

Spean Bridge Golf Club
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 25th February 2017
Spean Bridge GC Clubhouse

AGM 2015 minutes

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were circulated and approved, proposed by D. Cameron, seconded by A. Reid.

Apologies

Ian Graham, Ken Dalziel, Catriona Smith, Sheila Cameron, Katherine Anne Munro, Jean Kennedy.

Committee Report

The President reported that the club had a challenging year.

Thanks are due to Willie, Ken and Donnie for their work on the course, when rain often made cutting difficult.

Membership was reasonably healthy but turnout at Sunday competitions was poor. There was no Junior Section because of the lack of suitably qualified adults.

Thanks are also due to all those who helped at both our Open and our Senior Open, which both went well. Galen's auction was a great success as was the Cairo Raffle.

Well done to the team and helpers when we hosted the Highlander Competition in probably its last year in the present format.

The Ladies are to be congratulated for winning the Inter-Club Competition for the second year running.

As to the course, no major works were done, but the greens soil was analysed, the greens were tined and a chemical rebalance was undertaken. A contractor has been approached to lime the fairways. Drainage must be the priority in the coming year.

A laptop has been bought along with software to link the club to the SGU central database, and Willie will be using this for handicapping from now on.

Treasurer's Report

Allan produced a balance sheet and an income & expenditure report for our last financial year, which ended on October 31st. Our bank account was still in a healthy condition, with a profit this year of £2655 compared to a loss of just over £8000 the year previous. This is mainly due to the hard work of several members in the organising of open days and the very successful auction of golf rounds, at various courses, organised by Galen Dalziel. Thanks to all who helped out.

Our income was slightly up due to fundraising, though our green fees and membership income were both slightly down. This is a trend of the last few years. We now have very few junior members, which to me could possibly be more worrying for future membership.

Our only major expenditure was a 4x4 buggy which will be used for course maintenance. It was £1800.

Repairs and renewals were down due to this year not being a service year for the greens mower. Everything else was pretty much on a par with the last year.

The Financial Report was approved, proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Aileen Campbell.

Ladies' Section Report

Aileen reported that the ladies held their normal Monday night 9 hole competitions from which there remains £143 in the kitty. .

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

We had two outings this year, Newtonmore and Blair Atholl.

Mixed doubles winners had to be rescheduled from August to October, due to lack of entrants, but in the end there were

six teams and an excellent day had by all.

The Interclub was held on the 9th May at Spean Bridge. Spean Bridge won for the second year in a row, Fort William second and Arisaig third.

Membership was generally about the same as previous year.

The second 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 approximately £400.

The Texas Scramble held for the shinty team had a lower than usual turnout but was still successful.

Thanks to all who helped in the bay, kitchen and golf course for both competitions.

Senior Section

Harry Campbell reported another successful year with good numbers on Tuesdays and Fridays, frequently exceeding those on Sundays. We had one outing, to Newtonmore GC, and also eight seniors travelled to Traigh and Sconser for their senior opens.

Ten seniors have completed ten or more cards this season, making this section again 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 four from Traigh GC, with others from Dumbarton and Lochgilphead golf clubs. Colin Davidson was the winner. Thanks to sponsorship by David Langan and Victor Smith, the event was a financial success, and thanks also to Willie, Colin Scooby, Rose, Virginia and John.

We could boost our numbers by reducing the qualifying age from 55 to 50, a possibility worth discussing.

Thanks are due to David Langan and Victor Smith have sponsored the competition for the last five years and we are now looking for another sponsor.

Green Fees 2016

It was decided to keep the 2016 fees and subscriptions the same as in 2015.

Election of Office Bearers

Alan Reid was re-elected as Treasurer for one year only (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Kevin Fraser)

Galen Dalziel was elected as Vice-Captain (proposed by Kevin Fraser, seconded by Colin Davidson).

Willie Atkinson was elected as Handicap Secretary (proposed by Harry Campbell, seconded by Colin Davidson).

Aleen Campbell was elected as Ladies Secretary (proposed by Tricia MacIvor, seconded by Virginia Milne).

Ordinary committee member vacancies were filled by Jim Paterson (proposed by Colin Davidson, seconded by Alan Reid), and David Langan (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Colin Davidson).

All of the above candidates were elected unopposed.

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- Harry Campbell thanked David Langan and Victor Smith for their Senior Open sponsorship. He said that the club is now looking for new sponsors for this.
- Toby Richardson drew our attention to the availability if required of an aerator and coring machine.
- The difficulty in getting a quorum for the AGM was discussed.
- Galen agreed to look into sponsorship.
- David suggested employing someone to maintain the paths throughout the year.
- Paying subs directly to the club's bank account was suggested.