

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 12th April 2016, 7.30pm, in the Clubhouse

Present: John Muncie, Jim Paterson, Ken Dalziel, Kevin Fraser, Aeleen Campbell, Willie Atkinson, Allan Reid.

Apologies: Colin Davidson, Galen Dalziel, David Langan.

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) Financial report.

The 50% introductory scheme is going well with 14 new members so far.

An offer has been made for the gangs mower but a very low one. Allan recommended that we refuse it and keep the mower as long as we have the tractor.

Club funds are as expected at this time of year with about one third of subs having been paid.

2) Water supply.

The supply failed again ten days or so ago. The pressure vessel burst after a blockage on the water inlet at the top tank. John phoned Brian Bellwood about the feasibility of a gravity-fed system and Brian came up and checked it over with Ken. Ken has now successfully run a pipe from the top tank to the clubhouse. The water is still going though the filters and all seems to be well. More work needs to be done to make this permanent but it looks as if we can avoid the kind of problems which we have had in recent years.

3) Sponsorship.

Galen was unable to attend the meeting to report on this.

4) Course development.

Bunkers.

Ken has now finished facing the bunkers with astro-turf. It was agreed that the prices quoted for sand were unacceptable. However, Kevin has found a possible source of washed sand and this will be investigated.

Path improvements.

George Bryson was asked by Colin in March to give us a quote but has not done so. Aeleen will contact him about this.

Fairway lime.

Colin asked Strone Farm about this in October but they were unable to proceed at that time as their equipment would have damaged the rain softened fairways. John was asked to contact them again and get a price for the job.

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- a) Spean Bridge Toddler Group have asked for a donation for a raffle. We agreed to give them a 4-Ball round voucher.
- b) Edinburgh Woollen Mill asked Colin for permission to put a mannequin in the clubhouse to promote a range of golf clothes. The mannequin appeared two days ago. Aeleen is to contact them to clarify matters regarding possible sponsorship and discounts.
- c) Jim drew our attention to the dozen or more poo bags in the rough near the 8th fairway. This is clearly not acceptable.
- d) We agreed with Jim that those using clubhouse facilities for tea and coffee should clear up properly and replace the cups in the cupboard.
- e) We agreed to Jim's request to cooperate with the Haggis Festival.
- f) Jim pointed out that the shed built last year was too full of clubs and other equipment to allow space for working. He suggested building a new shed.

Next meeting: Tuesday 31st May, at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.