



**Portlethen Golf Club  
Management Committee  
Thursday 15th September 2022**

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**Minute**

**Present:** David Fleming (Chair), Gary Pacitti, Duncan Bonner, Ian Elmslie, Paul Singer, Raymond Cowan (advised of late arrival), Scott Sinclair, Tom Boyle

**Apologies:** Ian Cruickshank, Hugh Murdoch

**In Attendance:** Dino Becci.

**1. Minutes of previous Meetings**

The minute of the meeting held on 18th August 2022 was approved by Tom Boyle and seconded by Paul Singer

**2. Matters arising.**

Code of Conduct – Process for competition entry agreed and would be written up along with a process map still to be written up.

Members e-mail: An appropriate response has been sent to the member in question without further reply or acknowledgement.

**3. Finance and Admin**

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

**4. Match & Handicap**

Finals day went ahead as scheduled on 28<sup>th</sup> August thanks to all who volunteered. Congratulations to all the finalists and winners.

Congratulations to Junior Club Champion McKenzie Mullen who has become the first Portlethen member to reach the semi-final of the Spence Trophy since 2014.

The second finals day is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of September but there are issues with both pairs finals due to holiday commitments despite all competitors being reminded to ensure availability.

(Raymond joined meeting)

It was agreed that both finals can be played on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October but in the event of any circumstances that prohibit this from going ahead ie course closure, the titles will be awarded to:

Craig Will & Martin Robertson – Arthur Duthie Shield  
Scott Sinclair & Murray Sinclair – Murdoch Smith Trophy

No further extensions would be granted.

Jack Douglas & Stephen Cook to be given a further option of playing on the scheduled date as a one-man team given the fourball format.

All other medal competitions have been completed on time and a winners list is displayed on the noticeboard.

Standings in multi round competitions have been posted on the noticeboard throughout the season.

The format of prizegiving evening, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, was explained. We have a guest speaker, Chick Young, who will present the prize winners with the exception of the Club Champions who will receive their awards from the Club and Ladies Captains. Photographs will be taken on presentation of trophies and a photographer has been arranged.

2023 fixture list is well on its way to a first draft completion.

Winter "fours" entry sheet to go up soon, Same format as last couple of years with only change being that 75% handicap allowance to be used compared to 85% previously.

Pro shop sweeps will be run on Wednesdays and possibly Fridays through the Winter.

Club teams recently competed in the Simmers Trophy but weren't successful but a no show by one of the team members for the Dalswinton meant that we couldn't actually compete although the event was eventually abandoned due to the weather.

No plans as yet to reschedule the Senior Stableford Open that was due to be played on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September but cancelled in respect for the Queen's funeral. We'll perhaps look at 3<sup>rd</sup> October but need to check we don't conflict with any other events.

Would the prizegiving be ticketed ? No, although anyone requiring meals would have to book a table for that.

Competition closure processes also to be reviewed to ensure cards are being checked.

## **5. Greens**

No report had been presented this month.

We have appointed a new greenkeeper, Manuel Arrieta Rosado, who comes to us from Insh Golf Club and starts on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

We're still gathering some more definitive costings relating to the proposed Winter projects to ensure as accurate a budgeting measure as possible.

We've been hit with some disease on certain greens and trying to avoid hitting it with too much fungicide which will only reduce efficiency of the products in time as immunity builds.

Any plans to clear the ponds of weeds etc during the Winter programme of works? This would be clarified and advised.

Winter greens marked out? yes on Neil's to do list.

## **6. Other Business**

Deeside League: Ian Elmslie advised that, really through no fault of our own, we may have to concede our semi-final tie against Ballater due to difficulty in raising a team for a Saturday fixture.

Issue stems from the previous round tie between Ballater and Aboyne being a month late in being played and has had a snowball effect. Ian intends to raise the issue at the leagues AGM.

**Next meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.15pm ( Paul Singer & Gary Pacitti  
apologies**