

Members Liaison Committee

Annual General Meeting
2.00pm Saturday 6th Nov 2021

Apologies

1. Captains Report

E. Raistrick welcomed all attendees and opened the meeting. E. Raistrick explained that the meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Members Liaison Committee and gave a brief summary of the proceedings.

E. Raistrick noted that the Captain's report had been circulated prior to the meeting, and it is hoped that this is an accurate review of the year it was also noted that the report had been fact checked by team managers, staff etc. Team managers and staff were thanked for their input into the report.

From the report special note was made of the amazing successes by individual members and the various teams throughout the 2021 season despite the difficulties created by the pandemic.

2.Changes to MLC

E. Raistrick informed the meeting that two of the current MLC members were to stand down. G. Smith will stand down however will stay junior convenor, G. McGill will also stand down. E Raistrick thanked them for all their work and support over her term as Captain.

G. Smith said that E. Raistrick's term as Captain had been a difficult one with lockdowns and restrictions, but he felt that E. Raistrick had made a huge effort to support the various teams and he wished to note that E. Raistrick was Captain in one of the most successful years ever and this should be something to be proud of.

E. Raistrick then informed the meeting that one new member would be joining the MLC, G. Dalziel. E. Raistrick welcomed him to the group and thanked the remaining MLC for agreeing to stay on as members.

E. Raistrick then passed over the Captaincy to Vice Captain J. Murdoch.

J. Murdoch thanked E. Raistrick, staff at Craigielaw as well as Wemyss and March Estate for giving him the honour of being Captain.

3. Open Floor

G. McSorley noted that in the 2019 AGM minutes a discussion had taken place about signage at the 1st hole. J. Murdoch said that there were plans to change the layout of the 1st tee area and signage would be part of the change. D. Scott said that on course signage was being looked at and replacement or new signage will be dealt with soon. There was then a discussion on course etiquette especially pitch marks. D. Scott said a lot of effort had gone in over the years to reduce the amount of pitch marks and noted that all players should try to repair a couple of pitch marks per green. G. McSorley said that the issues of practicing on the South Links was also causing wear and tear. D. Scott said that staff were increasing visits to the area.

C. Davidson asked if any thought had been given to expanding the size of the back tees and levelling them out. J. Porteous confirmed that this was in the general improvement plans.

G. McSorley asked about the figure of 8 bunker preparation so there was roll back in the bunker. J. Porteous confirmed that bunker renovations were underway and the re shaping would allow roll back if combined with good raking habits.

G. McSorley also asked about Astro turf mats on the range. D. Scott confirmed the plan was to try to stay on grass and the tee whilst at certain times of the year looks tired can actually cope with the demand. There was a discussion on divots and the planned introduction of the soil and seed bags for players to take out on the course. D. Scott confirmed the bags were in place and now that restrictions had lifted we could look to trial their use. It was also suggested to have a members day where volunteers can come in to seed divots.

G. McSorley asked if it would be possible to add marker posts to the left of the 4th Hole to assist in gauging where a ball may have entered into the rough. D. Scott said this could be added to the signage review.

R. Colquhoun asked for consideration to be given to the cost of hot rolls and noted that £4.25 was more than most clubs. D. Scott confirmed costs had risen but he would pass the comment onto the clubhouse manager and head chef.

C. Davidson asked if the rough around the pond at the 12th fairway could be kept as semi rough to make it clearer to see if a ball has entered the pond or not. J. Porteous confirmed work was being planned to clear out the pond and the rough will be cut at that point.

On behalf of the Summer and Winter League teams C. Davidson thanked E. Raistrick for all her support through the season.

4. AOCB

There was no AOCB.

J. Murdoch closed the meeting.