



MINUTES

LADIES COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY 11th August @ 7pm

1. Welcome

Lorraine welcomed the committee to the meeting at 7pm

2. Apologies

Tammy Sebire and Anne Harper

3. Approval of May Minutes

Approved by: Karen Bradburn, Seconded: Kay Powrie

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Locker Room Update

The finishing touches have been completed with mirrors in the toilet area and locker room, hair dryer, clock, waste bins and tray for under the hand dryer, to prevent damaging the carpet. Self closer attachment to be fitted on the shower cubical door. A Lady member intermitted that the flooring in the toilet cubicles, to be upgraded. Following lengthy discussion, the committee deferred and will be reviewed at a later date.

Discussion on permanent pictures for the walls, the committee agreed that photographs from images of drone aerial photography, and events from the club to be selected for canvas.

Two invoices from accountant for money due to Golf Club from Ladies Locker Account with updated VAT recovery is outstanding.

Cookery book & Fundraising

- 32 recipes for the book have been submitted, bakery and dessert sections required. **Lorraine to action.**
- Rockhopper Comedy Club evening, for the Ladies section or the Club - £15.00 per ticket £5.00 for funds. Open license application required, enabling members and their guests to attend– **Lorraine to contact Jamie Tait** for more information, costing etc.
- Rag Bag Collection – The next collection Wednesday 27th **Lorraine to send out** email to members.

- Suggestion of a 100 square raffle at £1 a ticket, for a bottle Gin, to be sold at the County and Ladies Open. **Loraine to action** speaki to council for approval.

Ladies Outing

The ladies that attended the outing to Brechin on the 10th July all enjoyed a fabulous day of golf and their goodie bags. Play was an individual stableford and a Pink ball team event. A variety of prizes were won from donations from the committee, the organisers, Joanna D'Onghia, our Professional Mike, Grants Garage and Jaff's our caterer.

Waste Bins / Benches and Flags

A few waste bins and benches have now been placed on the course. A request to council for additional waste bins and benches to be placed at various tee boxes.

Loraine to action.

Flags are now allowed to be removed when putting, rakes and ball retrievers are also introduced. We are asked that the users sanitise their hands immediately after use.

Ladies Opens

Ladies Foursomes, 13th August has attracted 86 ladies for all over all Britain. Loraine, Heather and Karen inputting the entries and scoring on the day. Many ladies have volunteered on the day and their help are greatly appreciated.

County Vet's, Monday 6th Sept. Mary Robertson and Heather MacKenzie are overseeing this competition.

County Open, Thursday 9th Sept. Val indicated only 24 ladies had entered, although hopefully more would enter nearer the time. Val will do the draw on the 7th Sept. Tee times are from 8:40 – 13:00 and 14:30 - 15:40, unfortunately no evening times allocated, due to light. Volunteers are required. The committee will hold the 100 square and raffle on the day.

Ladies Open, Saturday 11th Sept, 13 entries to date. Tee times run from 9:00 – 14:00. Committee request raffle prizes and volunteers for these events.

Golfing Beginners

Loraine spoke to Mike regarding the group of ladies, who attended his beginner classes. He has emailed them, offering further classes. Once they're comfortable on the course, the ladies on the committee have offered their support to take them out for 9 holes.

Club Flyers

Flyers have been circulated around the area, Introducing the Aboyne Summer Golf Pass. The Summer Pass is valid for 3 months from 1st July to 1st October for £199 per adult, £350 per couple and £125 for students. Encompassing unlimited play, with 5 day advance booking, use of all the practice areas and entry into non-silverware competitions. Allowing an option to upgrade to a full member running to January

30th 2023, paying the yearly subscription and enjoy 16 months for the price of 12 months.

The package is still available from the 1st August for 3 months.

Members are encouraged to distribute the flyers, which can be picked up from the Pro shop.

Package also includes a Social Membership, to those who wish to dine at Jaff's at Aboyne and enjoy 10% off food and drink, and all the club's entertainment.

5. Reports

Captains Report

The Ladies Section travelled to Brechin Golf Club on Saturday 10th July for their annual outing. It was a fabulous day, nice weather and ending with a lovely meal, I would like to thank three members of the Ladies Committee, Kay Powrie, Heather Campbell and Maureen Craigie for organising such a great event. Many thanks also to Mike Kinloch, Jaffs, Finzean Farm Shop, Grants Garage and the Ladies Committee for donation of prizes.

The new format of a combined Pro's/Captains Day was a great success with 27 Ladies playing, the Frances McColl Trophy was won by Maureen Craigie with a score of 39 stableford points.

Aboyne hosted The Royal Deeside Classic on the first day of the week-long event with almost 170 players. The event was wonderfully organised and was sponsored by Visit Scotland, thank you to Nigel Bradburn for his time and effort resulting in a fabulous tournament. Many thanks to all the Ladies who stepped up as volunteers on the day. Congratulations to our own Heather Campbell for achieving runner up spot in the Ladies Event which attracted 46 competitors from all over the country. Carmen Griffiths claimed the biggest win of her successful career when she beat Hamilton's Katie Graham 4 & 2 in the final of Scottish Girls' Amateur Championship at Strathaven.

Karen Bradburn is travelling to Kirriemuir Golf Club on 17th August to represent Aboyne in a Captain/Vice Captain invitational. I would like to wish Karen good luck and I am sure it will be great day networking with many Club Captains and Vice Captains.

Competition Report

July brought the arrival of summer to Aboyne with glorious warm and sunny weather. The course was looking in great shape thanks to our skilled team of green keepers. The greens have recovered after the winter frosts and are now running smoothly again, so no excuses for poor putting now. All good things come to an end and torrential rain forced us to cancel the Walker Cup Stableford on 28th July. This has now been rescheduled to Wednesday 25th August. It was very unfortunate for Heather MacKenzie who came in with an impressive 37 points in very challenging playing conditions.

The competitions have been well supported this month with exceptional golf played throughout both divisions. The Wednesday competitions were well attended with

an average of 16 players in the silver division and 12 in bronze. The Janette Wright Trophy attracted 31 ladies, and with weather conditions superb showed 8 ladies playing below par. Well done to Kay Powrie and Heather Simpson who came in with a net 67 and 65 respectively in the Jeanette Wright Trophy, the trophy going to Heather. Also congratulations to Kelly Mackintosh who came in with 43 points in a Stableford.

We congratulate Maryla Sime with her impressive gross score of 75, going out in Par 35 and back in 40, in the first round of the Eclectic Brooch. Her handicap index now reads 8.7. Well done Maryla.

Handicap Secretary

Nothing to report

Treasurer

Locker Room Fund	£813.31
General Fund	£2593.85

TOTAL £3,407.16

Friendlies Co-ordinator

Nothing to report.

Opens Co-ordinator

Nothing to report

County Representative

Lyon Foursomes were played on the 2-3rd August. Eight teams participated. Our Aboyne team of Zibby, Carmeen, Heather and Joanna played Hazlehead on them Monday. Despite their best efforts Hazlehead beat them.

Hazlehead went on to win on the Tuesday beating Banchory in the final.

Aboyne County will be on Thursday the 9th of September.

6. Club Championship

Our Club Championship to be played on Saturday 28th August.

This year both the scratch and handicap divisions will play in both the silver and bronze divisions.

The committee was informed that the format of the championship shouldn't be altered until the AGM and no bronze handicap should be played. The committee having followed the "Guidelines of Aboyne Golf Club" Ladies Section 2016; we agreed that we encourage all our ladies to enter and therefore as 8 ladies played in the bronze division, both scratch and handicap division would be played for silverware. Two new trophies have been allocated for the bronze handicap division. 4 referees will oversee the final matches from 14:30. We welcome all lady members to join us for coffee/tea and scones in the club house afterwards, for the presentation.

The three year trial of the new Club Championship format is due to be reviewed before next season. The committee to revisit the format prior to the Ladies AGM, and will post in the locker room 6 days beforehand.

Suggestion – send out a survey / data gathering – simple questions to ask their thoughts for their comment and suggestions -**Tammy to Action**

7. Ladies v Swannies

Swannies match on 1st September, format 2 ladies against 2 gents. Soup and sandwiches meal afterwards to be halved.

8. Social Events

Social Committee, organising many events, including re-instating the monthly quiz, comedy night, music night by Gary Grant and his band. Jaff's are to hold Party Night's both for the members and the public.

Deeside Dart League will be using the club during the Winter.

Ladies Opening of Upgraded Locker – information and date to be confirmed.

9. Council Update

With the relaxation of Covid – 19 restrictions, the postponed AGM will be held in the Club House on the 7th Sept. Council will be updating members on all matters.

Members are encouraged to support our bar and our caterer Jaff's.

Discussions were held whether members of Kippie Lodge would be able to use the facilities at Aboyne Golf Course and Club, while their 9 hole course being unplayable.

Healthy income from green fees during July and projected for August. Much of the income has been generated from the Club Flyer.

No more golf course reciprocal agreements for this year. List of participating clubs are on the website.

Council are holding a Silent Auction and many other funds raisers to generate income which Council and Finance Committee will discuss the allocation of funds raised.

Council have approved that the signage on the course, adequate to inform walkers.

10. Correspondence

None

11. A.O.C.B.

Registration for the Open's will be in the office, with the inputting of scores upstairs. Carmeem Eakin brought to our attention that the Competition report from the June minutes, recorded her Handicap Index incorrectly, we apology. We have now recorded in the August minutes the Competition Report from June to read:

Competition Report - June 2021

We are all pleased to, at last, experience some warm and sunny summer weather. Hopefully this will help see the course return soon to its usual excellent condition

and will encourage even more lady members to participate in the Wednesday competitions. On average, there were 12 ladies from division 1 who played on Wednesday and 12 in division 2. On average, 5 ladies played in the 9-hole competition. This number may drop slightly in future as most of the evening players are now playing 18 holes.

The number of ladies playing on Saturday's are on average 8 in the 1st division and 8 in the 2nd division. These ladies consistently are playing in both Wednesday and Saturday.

It was a welcome return to summer greens and a counting competition on Wednesday 2nd June, with some impressive scores being posted. The Fun 4's competition last month was a great success with 10 teams participating in the even which was won by Maureen Wilson and Alison Reid with a score of 37 points." Saturday the 5th June was the first round of the Club Championship which attracted 7 ladies. 2 ladies from the second division played extremely well, playing below par and have reduced their handicaps. Judith McCaffery had a nett 69, reducing her Handicap Index to 20.8 and Heather Smith had a nett 70, reducing her Handicap Index to 24.8.

Seven ladies also played the SGL Medal, with Carmeen Eakin playing extremely well with a below par round of nett 66, reducing her Handicap .

13.Date of Next meeting

15th September 7pm

Meeting Closed 20.15