

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 13th July, 7.30pm, in the Clubhouse

Present: John Muncie, Allan Reid, Donnie Swanson, David Langan, Kevin Fraser.

Apologies: Colin Davidson, John MacLellan, Jim Paterson, Ken Dalziel, Aeleen Campbell, Willie Atkinson.

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.

Matters arising.

No reply from Rigby Taylor has been received. We have decided to try to find a nearer supplier of suitable bunker sand.

Correspondence.

More posters had been received from other golf clubs, advertising open competitions and these have been pinned on the notice board.

Competition results for the last two months have been sent to the Lochaber News, along with a photo of the Cairo Raffle winner's presentation by J.P. Mainardi.

1) Open Day, McCook review, Financial review.

Allan gave us details of the income from Open Day, including entry fees, catering and bar income, Four-Ball Auctions and the Cairo Raffle. These figures are available on application to Allan. Altogether this income was well above the disappointing figures for the previous two years. The McCook competition was also very successful financially with half the balance going to the Rugby Club and Half to our own club.

We had 56 bookings for Open Day with 52 actually playing on a fairly wet Saturday. This figure is in line with the bookings we used to have before the poor numbers in the last two years and is, hopefully, a return to normal.

We discussed the format for next year's Open Day. It was suggested that play should extend over three blocks instead of the present two, in order to allow an earlier start which at least 8 golfers wanted this year: possibly 7am – 8.30am, 10.30am – 12.00pm, and 2.00pm onwards.

It was also felt that we should incorporate more 'fun' events and have an evening social activity, such as a barbecue with live music.

2) Competition arrangements: Senior Gents Open.

Harry has told us that he has the organisation well in hand. The only help which he is asking us to provide will be to clean the clubhouse the day before and to arrange the raffle.

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- Aeleen has asked for men to play in the Mixed Doubles.
- A computer link to the SGU handicap database was discussed. Newtonmore GC was suggested as an example of good practice. How it could be done in our clubhouse, with no telephone connection, may make this more complicated. John undertook to research this, contacting Newtonmore, Redcat and the software firms.
- Course improvements were discussed, in particular the paths.
- The Club Outing will be to Blair Atholl on August 15th. We thought that the basic price should include the cost of the minibus, so long as there are seats available in it. This would discourage members from using their own cars and so contribute to the socialising nature of this event.
- The clubhouse layout was discussed. A possible improvement would be to close the door in the gable, keeping it as a fire door, and so making people use the front door.

Date of next meeting: Monday, August 15th, at 7.30pm.