

**Spean Bridge Golf Club**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014**  
**Spean Bridge GC Clubhouse**

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next AGM.

**Apologies:**

Catherine Anne Munro, Calum Coltart, Sheila Cameron, Julie Fraser, Ian Graham, Jacqueline MacPherson.

**AGM 2012 minutes**

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were circulated and approved, proposed by Mary Robson, seconded by Gordon Brown.

**Committee Report**

The President began by thanking all the office bearers and committee members, volunteer stewards and Junior coaches for their contribution last year, and in particular, Willie Atkinson, Ken Dalziell and Donnie Swanson for their work in providing a really well maintained course, and the ladies who helped in catering for various events.

The Third Tee path improvement had not been completed, due to heavy rainfall and soft ground, but work on it will continue slowly.

In order to protect golfers on the Second Green, a bell warning system is now in place and trees have been thinned to improve line of sight. The garage was painted by volunteers, and a shed has been built to take the clutter from the clubhouse.

The Highlander Cup was cancelled due to bad weather. Our Open Day was also cancelled because of lack of entries.

The Club outing to Killin GC was a success.

Communication with the membership has been improved with committee agendas and minutes being posted on the new notice board and on the website.

The President said that his personal priorities for the coming season are improvements to the Sixth Green, fairways' drainage generally, paths and bridges, and the planned practice putting green.

The president thanked Gordon Brown for his work with the Junior coaching. Gordon is handing this over to Alan Reid. He noted the successes of our Ladies in various outside competitions and thanked Aeleen Campbell for her contribution as Ladies Secretary. He also thanked Harry Campbell for the work he has done in recent years in establishing our Senior Open. The Committee will take over this responsibility this coming season.

Club membership numbers have fallen in recent years but competition is still at a high standard.

The President also expressed his and the club's sadness at the deaths of members David McCook and Jimmy Kearney.

**Treasurer's Report**

Alan provided audited accounts. These include a healthy bank balance, although about £6,000 has been spent since October when our financial year ended.

Heating and lighting cost more last year because an adjustment had to be made as we had been undercharged in the previous year.

The Club has not yet been recompensed for the cost of repairs to the clubhouse water system, although the Forestry company did promise to do this.

Alan noted that the majority of Scottish clubs have phased out their concessionary subscriptions.

**Ladies' Section Report**

Aeleen reported that the ladies held their normal Monday night 9 hole competitions which resulted in a grand total of £168.00 for 2013, deducted from this was the hire of the minibus for the Blair Atholl outing (£50) and £8.95 for the engraving of the Interclub Trophy (Tray) leaving the current balance at £109.05.

They had two outings last year, their usual Newtonmore in August where they were unable to get a driver this year so car share was the order of the day. Aeleen Campbell was second in the silver section, Trisha McIvor was first in the bronze section and Katherine Anne Munro was first in the veteran section.

The other usual outing was to Blair Atholl where they managed to have Mickie McGuire as driver, for which Aeleen thanked him again. Jenni Collins was overall ladies champion with Aeleen Campbell winning longest drive.

Some of our ladies took part in the Dalmally Ladies Open which was held towards the end of the season and once again they had a winner, Trisha McIvor, who was overall ladies champion.

Mixed doubles winners were Trisha McIvor and Kevin Fraser who now have their names on the new trophy donated by Marine Harvest and organised by Julie Fraser.

The Interclub was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at Fort William Golf Course. Fort William won on the day with Spean Bridge second and Arisaig third. 2014 will see the Interclub being held in Arisaig.

Membership was generally about the same as previous year. They are unfortunately losing Jenni Collins this year, her husband has been moved back to Edinburgh due to his work.

Sadly there was no response as to Spean Bridge Golf Club holding the first Ladies Open so this has been scrapped for the time being.

## **Senior Section**

This was a very successful year, with numbers on Tuesdays sometimes exceeding those on Sundays.

The Tuesday League was won by Colin Davidson, with Archie MacDonald second. About a dozen seniors submitted ten or more score cards as well as competing in the senior medals.

The Gents Senior Open was well supported by our own members as well as visitors from Traigh and elsewhere., and was won by Charlie Marshall from Fort Augustus. Langan & Smith must be thanked for the main sponsorship, and Ian Skinner and Brian Bellwood also got sponsors from other businesses. At this point Harry announced that he was handing over next season's organisation to the committee. He went on to thank everyone for their support in his two years as Captain.

## **Junior Section**

Allan is to take over from Gordon. Thanks to Gordon for all the work he has put in developing the Junior section and especially the Wednesday coaching sessions which have been very successful, with adults attending as well as Juniors. We have had some very promising young golfers this season with great success by Padraic McNeill in particular.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

Ken Dalziell resigned from the post of Hon. Secretary. John Muncie was proposed by Harry Campbell, seconded by Aeleen Campbell.

Colin Coltart now becomes Captain with David Langan as Vice Captain (proposed by Ken Dalziell, seconded by Scott Graham).

Alan Reid continues as Treasurer (proposed by Harry Campbell, seconded by Willie Atkinson).

Willie Atkinson continues as Handicap Secretary (proposed by Ken Dalziell, seconded by Colin Davidson).

Tricia McIvor becomes Ladies Secretary (proposed by Aeleen Campbell, seconded by Mary Robson)

Ordinary committee member vacancies were filled by Ken Dalziell (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Alan Reid), Jim Paterson (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Gary Martin), and Angus Morrison (proposed by Alan Reid, seconded by Colin Davidson).

All of the above candidates were elected unopposed.

## **Green Fees 2014**

David Langan proposed raising standard subs by £10 and abolishing concessionaries, but failed to get a seconder. Harry Campbell proposed a £10 rise for standard and concessionary subs (seconded by Willie Atkinson). Kevin Fraser proposed a £10 rise for standard subs and a £15 rise for concessionaries, the rest unaltered.

Kevin's motion received a majority vote and was thus passed. Standard subs will be £130, and concessionaries £100.

There was further discussion on the possible abuse of the guest fee and it was agreed that the existing rule that members are limited to six guests per season should be extended by the committee so that any particular guest may not play on more than six occasions.

## **AOCB**

- Kevin Fraser asked for the latest information about the water supply. The filters were damaged in the late summer by algae when the burn was very low. It also appears that the club has not yet been recompensed by the Forestry company for the damage caused by them earlier in the year.
- David Langan queried the value of repairing some equipment, asking whether it may be more appropriate to lease it.
- Charlie Donaldson proposed renaming the XXX Cup to the David McCook Cup. This was agreed.
- Charlie Donaldson proposed a joint Rugby Club, Spean Bridge GC Texas Scramble competition and this was agreed.
- Colin Davidson proposed a constitutional change: "that the AGM shall be held before the end of February." This was seconded by Joe Robson and was agreed by a majority vote.