

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 1st March 2016, 7.30pm, in the Clubhouse

Present: John Muncie, Colin Davidson, John MacLellan, Jim Paterson, Ken Dalziel, Galen Dalziel, Kevin Fraser, Aeleen Campbell.

Apologies: David Langan, Willie Atkinson, Allan Reid.

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

Galen Dalziel and Padraic McNeil will be doing the course to qualify for Junior coaching this year, so that we will be able to offer Junior coaching sessions in 2017.

1) Priorities for 20 16.

The discussion of this topic was widened to include what had been on the agenda as “Advertising and marketing” and “Hotel guest membership”.

It was agreed that the club needs to attract new and younger members. John MacLellan suggested an introductory subscription fee for new members under 25 years old. There was general support for an introductory discount but several of the committee thought that it should apply to all new members. After some discussion, John announced he was going to resign from the committee because he felt that his views of how we should proceed were very different from the majority, but that he would continue to be a strong supporter of the club. It was then decided to offer a 50% discount to new members from now until the end of May. This would not be available to any previous members.

Aeleen offered to produce a poster to advertise this. There would also be publicity via the website and Facebook.

2) Sponsorship.

It was decided to put this back on a firm footing, with approaches to be made to existing sponsors and to prospective sponsors, John to draft a letter for this. Galen later offered to handle the whole sponsorship matter, including the letter.

3) Financial report.

Allan was not able to attend but emailed a summary of the financial situation. This is satisfactory and includes a major purchase, the new fairway mower.

4) Bunker issues.

It was agreed that the main problem is the type of sand needed and that we should keep the bunkers as GUR while we try to source this. Colin agreed to do this. We are also going to try lining the face of the bunkers.

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a) Kevin said that the Cricket Club have asked for a donation for a raffle. We agreed to give them a 4-Ball round voucher.

b) We agreed to the Highland Council ECS having their President's Cup here on July 29th.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th April, at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.