



Portlethen Golf Club Management Committee Thursday 21st January 2021

Minute

Present: David Fleming, Stephen Cook, Scott Sinclair, Tom Boyle, Jack Douglas, Denise Robertson, Ian Cruickshank, Paul Singer, Steve Lawrie, Raymond Cowan

Apologies: Ian Elmslie

In Attendance: Dino Becci.

1. Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 17th December 2020 were accepted as a true record.

Minute was approved, proposed by Ian Cruickshank and seconded by Paul Singer.

2. Greens

There was no formal report presented.

The ongoing works around the 4th and 5th ponds were discussed as was the creation of a maintenance area within the tree compartment adjacent to the 6th.

Concerns were raised as to the growing scope of work being undertaken ahead of other critical projects. The opportunity to undertake some of the urgent works, noted in last months report, while machinery and manpower was on site was too good to miss and needed to be addressed.

It was suggested that the "wish list" document that was created last year be revisited and circulated prior to next month's meeting with a view to putting some order of prioritisation on projects. Data will be gathered with regard to material losses being washed away from the current storage arrangement and presented.

3. Finance & Admin

Little to note for month 2 of the financial year.

Moving forward, all Restaurant and bar staff are now on furlough and obviously revenue from this area will be effectively zero for at least half the month of January.

A small timing difference in the delivery of some greens materials is the only salient point on the costs.

3 questions surrounding finance have been received for the AGM.

4. Match & Handicap

Stephen presented his report

Unfortunately due to Lockdown 2.0 (or is it 3.0) the Winter league has been put on hold for now, awaiting further guidance from the government and Scottish Golf, it is likely to be a number of weeks until we can restart and we are going to have to review the number of qualifying weeks and depending on available weeks also review how many pairs progress to

knockout stages, we clearly have a deadline of the 20th March to complete the Winter Series prior to the season start on 27th March. We shall advise the membership further in due course.

The M&H committee did discuss changing the Winter Series to Sat & Sun qualifiers but felt that this could cause issues later on as potentially counting rounds over a weekend could be played on different holes and different greens and even the possibility of closure one day and open the next or vice versa – therefore the decision was made to postpone – it also aligns with the Scottish Government and Scottish Golf advice that we should only leave the house for essential exercise and therefore not have competitive golf.

With regards to the Prize winner list for 2020 I am still awaiting confirmation of the winners of the non-Howdidido results (Greensomes, Thomson Mixed, Bill Lamb Memorial, Winter Sunday Eclectic, Westland Trophy, etc.) however I would hope this list can be sent out ASAP, I have had a number of queries regarding us congratulating competition winners without actually advising who won competitions other than the club championships.

The final draft of the fixture list for 2021 was distributed to the committee last month and has been accepted (based on no negative feedback) – Dino will require to update to include for the recently announced Norther Open which will impact a few midweek competitions, but this can be distributed to the printers for the fixture books – if we feel we are confident enough to print at this stage.

The Northern Open impacts some club matches (Aberdeen Pennant, Deeside League, Seniors match) however the relevant Team Managers are in contact with leagues to either reschedule these matches. However it may still be possible, once discussed with the Tartan Tour, to still play these matches in evening as planned – this will be confirmed once agreed.

It was agreed that it would not be necessary to print fixture list booklets this year. A pdf version to be made available to members.

A lengthy discussion regarding Junior participation in the Winter series culminated in an agreement to retain this year as is and review and set specific rules in more detail for next season.

5. AGM

Members questions and proposed responses were distributed.

Committee reports also distributed.

It was clarified that the Convenors themselves would address questions directed to their department.

6. Other Business

The matter of a member who has been actively posting derogatory comments on social media was discussed.

It was agreed that this should be treated on a formal basis and a disciplinary sub-committee be formed to action the process.

A sub- Committee of Ian Elmslie, Ian Cruickshank and Steve Lawrie would undertake.

The member is currently working overseas so should be contacted on his return.

Next meeting Thursday 18st February 2021