

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

AGM 2016 minutes

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were circulated and approved, proposed by T. Richardson, seconded by D. Swanson.

Apologies

Catriona Smith, Colin Davidson, Pat Davidson.

Committee Report

Course Development

The Secretary read the Committee Report, thanking Willie, Ken and Donnie for their work on the course.

Ken cut back a lot of rough and scrubby trees and Colin hired a chipper, clearing a lot of the branches and tidying up some parts of the course. We still lack suitable bunker sand.

We bought a fairways mower – £6,500 – in order to get work done more quickly.

Phil built a new trolley storage shed, and a keybox was installed at the back door.

The long-standing water supply problems have been solved with thanks due to Ken in particular for this.

Membership

Membership stands at 120 at the moment, including 30 who joined in the Spring half-price deal.

The numbers playing in Sunday competitions continued to be low compared to the Tuesday Seniors numbers, and the Club lacked a Junior Section. It is hoped that Galen and Padric will get it going in 2017.

Williw was thanked for his first year running the computerised handicap system with its link to Scottish Golf.

Competitions, events, etc.

Aeleen and Gary were congratulated as the new Club Champions.

Numbers were down for the Open, but Galen was commended for getting us sponsorship and auction prizes.

Harry was thanked for making the Senior Open its usual success, as was Aeleen for the Hookers & Swingers and the Camanachd Texas Scramble.

We had two outside hires of the course, the Highland Council ECS President's Cup in July, and also the stag do organised by Jason Hendrie.

The Committee Report was approved, proposed by D. Swanson, seconded by A. Campbell.

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 fairly healthy condition, but with last year's income & expenditure balance of £2655 compared to this year's deficit of £686.90.

Our income was slightly up from green fees but our membership income was slightly down, with a total of 120 members.

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

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

Alan did not think a rise in sub fees was needed.

The Financial Report was approved, proposed by T. Richardson, seconded by G. Martin.

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 £183.40 in the kitty from the Monday night competitions.

There were two outings, Newtonmore and Blair Atholl.

Mixed doubles had to be rescheduled from August to October again, and was then cancelled..

The Interclub was held on the 30th April at Fort William. Fort William won, with Spean Bridge second and Arisaig third.

Membership was generally about the same as previous year.

The third 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 due to Fort William Golf Club changing their day out, but was still a success.

Senior Section Report

Harry Campbell reported another successful year with good numbers on Tuesdays and Fridays, frequently exceeding those on Sundays. We went to Sconsar for their Senior Open and to Traigh for theirs.

Our Tuesday League finished with Gordon Brown and Archie MacDonald on the same number of points..

Our Gents Senior Open went ahead in bad weather. It was won by Alan Kerr from Dumbarton GC with Willie and Colin running him close.

Thanks to everyone, especially John, Rose, Virginia, Skooby, Colin and Willie.

Green Fees 2017

It was decided to keep the 2017 fees and subscriptions the same as in 2016.

Proposed by Gary Martin, seconded by Aeleen Campbell.

Election of Office Bearers

Colin Davidson was re-elected as President (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Toby Richardson)

Galen Dalziel was elected as Captain (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Gary Martin).

Alan Reid was elected as Vice-Captain (proposed by Aeleen Campbell, seconded by Gary Martin).

Harry Campbell was elected as Treasurer (proposed by Jim Paterson, seconded by Aeleen Campbell).

Ordinary committee member vacancies were filled by Ken Dalziel (proposed by John Muncie, seconded by Galen Dalziel), and Pat Davison (proposed by Aeleen Campbell, seconded by Mary Robson).

All of the above candidates were elected unopposed.

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- Gary Martin suggested that Sunday competitions should start at 8.30am with flexible booking. This was discussed with no conclusion.
- Galen Dalziel volunteered to organise coaching.