

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 18th August, 7.30pm, in the Clubhouse

Present: Colin Davidson, John Muncie, Ken Dalziel, Willie Atkinson, Donnie Swanson, David Langan, Kevin Fraser.

Apologies: Allan Reid, John MacLellan, Jim Paterson, 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.

Matters arising.

John reported that the Lochaber News had printed our recent competition results but not the Cairo raffle photograph, although it was sent twice. One of the names of those in the line-up was not known the first time, but even then the photo could have been cropped.

Correspondence.

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

1) Competition arrangements, etc.

This item was broadened from the agenda description of "Senior Gents Open arrangements".

It was decided to have a presentation at the AGM to those who have been stewards on a regular basis all season in order to recognise their contribution to the club.

It was felt that the Camanachd Club should contribute more in return for their competition day, probably 50% of the green fees.

Sponsorship of competitions was discussed and it was decided to have no more this season but to reorganise it next season, to be discussed at a later meeting. David suggested Corporate Days as a way to increase income.

The Senior Group are to be asked to provide the raffle prizes for the Senior Gents Open.

2) Financial Report.

Allan was unable to attend the meeting.

4) Computerisation issues.

John reported that he had researched this and thought that an offline system would be cheapest and most practical. Kevin said that the trial version of Handicap Master had been used at the previous Sunday's competition. He and Willie thought that it had gone well and that it had great potential for our club. It is used by Fort William and Fort Augustus GCs.

It was agreed that we should buy a licence for it, but Willie said that he would prefer to wait until next season to start using it. The 45-day trial period can be extended to another 45 days, so it is likely that we will buy a licence in January.

John was asked to buy a laptop, budgeting approximately £300.

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- Aeleen notified us that the Mixed Doubles has been cancelled.
- Ken and Frenchie were thanked for having once again repaired a leaking water pump. Colin suggested asking Filpumps about a maintenance contract. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting.
- Ken said that the fairways need liming, so we will research machinery prices and other possibilities. Allan will be consulted about costs. The bunker sand issue was also discussed: Kevin said that someone should be employed to maintain the bunkers and paths.
- Willie's per-hour contract will be reviewed.

- It was agreed that we need a greens mower, tees mower and a ride-on mower.
- Kevin has booked the course for next July 19th or 20th for the HCECS President's Cup.
- John drew our attention to reports that signs of wild boar have been seen in the forestry above the course.

Date of next meeting: Monday, September 21st, at 7.30pm.