

## Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 1pm

### 1 Welcome

Carmeen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Taylor and Karen Bradburn

### 3 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January were approved by Val Bruce and seconded by Tammie Sebire

### 4 Matters arising from Minutes

- Carmeen again emphasised the need for continuity and to continue encouraging others to join the committee
- Tammie indicated that all individuals involved in handicap adjustments have been notified of changes to handicaps apart from Jennie Mackie for whom there are no contact details. A letter notifying her will be left on the locker room board.
- An update on costs for providing food for friendly matches is still to be received from Karen.
- Preparations for County Open are ongoing. Val will check if maximum handicap for entry into the Opens is still set at 36.
- Poster for Daily Mail competitions is ready.
- The notice boards require to be cleared ready for the start of the season.
- Mary Burgess and Elizabeth Rose have entered themselves into the Daily Mail Foursomes and have received a bye in the first round.
- Maureen Craigie has decided not to enter the Scottish Golf Medal Finals and Loraine has agreed to check on the next eligible entrant and see if they want to enter.
- New labels for the Committee photos in the locker room have been done (amendment required to Loraine to include 'Competition Secretary').
- Get into Golf workshop was attended by Carmeen and Loraine.
- Committee photograph has been taken and uploaded to website.
- Lynne Steven has agreed to organise the Pennant League as in previous years.
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### 5 Reports

- Captain's Report

At the Council meeting on 4th February it was reported that efforts are continuing to rent out the cottage with several viewings planned. The caterer is to meet with the bar manager and Social convenor to plan the next few months. The plans and feedback thereon for upgrading the club lounge area were discussed and it was agreed to proceed with furnishings and redecoration subject to a maximum budget. Finance convenor continues to work towards minimising regular running costs.

As a fundraising idea I suggested to Council that ladies could use the half way house to sell refreshments at club Opens. There were no objections to this.

On 13th Feb Loraine Logan and I attended the Get Into Golf Workshop run by Scottish Golf. She will report briefly on this. I have discussed with Fraser and hope to develop ways to help ladies and also girls transition from Get Into Golf and Girls Golf Hub to eventually becoming members. We would hope to provide gradual steps to them playing regularly and then join as a member.

I have updated the information which now appears on the Ladies' section of the member's part of the website. The Concise Guide to fixtures has been revised. In the fixtures section I have compiled and included only Ladies' fixtures for 2020.

NB A Ladies' medal will be held on Wed 3rd June which was omitted from the club's fixture list.

A photo and details of the new committee has also been uploaded.

Now that this part of the website is available to members only again the up to date minutes of meetings are available there too.

I am still working on updating the information for new members.

I have also brought the ladies' records of prize winners up to date. I have put up new photographs of the 2019 Club Championship. A hardback book of handwritten Trophy Winners and a green A4 ring binder file containing printouts of prize winners up to 2019 is now in the cupboard in the locker room.

With the coffee morning approaching I have put up a poster in the locker room and put a notice on ClubV1 to advertise it. I am assured that work on the club redecoration will not begin until the week after our coffee morning.

#### Outing

Having contacted various clubs and liaised with committee I have arranged for the outing this year to be held at Brechin Golf Club on Sat 11th July. Liz has paid the deposit of £180. A poster with all information and a sign up sheet will be needed for the Coffee Morning. Further plans can take place nearer the time.

#### Fundraising

I ordered and received more bags for the Rag Bag collection. A date for the next collection has been arranged. This will be on Wednesday 8th April.

We need to plan when to use the half way house to sell refreshments at selected Opens. (I cleared this at Council meeting).

#### - Competition Secretary

April and May fixtures have been uploaded to Club V1 and the rest of the season will be added in the next week.

The Calendar of the Ladies fixtures is completed and ready to hang in the locker room.

Judith and Lorraine Scott have entered themselves for the Regional Medal Final on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Deeside , Maureen has not yet entered so I will send her a wee reminder. Entries are limited to 156 (total for both male and female) so better to book her place soon.

- Handicap Secretary

Ladies affected by the Handicap Review have been notified of changes apart from Jenny Mackie. A letter will be posted for her in the locker room. Tammie tabled her summary of the VSM presentation by Scottish Golf which she attended in January (attached).

- Treasurer

Nothing to report.

- Friendlies/Opens Coordinator

Nothing to report.

- County Representative

Nothing to report. The County fixtures have not yet been published but Val will have these for the Coffee Morning.

## 6 Opens 2020

A list of all Opens was included in the previous minutes. This should now include an Open Individual Stableford on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Carmeen indicated that she would be away for the Ladies Foursomes on 7<sup>th</sup> August and requested a volunteer to take charge of this event. Tammie agreed to take this on.

## 7 Fundraising

It had been suggested previously that the Halfway House be utilised for refreshments during some of the Open competitions over the course of the season for fundraising purposes. Loraine had researched the need for a Hygiene Certificate and reported that this was not necessary providing a good level of hygiene is maintained. A sign up sheet would be needed for volunteers both to provide baking and to man the Halfway House on the day.

Proposed Opens for this are:

Mixed Open on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Senior Gents Open on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Other days could be added later in the season depending on the success of this fundraising effort.

Other fundraising suggestions included: craft evening towards Christmas; a Par 3 competition with a social event to follow; putting competition at the Coffee Morning similar to what was done at Christmas Dinner but with a small charge to enter; raffle to win a voucher for theatre tickets; donations from Lady Members.

Loraine suggested that as the Council is not providing any financial assistance to the Ladies Section toilet refurbishment per se, perhaps the bar and ticket profits on one of the club social evening could be directed towards the Ladies Section Refurbishment project. Loraine agreed to put this proposal to Council at the next meeting. ACTION: LORAINÉ

It was agreed to run a raffle for theatre vouchers at a value of £50. This is to be run over the first 3 months of the season. Susan agreed to produce a sheet for people to enter the draw to include their name and phone number. This is to be ready for the Ladies County Open. ACTION: SUSAN

## 8 Coffee Morning

This will be held on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and has been advertised on ProV1 and in the Ladies locker room. Ladies will be responsible for buying their own refreshments. Sign up sheets need to be prepared in advance and forwarded to Carmeen to add club logos and print off

Friendlies sign up sheet – Karen

Competition Fees will be collected by Loraine and receipts issued (£20 for 18 holes and £6 for 9 holes).

Golf View and Watt Duffus sign up sheets – Val

Match Play – Singles and Doubles sign up sheets – Carmeen

County entry forms – Val

Flowers Rota – Liz

On the day one committee member will be required on the door to do labels, 2 committee members will be required to take competition fees and write receipts, one to take deposits for outing, one for County fees, one for Friendlies sign up and one to sell tickets for raffle.

Susan suggested involving other lady members to help with the admin work at the coffee morning if required. Carmeen to ask Jackie and Nancy.

Committee members will provide raffle prizes Arrive 9am to set up in good time.

## 9 Outing

Carmeen will produce a poster for the Outing. ACTION: CARMEEN

The cost of the outing for golf and food is £45 and it was decided prizes should be funded out of existing funds. Val suggested that lift shares to the outing venue should be encouraged and included as an option on the poster for ladies to sign up for if

required, as this may encourage more ladies to attend. The format will be individual Stableford with a team prize, longest drive and nearest the pin.

#### 10 Newsletter

Carmeen and Loraine will do this after the meeting. No additional items received for including.

#### 11 Get into Golf

Carmeen and Loraine attended the recent Get into Golf workshop at Murcar Links on 13<sup>th</sup> February. This workshop focused on introducing new people to the game with the main focus being on women. Findings are that generally ladies will not just walk into a golf club on their own and start the process of playing golf and membership. They tend to do that with a friend. Loraine summarised the main points of the workshop with an illustration of how Get into Golf was tried at Glencorse Golf Club in Edinburgh. The main points from that were:

- A request was put out to members for donations of golf clubs they no longer used, this had the purpose of avoiding a huge outlay to buy clubs when they were just starting.
- Open Day where ladies could sign up for group coaching
- This was heavily marketed in the surrounding areas.
- Existing lady members came along to these coaching groups with the purpose of helping the coach, more attention to participants and getting to know the lady members. A buddy system was also formed so that the new ladies had a contact, coffee together at the clubhouse after coaching, etc.
- WhatsApp group formed.
- After coaching package complete it is important to keep this going and not lose the ladies at this point so the ladies were offered a monthly membership for the rest of that year as and when they wanted it. The purpose of this was continuity as it is a huge step from a coaching session to full membership. This membership category was at restricted times. Existing lady members would go out on the course and play a few holes with the new ladies.
- Monthly Ladies' evening.
- There is funding available from Scottish Golf to help with equipment.

Carmeen is in discussion with Fraser regarding the best way to take this forward at Aboyne and suggested that Women's Golf Day might be a suitable platform. Carmeen to continue liaising with Fraser but any initiative will require club wide involvement. ACTION: CARMEEN

#### 12 Social

Loraine is continuing to work on the social calendar. Steak nights are taking place monthly. A quiz night will take place monthly with the first scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> March and a Band night is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

13 Ragbag

Additional bags have been received. The date for collection of the bags is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Carmeen issued a notice on Club VI which was distributed to all members. Ladies are to be reminded of this fundraising initiative at the coffee morning.

14 Suggestion Book/Correspondence

A poster has been received electronically from Kintore advertising a Ladies 3 Person Texas Scramble on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020 costing £8 per person.

Carmeen is to send a card on behalf of the ladies to Maureen Wilson. ACTION: CARMEEN

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16 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm