

**Spean Bridge Golf Club**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 27th January 2018**  
**Spean Bridge GC Clubhouse**

**AGM 2017 minutes**

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were circulated and approved, proposed by T. Richardson, seconded by K. Dalziel.

**Apologies**

Ian Graham, Colin Davidson, Pat Davidson, Aeleen Campbell, Prue Russell, Gary Martin.

**President's Report**

Colin was not present but had sent a written report.

He noted the huge adverse effect of the rainy weather this season, reducing visitor numbers, postponing or cancelling competitions, and making work on the course difficult and dangerous at times.

He said that the committee had been very ambitious in buying a new rough cutter and the correct sand for the bunkers, as well as hiring machines and buying material to drain the ground near the first Green. These decisions had a positive effect on the quality of the course. The downside of this was the pressure on our finances, worsened by repairs needed for all our machines. Willie and Ken did well in these circumstances.

Club competitions were poorly attended and Colin suggested modernising the gents program with new formats.

Colin drew our attention to Scottish Golf's possible hugely increased membership fee. He then thanked everyone who had helped in the running of the club.

The President's Report was approved, proposed by O. Walmsley, seconded by J. MacLennan.

**Treasurer's Report**

Harry produced a balance sheet and an income & expenditure report for our last financial year, which ended on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our bank account was still in fairly healthy condition, but we showed an annual deficit of £280.16 for 2017 compared to the previous years income & expenditure deficit of £686.90. The accounts were again audited by Lochaber Accountancy Services.

The club was supported by sponsorship from a number of local businesses.

Subscriptions and green fees were both down on the previous year, putting pressure on our finances, added to by spending on machines and repairs.

Harry went on to recommend increases in fees, leading to a standard fee of £140 for gents, ladies, and £120 for seniors with a plan to bring the seniors fees in line with other adult fees within 2 years time.

The Financial Report was approved, proposed by T. Richardson, seconded by A. Reid.

**Ladies' Section Report**

Aeleen reported that the turnout for the Ferguson Cup and the Club Championship was again extremely poor, with only a few ladies with sufficient cards for the Championship and the same for the Ferguson Cup. The medal competitions had vastly more ladies competing. Medals are now held at any time on the Saturday with a Thursday as an alternative day.

There is £129.60 in the kitty from the Monday night competitions. A deposit of £10 per person went towards the Christmas night out for the regular Monday night players.

The Winter League was awful, with only one day being played, because of the bad weather.

There were two outings, Newtonmore and Blair Atholl, but Aeleen was unable to report on these since she was unable to attend them.

Mixed doubles had to be rescheduled and was played over only 9 holes.

The Interclub was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August at Traigh, over 9 holes in a force 9 gale! Fort William won, with Arisaig second and Spean Bridge third. It will be held at Spean Bridge this year on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Membership dropped slightly this year.

The fourth 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 £200.

The Ladies' Section Report was approved, proposed by T. Richardson, seconded by W. Atkinson.

## **Senior Section Report**

Harry Campbell reported a challenging year due to the extremely poor weather but senior numbers held up, apart from the monthly medals. The League was won by Gordon Brown.

For the first time since it started in 2009, the Senior Open was cancelled, after two postponements, due to bad weather. Roddy Campbell sponsored the event and has allowed us to hold onto his money for next year.

Harry thanked all the seniors for their support. He also recommended that seniors' subs should go up in two or three stages to equality with those of ordinary members.

The Financial Report was approved, proposed by O. Walmsley, seconded by D. Swanson.

## **Green Fees 2018**

It was decided to increase the standard sub to £140, with concessions at £120 and visitors green fees at £15. Proposed by T. Richardson, seconded by O. Walmsley.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

Brian Smith was elected as Secretary (proposed by Harry Campbell, seconded by John Muncie)

Aeleen Campbell was elected as Ladies Secretary (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Harry Campbell).

Willie Atkinson was elected as Handicap Secretary (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Toby Richardson).

Jim 'Scooby' Paterson was elected as Clubhouse Convener (proposed by Willie Atkinson, seconded by Toby Richardson).

It was suggested that Gary Martin (not prest) should be co-opted to fill the ordinary member vacancy. He will be asked about this.

All of the above candidates were elected unopposed.

## **AOCB**

- Alan Reid asked about the current state of the machines. The greens mower is waiting to be checked.