

Spean Bridge Golf Club
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 9th December 2015
Spean Bridge GC Clubhouse

AGM 2014 minutes

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were circulated and approved, proposed by Ken Dalziel, seconded by Colin Davidson.

Apologies

Harry Campbell, Aileen Campbell, Joe & Mary Robson, Ian Graham, Kevin & Julie Fraser, Calum Coltart, Catriona Smith, Tommy Laggan, J.P.Menardi.

Committee Report

The President reported that the club had a fairly successful year. Three committee members had stood down for personal reasons: Angus Morrison, Calum Coltart, who was replaced as Captain by David Langan, and Ladies Secretary Tricia McIvor who was replaced by Aileen Campbell.

We had a number of successful competitions, and thanks were due to all who helped with these events, both members and members wives.

On-going competitions and activities included the Winter Leagues and the Seniors Tuesday league. The Ladies had very successful entries in other clubs' opens and inter-club matches, and the Junior section had a good season. However, the Men's Sunday competitions were disappointing in respect of turnout, although there were late signs of improvement.

Course condition was generally very good and thanks for this are due to Willie and Ken. Improvements were limited. Two bunkers were added but there are problems with the type of sand used. The practice putting green is well under way, and a contractor has been employed to work on paths and tracks during the winter.

A Kawasaki Mule has been bought to replace the Quad. Storage is now an issue – a new garage is required.

Treasurer's Report

Allan produced a balance sheet and an income & expenditure report for our last financial year, which ended on October 31st. Income was up a little on the previous year but expenditure was much heavier, due to several large bills associated with course maintenance and equipment repairs. Nevertheless, our bank account was still in a healthy condition.

The Financial Report was approved, proposed by John MacLellan, seconded by Donnie Swanson.

Ladies' Section Report

Aileen reported that the ladies held their normal Monday night 9 hole competitions from which there remains £92.70 in the kitty. Turnout for the Monday evenings from July onwards was better than for the Saturday mornings.

The turnout for the Ferguson Cup and the Club Championship was extremely poor, with only three ladies with sufficient cards for the Championship and only four ladies for the Ferguson Cup. The medal competitions had vastly more ladies competing.

We had two outings this year. At our usual Newtonmore visit in August, we weren't as fortunate with prizes as last year with Aileen only winning nearest-the-pin. The other outing was to Blair Atholl, with thanks to Catriona Andrews for driving us. We had a great day, but no winners this time.

Some of our ladies took part in the Dalmally Ladies Open which was held towards the end of the season and once again Spean Bridge had the winning team of Trisha McIvor, Katherine Ann Munro and Virginia Millen.

Mixed doubles winners had a poor turnout but had to be organised at very short notice after we lost Tricia as secretary, replaced by Aileen. Only four teams took part, with Sheila Cameron and Kenny Dalziel winning.

The Interclub was held on the 10th May at Traigh Golf Course. Spean Bridge won on the day with only a point in it, Fort William second and Arisaig third, again with only a point in it. 2015 will see the Interclub returning to Spean Bridge in May.

Membership was generally about the same as previous year.

The first Hookers & Swingers competition in memory of Davy McCook was held in June, as a Texas Scramble with two rugby players and one golfer per team. It was very well attended and the day's donations were split between Junior Golf and Junior Rugby, each receiving £400.

The Texas Scramble held for the shinty team had a lower than usual turnout but was still successful with over £800 going to the shinty club. Thanks to all who helped in the bay, kitchen and golf course.

Senior Section

Harry Campbell reported another successful year with good numbers on Tuesdays and Fridays, frequently exceeding those on Sundays.

Ten seniors have completed ten or more cards this season, making this section the most active in the club. Thanks are due to John Muncie, who kept the score board up to date.

Our Gents Senior Open was well supported by our members and also attracted golfers from other clubs, including eight for the Isle of Skye GC and six from Traigh GC. Thanks to sponsorship by David Langan and Victor Smith, the event was a financial success, and thanks also to Williw, Ken, Rose, Virginia and John.

Junior Section

Approximately 20 Juniors came along to the coaching course, and a dozen took part in the George Carson Cup competition, won by Padraic McNeil (gross 37).

We need volunteers prepared to attend the two-day course plus disclosure procedure.

Election of Office Bearers

Colin Davidson was re-elected as President (proposed by John MacLellan, seconded by Sheila Cameron)

John Muncie was elected a Secretary (proposed by Sheila Cameron, seconded by John MacLellan).

Kevin Fraser was elected as Vice-Captain (proposed by David Langan, seconded by Ken Dalziel).

Ordinary committee member vacancies were filled by John MacLellan (proposed by David Langan, seconded by John Muncie), and Donnie Swanson (proposed by Jim Paterson, seconded by Sheila Cameron).

All of the above candidates were elected unopposed.

Green Fees 2014

It was decided to keep the 2015 fees and subscriptions the same as in 2014.

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- John MacLellan raised the ongoing issue of the Second Green. It was agreed that this should still be planned but have a lower priority than paths and tracks.
- David Langan suggested having a fixed calendar of committee meeting dates, and we agreed to try this.