



Portlethen Golf Club Management Committee Thursday 13th January 2022

Minute

Present:, David Fleming (Chair), Stephen Cook, Gary Pacitti, Paul Singer, Ian Elmslie, Raymond Cowan, Steve Lawrie, Ian Cruickshank, Scott Sinclair, Hugh Murdoch

Apologies: Tom Boyle

In Attendance: Dino Becci.

A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of Andrew Keay, past President, who sadly passed away on December 30th 2021.

The Chair advised that Jack Douglas had decided to resign from the Committee since the last meeting. Gratitude for his time and efforts during his spell on Committee were noted.

1. Minutes of previous Meetings

The minute of the meeting held on 29th November 2021 was approved by Ian Cruickshank and seconded by Ian Elmslie.

2. Matters arising.

Pennant Teams Photograph: Still to be organised but in hand with Ian Elmslie.

Processes and information channels: For clarity this was confirmed as being an ongoing process and not a specific time bound project.

Simulator Room Hire: Paypal issues now resolved

EV Charge points: It was clarified that the action reported last meeting was simply to note an interest and that no further action would be undertaken without a detailed assessment.

3. Greens

Little additional matters to report as the tidying up processes after storm Arwen is still very much a work in progress.

We are down one greenkeeper as previously reported and we are actively trying to recruit to fill the gap.

The last of the Leylandii will be removed on 13 in the next few days so while machinery is on site the opportunity to clear the trees surrounding the irrigation tank is proposed to be progressed over this coming Weekend(15th/16th). This is an exercise that comes at no additional cost, if taken advantage of now, and is necessary to clear the area regardless of whether or not the proposed replacement tank goes ahead or indeed when.

The question as to when an uprooted tree between 13 and 14 was to be removed would be followed up.

It was also clarified that the measured mark was taken into consideration when the "step" on the newly built 11th tee was included in the final design

4. House

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Fibre broadband has now actually been installed and we simply await a new router.

Digitalboost grant has also now been awarded.

Covid hospitality grants have now been opened for applications which we have submitted.

We're planning a few events in the short term : a Scottish night on Friday 21st January, a High Tea on Sunday 23rd , which we hope to make a regular event and the usual month end carvery.

We'll also look to be doing a themed night on the second Friday of each month and a quiz night on a week night in February.

It was suggested that some tie in with the simulator Winter league nights ie food availability could be offered. This would be further explored along with targeting parents who are taking their children along to junior coaching.

5. Finance and admin

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Although only 2 months into the financial year it was noted that the variance in both Bar and restaurant GP figures from last year were quite considerable down. As was reported this was mainly down to there being no Christmas party nights this year plus the lesser VAT implications of 2020.

The income reported from the simulator room for Sundays just needs to be clarified.

6. Match & Handicap

Winter League is still progressing and being managed by Scott, unfortunately we have lost another four Saturdays since late-November which will greatly reduce the number of counting rounds to qualify for knockout stages – hopefully we will lose no more.

The 1st Draft of the Gents 2022 fixture list has been completed and will be passed to the incoming M&H convenor. The Ladies, Senior Gents and Juniors have been completed based on previous and 2021 (original non-Covid) fixture list but require to be reviewed and amended where possible by the Ladies, Seniors and Junior M&H responsible persons. The Gents team fixtures have been received and included.

The only real change proposed are the counting Saturdays for the Strokeplay Championship to allow it to be completed over a shorter period and hopefully allow more people to play – this however will need to be confirmed by new incoming M&H sub-committee.

A couple of events are still to be organised, the 2021 Prizegiving (proposed for March) and the Adult/Junior Pennant photograph which has already been discussed.

Stephen confirmed that he had decided not to re-stand in 2022 due to family and work commitments but took the opportunity to thank the M&H sub-committee (Scott Sinclair, Ian Elmslie, Elaine Stoddart and David Pocock) and Dino Becci for the assistance and support over the last few years and wished the next M&H Convenor (to be confirmed at the upcoming AGM) the best, hopefully he will not have Covid to contend with.

7. AGM

Committee

David Fleming thanked all current Convenors and Committee members for their efforts over the past 12 months.

Those remaining on Committee in their existing roles are David Fleming (Captain), Tom Boyle (Finance Convenor), Gary Pacitti and Paul Singer.

As previously reported Stephen Cook is standing down as Match & Handicap Convenor. Scott Sinclair has been nominated and stands unopposed for the role. Scott will also continue in the Junior Convenor role.

Stephen was thanked for all his hard work and efforts since taking up the post of Convenor and his time on Committee prior.

Steve Lawrie has been nominated for Vice-Captain and will be balloted along with Ian Elmslie who has been nominated to remain in post.

Hugh Murdoch has been nominated for Greens Convenor and will be balloted along with Ian Cruickshank who has been nominated to remain in post.

Steve Lawrie had been nominated for House Convenor but advised that he has decided to withdraw and therefore Raymond Cowan will remain in post as nominated.

Duncan Bonner has been nominated for Committee and will be elected unopposed.

Reports / Meeting Format

Committee reports will be sent to members tomorrow.

Questions require to be submitted by close of business on Thursday 20th January.

All attendees will be asked to preregister but access to the meeting will not be denied to those who have not as long as they are eligible to attend.

Report will not be read out but responses to any submitted questions will be by the relevant Convenor.

Proposed Resolutions

All 7 proposed changes to the Constitution were agreed on in their current format.

Members Proposals

Proposals submitted by a member along with a draft response outlining the reasoning behind the proposals not being of an acceptable format were discussed.

It was agreed that the response, which had previously been circulated to all present, should be reworded in a manner to encourage communications between Committee and members.

David agreed to undertake.

8. Other Business

Committee Minutes: Given the reputed issues of some members in accessing the members area of the website minutes would now be published in the Documents section of the members hub of V1.

Committee Papers: A request to forward any documents discussed at Committee meeting that had not been sent in advance to be forwarded to anyone not present at the meeting was noted.

Future Meetings: A request to schedule and fix dates of all future meetings was made, working back from the AGM date for 2023. Although always scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month this didn't always appear possible particularly toward the end of the year. Agreed and would be actioned.

Next meeting Thursday 17th February 2022 at 7.15pm