



**Portlethen Golf Club  
Management Committee  
Thursday 17th March 2022**

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**Minute**

**Present:**, David Fleming (Chair), Tom Boyle, Paul Singer, Raymond Cowan, Duncan Bonner, Scott Sinclair, Hugh Murdoch, Gary Pacitti

**Apologies:** Ian Elmslie, Ian Cruickshank

**In Attendance:** Dino Becci.

**1. Minutes of previous Meetings**

The minute of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was approved by Raymond Cowan and seconded by Tom Boyle

**2. Matters arising.**

None that won't be covered in the course of the meeting.

**3. Greens**

No report was available this month due to staff health issues the background of which were explained.

Work to remove the roots from the felled trees by the roadside at the 10<sup>th</sup> tee was currently in progress with fence erection and hedge planting to immediately follow.

The replacement of the water tank and pumphouse were also underway.

It was suggested that a drop zone be added in the area directly behind the 12<sup>th</sup> green which has been marked as GUR. This would be addressed.

**4. House**

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

We hope to have a discussion with the entertainment agency we use in the coming weeks and have some form of schedule pushed through shortly.

**5. Finance and admin**

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Total marginal costs of the damage caused by the recent storms will be in the region of £7,500.

The question was asked if there were any plans to reduce spend in other areas in a bid to recover these costs. No specific reductions were targeted, if we are to retain the quality of product offered, but we are already ahead in certain income streams ie green fees as well as an up coming VAT rebate that would significantly reduce the impact of this episode.

## **6. Match & Handicap**

Scott Sinclair joined the meeting at this point.

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

The pennant teams photo will need to be re-organised. David/ Ian Elmslie/ Scott to liaise.

Overall disappointment in the turnout for prizegiving was voiced and a call for perhaps a different format. Any ideas welcome.

Opening day bookings will go live for 5 & 6 day members from Friday at 7pm.

It's unlikely that we'll be moving onto Scottish Golf VMS for competition admin this season so we may have to review how and if we decide on gents order of merit and most improved awards.

Information regarding the Senior Northern Counties event for which we had received an invite had been distributed after last months meeting. It was agreed that given the recent expenditure incurred by the club as a result of the storm damage we simply can't justify the addition expense at this time. The event organizers would be notified.

An e-mail had been received by a member suggesting disqualification for those submitting 18 hole scores for 15 hole Winter events. The matter would be reviewed during next Winter season to ascertain whether indeed it was an issue but, to clarify and contrary to the member's implication the practice is not a breach of the rules of golf. The member in question would be advised of the decision.

An order for scorecards needs to be placed. Before doing so were there any changes needed? The only comments were the order of Handicap Index/ Course Handicap/ Playing Handicap on the card which differs, in order, to what appears on screen when signing into competitions. It was decided that cards should just remain as they are. No other changes were required.

With the opening of the academy course imminent and after a successful fundraising campaign it was proposed to offer 100 free memberships, subject to a £5 admin fee, on a first come first served basis. Membership would of course be limit access to the academy course only. Proposal was agreed to on provision that any promotional material clearly stated that this was a club initiative aimed at bringing more participants into the game.

Invitations for entry into pairs and Cordiner Trophy events via How-did-I-do will be sent out shortly.

## **7 Other Business**

### Slow Play:

One particular member has been subject of complaints, although none formally, on numerous occasions. In the first instance we will continue to monitor with a view to taking him aside for a chat should issues persist.

### Committee

After discussion it was agreed to make the membership aware of Committee spaces available and invite those who may have something to offer to step forward.

An announcement would be incorporated into the upcoming Captains newsletter.

**Next meeting Thursday 21st April 2022 at 7.15pm**