

Members Liaison Committee

Annual General Meeting

9th Nov 2019

Apologies

1. Captains Report

Gordon Smith welcomed all attendees and opened the meeting. Gordon then went over his report for 2019 highlighting the various events held at Craigiellaw and around the area, also all of the matches played home and away and thanked all team managers and players for their efforts.

Gordon congratulated Grant Forrest on securing his European Tour Card and also wished Gabrielle Macdonald good luck on trying to qualify for the Ladies Tour.

Gordon thanked the greenstaff for all their hard work over the season he felt the course had been in excellent condition as well as the pro shop team including Jonathan Porteous for their help during his Captaincy.

2. Changes to MLC

Gordon informed the group that Hector MacLean and Duncan Thomson were standing down from the MLC and their positions would be filled by John Murdoch and Rodney French.

Gordon introduced Evlyn Raistrick and then handed over the Captaincy to Evlyn.

Evlyn thanked Gordon for his time as Captain and welcomed the new members onto the MLC. Evlyn went on to say that in her time as Captain she wanted to find out what members wanted from the club and noted that there were already a good number of agenda items for the MLC to deal with and she looked forward to discussing and progressing these points. Evlyn also informed the group that she would like to re visit the events at the club and make sure they are current and popular as well as looking at ways to make the members lounge as good as it can be.

3. Open Floor

Gordon McSorley asked if there could be a board at the 1st tee noting key information on course etiquette. DS confirmed we were in the process of renewing signage and would look at this. GM also asked if consideration could be given to some shotgun starts in the winter that way more people could play at a time that suited. DS said this had been suggested before and it was not taken forward but would be discussed again. GM asked if there were any plans to introduce an astroturf line on the range. DS said he was not a fan of these but consideration would be given to concrete pads and mats similar to the South links, this would be dependant on wear and tear/usage. GM commented that he thought the work completed on the South Links to lengthen the course was good, ER said that the Par 3 tournament held this year saw the biggest entry and was a fun evening. GM also praised the new bunker raking regime and the 2 round qualifying for the club championship.

Chris Higgins asked about the penal Standard Scratch Score and asked if anymore could be done. DS informed the group that the club had asked Tom McKenzie (original architect for Craigiellaw) to visit and review the course with one of the topics to focus on how to soften the course and try to produce a course with a similar or shorter length but with a more favourable SSS. DS also commented that with the new World Handicapping being implemented in Nov 2020 this should see a balancing of course ratings. CH also suggested carrying tubes of seed and soil to fill divots to help the green staff, DS said this was something that was being looked at by Jonathan Porteous and we

are currently looking at bags or tubes to carry the seed/soil and would trial this. CH then asked about Kilspindie Members using the range, specifically if Kilspindie contribute to the range operation. DS informed the group that the use of the range by Kilspindie members was a trial and would be reviewed at the end of March 2020, statistics are kept on usage etc and DS confirmed that Kilspindie would be willing to contribute to any additions to the range and members of Kilspindie pay for range balls. There was then a discussion on who has priority on the use of the covered bays, this is to be monitored and rules of use considered.

Rodney French asked if the Winter Foursomes could be changed into a Fourball event RF felt this was the reason there was a low entry this year. DS said as the current Winter Foursomes was underway the MLC would discuss and action any change for the next event in the winter of 2020.

Kay Lannin asked if any work would be done to the ditch at the 11th hole. DS said that this was one point that the course architect Tom McKenzie would be looking at and details would be circulated.

Donald Palmer asked if the Paragolfers had been a benefit to the club. DS said that whilst there were now 3 members using the units and a couple of visitors had used the units it had not been a great benefit. DS confirmed that recently clarification on the ownership had been made and the units had been serviced which would hopefully allow for a clearer way forward for the use and promotion of the units.

4. AOCB

There was no AOCB.

Evlyn Raistrick closed the meeting.