

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15th May, 7.30pm, in the Clubhouse

Present: Colin Davidson, Ken Dalziel, John Muncie, Aeleen Campbell, Willie Atkinson, Sheila Cameron, Allan Reid.
Apologies: Callum Coltart, David Langan, Harry Campbell, Stuart Steele.

The minutes of the previous meeting had earlier been circulated to members. After no objections were received, they had been published on the clubhouse notice board and on the website.

1) Senior qualifying age equality.

At the moment, men qualify for senior membership at 65 years, but ladies do so at 60 years. We decided that there should be a single qualifying age, 65 years, but since this will need a change to the constitution, it will be an item for the next AGM.

It was made clear that the Senior Open should be recorded as the "Gents Senior Open" in all club documents.

2) Sponsorship.

The sponsorship of course signage has not been revised for several years. Harry organises this, but he was unable to attend this meeting. It was decided to pass this to him for action.

3) Water supply situation.

Ken reported that the water supply is now in working order and we are awaiting an inspection by Protective Services. **UNTIL IT PASSES THIS INSPECTION, IT MUST NOT BE USED FOR DRINKING WATER.** Warning notices have been placed in the Clubhouse. Ken had a meeting with Mr Bak, the forestry manager, and his company have accepted full responsibility for the damage to the supply and will bear the costs of the repairs.

4) Course improvements report.

Callum and Stuart, the Greens Committee, were not here, so there was no report. However, we discussed various aspects of the poor drainage in certain areas.

A trench has been opened on the First fairway and it was decided to leave it open for the next few weeks in order to find out what effect it is having. If it is working, it may well be left open as a permanent feature.

The possibility of hiring a coring or slitting machine was discussed and Allan will investigate this further.

The bridge on the Seventh will have its handrail repaired.

Possible sources of topsoil, sleepers and stone chips were discussed.

5) Clubhouse report.

Jim Paterson was not able to be present. He has already suggested some changes in locker room organisation.

6) Financial report. Greenkeepers' contracts.

Allan reported on the current situation which was satisfactory, given that subs were fixed at a late date this year.

Greenkeepers' contracts were discussed and Colin agreed to see the relevant person with a view to formalising aspects of his contract.

A.O.C.B.

Aeleen reported that the Ladies Open on 1st June has been cancelled.

It was decided to give Neil Fraser, outgoing president, life membership. It was also decided to hold a mixed Texas Scramble in his honour on 1st June.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th June, at 7.30pm