

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 9th March, 7.30pm, in the Clubhouse

Present: Colin Davidson, John Muncie, Ken Dalziel, John MacLellan, Jim Paterson, David Langan, Kevin Fraser, Donnie Swanson.

Apologies: Allan Reid, Willie Atkinson, Aeleen Campbell.

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.

Matter arising.

It was decided not to have Sunday meetings and to arrange the dates of future meetings as we go along.

The new scorecards have arrived and will be used from the beginning of the new season. The flyers will be distributed to local businesses and to the Fort William Tourist Office.

1) Fairway drainage.

It was agreed that new measures are needed to improve drainage. The Seventh is the most in need, and David suggested a long open drain there. After much discussion, Colin agreed to consult a professional, and to research the purchase of a verti-drainer.

Donnie proposed investigating the situation over the coming season in order to pinpoint problem areas, with a view to taking action on these from October onwards.

2) Fund raising.

The club has been offered possible fund raising project prizes – a holiday for two in the Cairo Hilton, and a four ball at Royal Dornoch. This led to a general discussion of the purposes and methods of fund raising.

Several members felt that any fund raising project should have a clearly stated specific aim, such as the purchase of a verti-drainer, not just for the general benefit of club finances.

Kevin spoke strongly for having a race night and will research this further. It could be held at Tradewinds where they are experienced in arranging these. Some were concerned that the club on its own might not attract enough people to such an event, so another possibility is to cooperate with another club, perhaps the Rugby Club, and have a joint evening.

Other possibilities mentioned included a corporate day, a barbecue, a poker night, and a silent auction.

The discussion was broadened to include ways to attract younger members. It was decided to hold four pre-season Friday evenings, April 10th, 17th, 24th, and May 1st, for open, scratch competitions. Entry fee will be £3 and will fund a small prize for each evening. Detailed organisation will be arranged at our next meeting. It is hoped that this will attract people, particularly younger people, who will join the club.

Date of next meeting: Monday, March 30th, at 7.30pm.