Scott was booking the bus and would be available to drive. The suggested donation is £1 a mile so it will depend on numbers as to whether this is worthwhile. ONGOING.

## 5. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

## 6. Reports

### Captain's Report

Ladies Open – 61 ladies played and thankfully we had good weather. The numbers entering continues to drop from 72 last year and 74 the previous year. Aboyne ladies did well with Kimberley winning the scratch prize, Carmeen second in Division one and Val Bruce second in Division two. Well done ladies.

As our trophy winning competitions end, there was success for some of our ladies. The Ean Cecil Medal finals winner was Maryla Sime, Alison Reid won the Cecil Centenary Stableford. Jackie Sutherland and Val Bruce won the Hallen fours and Carmeen won the individual match play competition. Again, well done to all our ladies for reaching the finals of these competitions and especially those who won out in the end.

Mixed Open was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, with some our ladies among the winners, including Kimberley, Alison Reid and Val Bruce.

Aberdeenshire County has won the Scottish county final by half a point. Kimberley and Shannon both played very well to bring the victory home to for the first time in 32 years. Amazing!!

Carmen has been in Canada playing for the Scottish junior girls' team in the World Championships. She played against some very tough opposition and gained some great experience.

### Council/Greens

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the September meeting but I have lifted some of the more salient points from the minutes.

Ladies' SSS will be corrected on the hole by hole guide on the website.

Disabled access route. The council are looking at an access route from the first tee to the back of the clubhouse. This will be discussed with members with building experience for inclusion in the winter programme of work.

As there has been some problems with people accessing the course at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> tees – bag tags for visitors will be introduced next year.

The allocation of early tee times for Gents medal competition on Wednesdays will be trialled in order that couples are able to play at similar times.

Membership – six new members have recently been recruited bringing the total numbers of members to 652.

Finance report – the first three quarter management accounts, are looking favourable with the income up and costs down. We are forecasting a break even for the 2017 -18 financial year as we continue to challenge all necessary costs.

Juniors – the free coaching for young juniors being run by Fraser is proving very popular. The annual outing to Ballater took place at the end of the school holidays and it was reported that our junior convenor was approached twice on the course and comments made on our youngsters' good behaviour and etiquette. A real credit to Aboyne Golf club.

Nigel Bradburn continues to do a huge amount of marketing for the club.

The 2019 AGM will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2pm

Membership for 1p – the draw will be made at the Club prize giving.

Greens report

The greens are showing signs of darker coloured grass. This is caused by thatch fungi. This happens when the fungi attack the thatch layer destroying some of the thatch resulting in the grass in the affected area sinking below the surrounding grass level. The grass plant in the affected patch then grows longer resulting in a darker leaf producing the darker green rings. Whilst this is a bit unsightly it does not affect the roll of the golf ball. There doesn't seem to be one definitive method of rectifying this problem and Colin will be assessing and trying different solutions

Colin has proposed asking members to input into the winter programme to support the need to increase transparency. Colin would also like to organise a course walk before the end of the month.

Aging equipment will be needed to be replaced in the next few years as our financial position makes it possible.

### **Handicap Secretary**

There are currently 83 ladies on the handicap list and no changes since last month's meeting.

Rachel Kinhead recently put in three cards for handicap and has been allocated a handicap of 35.

## Handicap decreases

Quite a few people have been playing very well this month, but this time two of our own committee members stood out from the pack. In Bronze division it was Val Bruce who continues to improve on her game. Her handicap has been cut with 1.8 to 21.5. I'm sure it won't be long now until she joins the silver ladies! In Silver division it was Janice Innes who top's the leaderboard again. She was able to cut her handicap with a very impressive 2.4, playing off 16.6 now. Congratulations to you both!

An annual handicap review will need to be done by the end of the calendar year.

ACTION: Fen to support new handicap secretary and undertake this together.

## **Competition Secretary**

### **Results**

There have been some super scores since the last report.

The Stableford on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August was won by Susan Davies with 41 points, closely followed by Kimberley Beveridge with 40. Val Bruce won in Bronze with 40 points. Janice Innes topped the leaderboard with 43 points (carding a gross 84) on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, followed by Carmen Griffiths with 40 and Carmeen Eakin with 39. Elizabeth Rose won in Bronze with 36 points.

In the Extra Medal on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept Maria Giblin had a nett 69, and Heather Simpson won in Bronze division with a nett 73. Janice broke her handicap yet again on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Extra Medal with a nett 69.

The Ean Cecil Cup

In the Medal Winners Finals on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept there were 10 participants out of 18 qualifiers. Both Maryla Sime and Val Bruce came in with impressive scores of nett 68. Maryla's fabulous back nine of 39, in a round of 79 gross, secured her the Cup.

## **Nine Hole Competitions**

The Morven Cup

There were 9 ladies who qualified for this (some of whom played in the evening tee times earlier in the season due to lack of daylight). Four players competed for the Morven Cup on the day. It was won by Dorothy Keir with 16 points, with the other competitors all on 14 points.

## **Friendly Matches**

The dates for the Friendlies next year are still being worked on – some of the contacts at the other clubs appear to be on holiday, which is causing a delay. These will be chased up once Karen returns home.

## **County Representative**

No report received in Val's absence.

## **Treasurer**

Liz reported that the balance in the bank account is £3, 329.32.

## **7. Fixture List for 2019**

There are a couple of typo's to be dealt with and then this will be finalised. Fraser does have a final copy for dates & comparison across the sections of the Club.

## **8. AGM**

There will be at least one vacancy on the Committee so it was decided to put up a notice for volunteers.

**ACTION:** Janice to do a nomination sheet for the noticeboard.

There was also some discussion around the potential for a Competition Sub Committee and this will be raised under AOCB at the AGM – with a volunteer sheet available.

Janice will go on to be Captain and Carmeen was prepared to step forward to be Vice Captain for the 2019 season.

There was a discussion around the trialled late entry system for competitions. This has not been used and therefore did not merit continuing. It was felt that people can book into the competitions and if they then need to withdraw, then they can do that.

There was also a discussion around the potential for the 9 hole competitions on a Wednesday to be operated like the Gents Walk on Medal, and be run by the Pro Shop. Janice undertook to raise with Fraser. The £6 competition fee would remain for the year for 9 hole members.

**ACTION:** Janice to discuss 9 hole running aspect with Fraser.

The Christmas Hamper raffle ticket sales were discussed and sets of tickets for sale were to be prepared for handing out at the AGM. A show hamper was also to be made up to enable tickets to be sold at the bar and also at the Open Texas Scramble on 14 October.

#### 9. Competition Results/Prizewinners

Carmeen raised a couple of queries, given the lack of clarity in the Competition folder regarding the potential winners of certain prizes. Following discussion, the committee made a majority decision. The competition folder will be updated during the closed season to save any ambiguity in the future.

Liz advised that she had spoken to Fraser and he will prepare vouchers for the prizewinners.

#### 10. Outing for 2019

It was felt that the Outing could be held at Kemnay Golf Club as part of their Ladies Open – 8 consecutive tee times to be booked from 1pm, which would allow for a meet up for a bacon roll before the game and then the partaking of a meal afterwards.

ACTION: Janice to make contact with Kemnay.

#### 11. Winter Golf /Activity/Coffee

There was a request from the Club that to reduce heating costs, it would be preferable if winter golf could operate on a Thursday as opposed to a Wednesday. This would enable the closure of the clubhouse on a Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and save money. Ladies golf could be 0900-0930 for 18 holes and 1045 hours for 9 holes. Tammie has volunteered to run a winter eclectic again for both the 9 and 18 hole players. The Club Winter Cup will operate on a Saturday for those wanting to take part. If the weather is inclement on a Thursday, there can be a meet for coffee etc around 1030 hours.

#### 12. Photographs of our Young Players' Successes

Liz is keen to have some photos from the years' activity and will approach Carmen, Shannon and Kimberley to see if any can be obtained.

ACTION: Liz to endeavour to obtain photos

#### 13. Reciprocal Outings

Following a decision at a recent Council meeting, each section of the club can have 1 reciprocal outing a year with another club. Liz was due to respond to Ballater following a recent query.

#### 14 . Christmas Entertainment & Secret Santa

There was a discussion around changing the format of the Christmas night out and particularly the Secret Santa, which had been taking up most of the evening in recent years. Therefore, to help fund the entertainment, it was felt that £10 be levied on booking for the Christmas Dinner, which will also fund a present from Santa for each attendee. This was agreed. A sign up sheet and envelopes for the £10 will be

available at the AGM. Also a sign up sheet for the lunch, which will still be held on the Wednesday despite the change of golf day.

#### 15. Suggestions Book

There was an entry in relation to contacting the Medal Winners and Stablefords Winners prior to the events as not everyone is at the Club. Liz had contacted those that had not responded regarding the Medal Final and Janice had done likewise for the Stableford Final, so this had been covered by those means. Suggestion entry responded to in book.

#### 16. AOCB & Date of Next Meeting

Tammie advised that Social membership will now be £2 for the rest of the year/season.

Fenneke advised that she is not able to make the AGM.

Given that Fenneke is standing down from the Committee after 6 years, Liz gave a vote of thanks to her for all her efforts.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 November 2018 at 1400hrs.