



## Portlethen Golf Club Management Committee Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Minute

**Present:**, David Fleming, Steve Lawrie, Ian Cruickshank, Tom Boyle, Stephen Cook, Jack Douglas, Ian Elmslie

**In Attendance:** Dino Becci,

**Apologies:** Denise Robertson, Raymond Cowan, Terry Kennedy, Scott Sinclair, Paul Singer,

### 1. Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were accepted as a true record.

Minute was approved, proposed by Jack Douglas and seconded by Tom Boyle.

### 2. Matters arising:

Match & Handicap: A Texas Scramble Open had now been scheduled for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October with a £50 per team entry.

Klaxon: A suitable electric horn was still to be sourced.

Trustees: Advise to be sought re responsibilities of trustee roles and possible indemnities to be looked at in regard to the constitution.

Greens: The matter of the piles of grass cutting left in certain conspicuous areas of the course had been addressed with the Greens Staff.

Finance and Admin: Subsequent to the last meeting and follow up budget meeting a formal offer had been received by the bank for an overdraft facility of £30,000. An offer of loan facilities had also been received from individual members. It was agreed to proceed with the overdraft facility.

### 3. Greens

Ian presented Neil' report.

#### GREENS:

I have lifted the height of the cut up to 4.5mm. This has been done for several reasons, but the main reason is to protect our investment, the 120kg of seed we have sown over the last 2 months.

On close inspection of the greens you can see the young seedlings in the sward. By increasing the height this just protects it more.

We have also have been doing some linear aeration.

We have some granular fertiliser to go down very shortly, this is a slow release product that will work away when the temperature is warm enough.

I am also continuing to spray the greens with turf hardners and micro nutrients, to help prevent disease.

## APPROACHES:

We have started to hollow core, scarify, overseed and top dress these areas.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> approaches have been cored, scarified and dressed then overseeded.

The plan is to do all the tees and approaches in the same manner. We will then apply a winter fertiliser to them.

## THE FAIRWAYS

These have had 1 pass of the root-knife to relieve compaction and aid surface drainage.

We are also block cutting them as the weather gets wetter and the ground gets softer this reduces the amount of turning that's required.

## THE ROUGH

This has all been cut down and the front 9 has been doubled raked and sprayed with laser. The back has still to be raked and sprayed, this will be done as soon as possible.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cut of rough has been taken from 3 inches down to 2 inches and will be kept short through the winter which will allow us to continue to rake it and refine it.

Winter work.

Bunkers, we have a few bunkers especially on the back 9 that are not deep enough. We may have to dig these out to allow us to put more sand in them.

Also we need to look at replacing the front right bunker on 11, this can be done by rebuilding it repositioning it further away from the green. My favoured option would be making a grassy hollow at the front of the green, this would allow a different shot to be played into the green. The other bunkers we need to look at is the 2 fairway bunkers at 13, the balls r running through the bunkers and sticking in the grass face. We need to re-shape the face to stop balls doing this.

Ian further reported that there is a need now to hollow core the 11<sup>th</sup> green as a result of locked in fertilised that due to the lack of daylight getting to this area has resulted in a slower release of nutrients that is ideal. This will hopefully be carried out next week.

David Fleming added that feedback from the recent alliance event had been excellent.

## **4. Match & Handicap**

In Terry's absence there was no report.

Congratulations however were noted to Scott and his Junior team for successfully defending their Scottish Junior Team Championship title at Kilmarnock Barassie. A fantastic achievement.

Arrangements for prize giving evenings were in hand.

## **5. House**

Steve presented his report.

The recent entertainment evening the 80's didn't have a good attendance but it had a decent return with bar takings.

We had a meeting with the agent about the bookings for next year's entertainment evenings it went well with a good mix of acts so hopefully they are received by the members.

It has been mentioned that in the past the entertainment evenings had a raffle during the evening and drawn at the interval this sounds like something to peruse and discuss

## **6. Finance & Admin**

Tom presented the report.

The continuous peaks and troughs of bar sales reared its head again in September after an excellent August. Bar GP reported a £5,000 shortfall for the month. With a few events booked in October we should at least see the target for the month met.

Green Fee income once again saw a dip compared to historic revenue for the month.

## **7. AGM**

Date was set for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

**Next meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.15pm.**