



Portlethen Golf Club Management Committee Thursday 26th May 2022

Minute

Present: Ian Elmslie (Chair), Raymond Cowan, Scott Sinclair, Gary Pacitti, Ian Cruickshank, Paul Singer, Hugh Murdoch

Apologies: David Fleming, Tom Boyle, Duncan Bonner

In Attendance: Dino Becci.

1. Minutes of previous Meetings

The minute of the meeting held on 21st April 2022 was approved by Raymond Cowan and seconded by Gary Pacitti

2. Matters arising.

Match & Handicap: It was confirmed that signing-in to competitions via sheet in Pro shop, via PSI terminal or via mobile phone APP are all valid methods.

3. Finance & Admin

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

4. Match & Handicap

The recent Texas Scramble Open went very well with some very positive feedback about the course and having an official starter on the first tee.

The Club Championship draws have been done and issued. All those who had qualified for both scratch and handicap events were asked to confirm their participation in both before finalising. Only 1 declined the opportunity to play in the handicap event while another "qualifier" opted out of both due to future work commitments.

Matches in all other knockout events seem to be running to schedule.

There has been no feedback from the donors of the Keltie Trophy so a decision on the future of the trophy/event will have to be made for next season.

It was clarified that members could not win 2 separate trophies from the same round of golf ie Galvin Cup and Shield.

A report on no shows would be presented for the next meeting.

No show by TOGA on Thursday 19th May to be followed up.

Starter to be reminded that in the event of spaces within the ladies Saturday slot equating to 4 or more that tee times are to be aggregated to allow the earlier of the slots to be freed up.

5. Greens

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Options as to what the long term plan for the felled area to the left of 13 were highlighted on the report and need to be agreed upon for planning purposes. In the meantime the area needs to be addressed with regard to playability. Course manger has been instructed to remove the last of the white stakes bordering the fairway and the area in question and marking the area (that currently lies within Out of Bounds) as Ground Under Repair. We will confer with the PGA during the Northern Open for some suggestions as to what to do in the interim ie leave as Out of Bounds/ Red Penalty Area/ Blue staked area.

The area between the 10th green and 11th tee needs to be tidied up and we are waiting for more bark to be available to continue with this task. As with 13 we will take advise from the PGA as to whether a drop zone is needed behind the 10th green.

The area around the new water tank has been tidied of scrap metal but still needs to be cleared of other debris.

The irrigation system is now back up and running.

Unfortunately, we had a hydraulic oil leak from one of the older machines while cutting tees just today. Tees affected are 1-5 hopefully with the correct treatment visible scarring will be short lived.

We are experiencing the usual increase in seed head production for this time of year which are affecting the greens. We did try a new product on the greens this season to counter this but we're not very impressed with the performance. We will try reducing cut height if there's no improvement shortly.

There was some machine damage to the front of the 17th green as a result of the dry ground conditions.

Greens convenor still not satisfied with overall condition of the 6th fairway after the work undertaken there last year and will look at it in more detail.

It was asked if the area approaching the bridge at 6 could be considered as being deemed Ground Under Repair as was very bare and unduly penal to anyone who may end up there. To be looked at further.

Despite the significant increase in fuel costs the current heights of first and second cuts of rough should be maintained as before to ensure the course retains its playability and enjoyment to members and visitors alike.

6. House

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

The recent ABBA night was a great success.

It had been noted that the ladies locker room was being wedged open. To be addressed with the Ladies section.

Next meeting Thursday 16th June 2022 at 7.15pm