

Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 29 August 2018

Present: Val Bruce, Janice Innes, Liz Taylor, Carmeen Eakin, Loraine Logan, Fenneke Wolters-Sinke

Apologies: Janette Wright, Tamara Sebire and Karen Bradburn

1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

Liz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes 19 July 2018

Minutes proposed for approval by Fenneke Wolters-Sinke and seconded by Val Bruce

4. Matters Arising/Actions

ACTION: Liz to raise at Council the aspect of amending the Wednesday Gents walk on Medal. This was raised at the Council Meeting on 6 August 2018 and Fraser undertook to look into this. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Janice to look at background settings for 9 hole comps. This was done by Janice and no issues were found. However, it was noted that bookings are still being made. Insufficient knowledge of the 'background systems' to know how to resolve this, but it is monitored on a weekly basis. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Liz to raise aspect of duck race tickets. Likewise, this was raised at the Council Meeting on 6 August 2018 and no outside charities can be promoted without the permission of the Council. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Janice to prepare Welcome signs for the Coronation Fours on 2 August. Signs prepared. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Janice to do sign up sheet for volunteers for the Ladies Open. Sign done and placed on noticeboard. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Tammie to prepare 'Advanced Thinking' proposal document for EGM by end of July. Done. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Fenneke to circulate prepared EGM paperwork on her return from holiday. Done. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Fenneke to do membership and voting list for the EGM. Done. ACTION COMPLETE

ACTION: Liz to confirm clubhouse availability with Colin Redman for EGM night. Done. ACTION COMPLETE

5. Correspondence

One item of correspondence had been received via e-mail from Ballater Golf Club's Ladies Captain. There was uncertainty from the content as to whether they were looking for a reciprocal golf outing or for setting a friendly match for 2019. Liz to make contact and confirm.

ACTION: Liz to make contact to clarify request and respond accordingly.

6. Reports

Captain's Report/Council/Greens

Coronation foursomes was a great success with 120 ladies playing representing 60 clubs from across Scotland. We were lucky to have a lovely sunny day and we had lots of positive comments about the course, professional, shop, catering and friendliness of organisation. The R&A representative was most complimentary about all aspects of the club and the efficient organisation, thanks to the ladies and senior gents who helped.

The Open foursomes on the 10th August, started off very well, with 36 ladies completing the course about 2pm. Unfortunately, the heavens opened and we had thunder and lightning. We had no option but to close the course. We had hoped the weather might improve and we could complete the competition, however by 3pm, the course was awash with water and totally unplayable. We had no option but to close the competition and offer those who hadn't completed their money back or an opportunity to return and play. Many of the ladies decided to return, which is great and overall and we didn't lose very much financially.

Golf view league is completed though not sure off our final position. Val to report at meeting

Our match play competitions have reached the final stages – The final of the Mackay cup is between Carmeen and Janice . The Hallen fours between Canmeen and Angela and Jackie and Val. Both look like tight matches. Good luck to all.

Our young stars are continuing to do very well. Kimberley won the Junior amateur competitions in St Andrews, which was a magnificent achievement. Shannon, has played in numerous competitions with the highlight being part of the winning team in the Women's home internationals played in Ireland. Carmen has also had a very successful season and was also part of the Scottish team who played in the junior home internationals. Carmen is off to the World championships this week.

As the weather has changed – a bit more like our normal Scottish summers, the entries for weekly competitions has been down a bit but some of our ladies are still managing to produce great scores.

The EGM to discuss the club championship was held last Thursday. There wasn't a huge turnout - 8 members and most of the committee. The discussion went well

and an agreement was reached. A minute of the meeting and the major changes will be made available to all members.

Captains day was held on Saturday with 73 gents, 14 ladies and 2 juniors playing. The weather was a mixture of sunshine and showers but some good golf was played by all. Kimberley was the winner of the Frances McColl trophy with 35 points – the same as the top three!

Can I remind everyone of the Ladies Open on the 8th September – we have 34 tee times but the entry from our own members is still very low. Can I ask everyone to chivvy up the ladies.

Finally, One of our long time lady members, Marjory Clark, lost her husband last week. I sent a card of condolence from the lady members.

Council/Greens

Housekeeping – A new freezer has had to be purchased and several other white goods are in need of replacement. The council will replace these as necessary.

The President 50/50 club has started with moderate success, the first draw will be made at the end of September.

Dangerous Weather Procedure (DWP) has been drawn up by Fraser and is available on the web site. The bar staff have been trained by Fraser, as they will be responsible if the shop is closed.

Total membership fees have now been paid. The number of ladies is as follows:

Full – 74, county 2, Twilight 11, 18-25 2, 12-15 -5, under 12 – 9, Social 48. Total lady members 158. Total gents – 487.

Heavy duty bags have been purchased and will be put in the bins to stop escaping litter.

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

Disabled access route – will be investigated.

Line Painting of car park has been completed

The greens have been lightly top dressed to keep the surface firm and true. Fourteen new rakes have been purchased and are in situ now.

The marketing of the club continues at a high rate thanks to Nigel Bradburn. These include, Corporate and sponsorship flyers, media coverage, including Aboyne junior trip to the Scottish open in Gullane, women and girls golf week – video blog done by Carmen (Available on ow.ly/imLp301ePhg)

Planned media cover includes artwork supplied to Women & Golf magazine who will be doing an article about Aberdeenshire courses and it will feature Carmen

Both TV screens are up and running with whole by whole graphics.

Scottish Golf Tourism Awards 2018 are now open. The ceremony will be held on the 1st November, with categories in Best proshop, best customer service, best catering, best value for money under £50 and another for best golf course. We should be encouraging everyone to vote.

Royal Deeside Classic – 88 visitors played out of a potential 160 slots

Charity collections – the raising of funds for outside charities shall not be permitted without the express permission of the council.

The caterer will be consulted about clubhouse opening times over the winter regarding the mid-week opening times.

Handicap Secretary

There are currently 82 ladies on the handicap list and no changes since last month's meeting.

Handicap decreases

In Bronze division it was Heather Campbell who played very well. Her handicap has been cut with 1.6 to 22.0.

In Silver division it was Jackie Sutherland who tops the leaderboard with a handicap cut of 1.3. She now plays off 15.3. Also Karen Bradburn was able to improve on her game but cutting her handicap with 1.2 to 19.9. Congratulations to all!!

Supplementary Scorecards

I have processed a few supplementary scorecards (Marion, Lucia, Kathleen W, Lynne, Marie). During my holiday, Tammie did it for me based on the instruction document I had given her. Thank you for that! There is one score from Marie that hasn't been processed correctly (chosen winter tees instead of the normal 18 hole). Although it probably won't affect her playing handicap, it should be amended. I will retrace the card, delete it from her playing record and re-enter it again. There seems to be a few other cards left in a folder by her which I will check too this Wednesday.

There was discussion about the supplementary scorecard issue during the meeting and it was felt that the Pro shop need to be asked to record this and perhaps the ladies section needs to provide a page a day diary for next season so this can be done.

ACTION: Fenneke to discuss with Fraser prior to any 2019 diary being purchased by the committee.

Competition Secretary

Results

Sun 15th July SGL Medal was won by Kimberley Beveridge with a nett 70. No Bronze division players.

Wed 18th Med & 3rd Aggregate. The Silver division was won by our Club Champion, Maryla Sime, with a nett 69 and Valerie Bruce won Bronze with 72.

Sat 21st Med & 4th Aggregate. Continuing her wonderful season, Janice Innes won with a nett 68, showing that she is comfortable in Silver division. Liz Taylor won in Bronze with nett 77.

A great score of 38 points secured another win for Maryla Sime in the Walker Cup Stableford on 1st August.

Jackie Sutherland won Silver in the SGL Medal on Sat 4th Aug with an impressive nett 68 while Elizabeth Rose won in Bronze with nett 88.

On Wed 8th SGL Medal Silver was won by Joanna D'Onghia with 71 nett and bronze by Sandra Wilson on nett 73 with the Janette Wright trophy played in conjunction going to Joanna.

Eclectic Brooch Wed 25th July and Wed 15th August

In the 1st Round Karen Bradburn had a superb nett 67 breaking her handicap. Jackie Sutherland had her second handicap cut in August in the 2nd round of the Eclectic Brooch with a nett 69. In third place overall was Maureen Craigie who had a super nett 63. Two players, Susan Davies and Janice Innes, had an eclectic nett 62 after deducting current handicap at the close of the competition. However, the eventual winner of the eclectic is Janice Innes, on countback, as she had an eclectic back nine of gross 40 compared to Susan Davies' 41. Well done to all players.

Golfing Waltz Wed 22nd August

This was won by Liz Taylor, Linda Gardiner, Nancy O'Brien and Tamara Sebire and with 80 points. No doubt having an extra team member helped, but there was some really good golf played and fun had by all.

Frances McColl Trophy Sat 25th Aug

This Stableford played on Captain's Day was a hotly contested competition with 3 ladies having scores of 35 points. Linda Gardiner had 19 points on the back nine, but the other two had 20 points, so it came down to a countback on the last six holes between Kimberley and Carmeen, with Kimberley being the eventual winner.

Nine Hole Competitions

The results of the 9 hole competitions held since my last report are as follows:

Wed 18th July Rhona Goodenough won this with 17 points.

25 July Catherine Short 16 points.

Wed 1 Aug Eleanor Anton 17 points

Wed 8 Aug Jenny Mackie had 17 points to win this.

Wed 15 Aug Rhona won with 18 points.

Wed 22 Golfing Waltz - none entered

Entries to 9 hole comps varied between 0 and 5 persons.

Other Matters

I have compiled lists of those who won Medals and Stablefords and the 9 Hole Morven Cup during the season for posting on the notice board.

Friendly Matches

All matches now played as we are coming to the end of the season.

Personal thanks from Karen to all her 'go to ladies' who have helped field a team at the eleventh hour. Their quick availability has helped her immensely.

ACTION: Karen to collate a full summary of match results.

County Representative

Nothing new to report. Awaiting the publication of results for the Golf View League, which closes on Friday 31st August.

Treasurer

Just a brief report to update you on the current situation. Our overall financial situation remains the same as would be expected.

The evening putting challenge took in £170 and cost us £101.13p for food and beverages, leaving us a profit of £69.87.

Coronation Foursomes lucky squares brought in £122.15

Open Foursome Raffles £263.

We need to have an early discussion about the competition fees and the prize monies. Competition fees were £1135. Last year's prize fund paid out £1060, however we need to include the cost of engraving, £143. I would suggest we pay out the same as last year, meaning we will pay out an extra £68. However, we need to discuss this.

At the meeting, there was discussion around the prize fund. The engraving costs for 2017 had not been deducted from the competition fund. It was felt that the engraving cost for both 2017 and 2018 should be deducted from the overall funds and the same amount as last year used for the prize fund. It was also felt that if members have secured prizes of £20 and upwards that they would receive vouchers for Fraser's shop and if it was less than £20 then cash would be given so that members can choose how they spend it, even adding it to their Cecil & Mearns account or Pro shop account or spend it elsewhere.

7. Ladies v Swannies

This match was forthcoming on 5 September and there is a strong desire for the ladies to retain the trophy. The lunch for this event is covered by the Swannies, but a charge of £6 will be applied to each lady member playing, as this supports the cost of the lunch when we pay earlier in the year.

8. Ladies Open – 8 September

The rota has now been drawn up and in the locker room. Heather has kindly agreed to set up the competition. Protected tee times have now been inserted between 0830-0900 and there are no tee times after 1300hrs, which should prevent a late finish. A raffle will be held at this event.

ACTION: Janice to do a Welcome sheet for the day.

Carmeen highlighted that in respect of the reduced entries, she had noticed that the website link to enter the event online had not been operational and had raised this with Nigel and Fraser. The issue had been fixed. She also highlighted that the phone lines and website had been problematical/unreliable for some of the time and that this may have impacted on entries to date.

9. Club Championship Outcome from EGM

It was felt the EGM had gone well, despite the limited attendees. The membership had determined a way forward for the next 3 years. The note for the EGM will be placed in the Minutes folder once it is finalised.

ACTION: Janice to prepare and circulate the note of the EGM to the committee.

10. Fixture List for 2019

Following the EGM, Janice had drafted a fixture list for 2019, trying to accommodate the decisions made. The draft was considered at the meeting. It was noted that the 4th Aggregate was missing. It was also felt that the outing be moved to a midweek slot in order to reduce costs for attendees.

The need for a fixture list meeting across all sections of the club will be raised at the next Council Meeting and Val will look into potential options for the outing using Open competitions at other clubs as a possibility.

ACTION: Janice to revise draft Fixture List

ACTION: Val to consider outing options for week commencing 8th or 15th July

11. Ladies Toilet

The now outdated position of the ladies toilets in the ground floor locker area was raised. It is becoming increasingly apparent that this is a weak link in terms of our offering to both members and visitors. It was felt that this should be raised at Council and that a fundraising effort by the ladies section should be undertaken so that the area can be refurbished when funds allow.

ACTION: Liz to raise at next Council meeting

12. Christmas Entertainment

Fenneke raised the aspect of some entertainment to work in conjunction with the Christmas Dinner and following discussions, it was felt that a disco will be considered.

It was also felt that the use of the Community Bus could also be a bonus for that evening and Scott Mackie would be approached to see if he might undertake driving duties.

ACTION: Janice to progress disco pricing/availability

ACTION: Carmeen to raise at Council Meeting/approach Scott Macke

13. Suggestions Book

No new entries for consideration.

14 . AOCB & Date of Next Meeting

No items of AOCB raised for discussion. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27 September 2018, 1330 hours at the Golf Club.