



**Portlethen Golf Club  
Management Committee  
Thursday 22nd July 2021**

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**Minute**

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

**Apologies:** Ian Elmslie, Jack Douglas

**In Attendance:** Dino Becci.

**1. Minutes of previous Meetings**

The minute of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June was approved by Gary Pacitti and seconded by Stephen Cook.

**2. Matters arising.**

Members disciplinary: carried forward

Captains e-mail address: No issues were found and e-mails being received okay.

**3. Greens**

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

The area at the front right of the 10<sup>th</sup> green was now marked as Ground Under Repair.

The area to the left of the 3<sup>rd</sup> approach being particularly dried out was raised as a concern and would be looked at.

Some Out of Bounds posts require to be reviewed and realigned.

Reports from some members that they were experiencing difficulties in getting themselves out of certain bunkers was duly noted.

Question was asked regarding weight and safety implications of new battery powered trimmer that was being operated without a harness. To be investigated.

Club has not adopted the local rule extending the use of preferred lies in bunkers, it was asked if any consideration could be given to reversing this decision. The decision was made not to reintroduce the rule and ball must therefore be played as it lies.

Last month It was agreed that the area to the right of the 4<sup>th</sup> pond to be left as a "Red Penalty Area" this would be extended to a "NO PLAY red penalty area" and a compulsory drop zone would be established.

**4. House**

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Window cleaning to be addressed as not been done for some time.

## 5. Finance and Admin

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

No questions raised but we will be starting to look at budgets very soon.

## 6. Match & Handicap

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Congratulations to Scott and the Junior Pennant Team for their League Championship success. The first time the club has won the league for 20 years.

Congratulations also to Clark Brechin on winning the District's Jaffray Cup.

We are represented with a strong contingent in the upcoming Scottish Amateur Championship. Good luck to all.

Matchplay events are running okay. A few extensions have been granted but those who have been allowed any extension won't be given extensions in later rounds should they progress.

It's not going to be our year in the Deeside league after all.

Pennant team continue to progress with a ¼ final victory over Deeside. Semi-final opponents not yet known but will be held at either Royal Aberdeen or the Links on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

We continue to see a number of errors in Match & Handicap administration, A review of processes to be undertaken by Dino with David Pocock.

A group photo of the junior pennant team to be arranged as well as redoing existing photos of previous triumphant club teams with names added.

## 7. Other Business

**Fog Ruling:** After recent events the starter to be reminded of the process and responsibilities.

Further clarity on the procedure when a competitor cannot continue his round for a legitimate reason ie dangerous weather conditions was discussed and defined as :

- If less than 10 holes completed then score is scrubbed.
- If 10 holes or more completed then net pars should be recorded for remaining holes plus one stroke for the first hole not played.

At the moment players would be expected to accurately input their cards to reflect this but Scottish Golf are developing a competition cancellation "button" that would automate this process.

**Score Cards:** With the continued easing of restrictions we will be returning to the original process of card marking ie cards to be exchanged with playing partners.

**e-mail:** An e-mail received and addressed to the Committee by a member questioning the reasoning behind Scottish Golf's guidance on rake and pin handling was read out and duly noted. No response necessary.

**Press & Journal** – Agreed to participate in annual "Golf for £15" promotion.

**General play scores** – "Black" tees to be disabled on system to dissuade their use for general score returns.

**Practice on the course** – The practice of solo golfers playing 2 balls during their round is deemed acceptable.

**Dress Code** – A reminder to be sent out to all golfing members of the expected dress code on the course.

**Next meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021**