

Members Liaison Committee

Meeting 17th Nov 2018

1. Apologies

Martin Andrews, Iain Smith, Iain Clark, Hector MacLean

2. Course

DS gave a brief run through of the work that had been completed to see the course go into the Winter period. Agronomist report was very positive and cut heights are to be maintained throughout the winter. Some spraying for disease had taken place but there was still a lot of strength in the coverage on all areas.

Work was continuing on bunker renovation and DS and Jonathan Porteous were still investigating options regarding the bunker lining system Capillary Concrete. Our course agronomist had suggested a similar result could be achieved by building up the base with hard packed soil trials are underway and members will be notified of the bunkers completed.

GS asked if some signs reminding people to repair pitch marks could be displayed around the course. DS to ask greens staff to put these out or purchase and put out.

2. Clubhouse

DS mentioned that there had already been some maintenance work carried out around the building but more was to take place over the coming months, these jobs include general painting, carpet cleaning, general repairs. Work on the gents and ladies toilets will also be carried out.

3. Events and Handicaps

DS confirmed that the 2019 draft fixture list was now complete with all events in the club diary. DS confirmed that the US Kids Championship would take place w/c 27th May and the Scottish Seniors Open will take place w/c 12th Aug.

GS asked that the Junior Championship be scheduled so the final can be played on the same day as the main championships.

GS also suggested in a previous meeting that it would be good to host more shotgun events. DS said that these would work well in the winter months when daylight is tight. Date for one to be held in early New Year to be considered.

DS said that a number of members had asked for more Blue tee medals, DS and JP had been looking at options to run multi tee medals but the difficulty of finding out who won a medal was seen to be too complicated and time consuming. DS said that in 2020 the World Handicapping system would be introduced and this will change things again so all felt that we should not pursue the multi tee competitions for only one year. It was decided that 2019 medals all Wednesday medals will be Blue tee medals and one third of weekend medals will be blue tee also.

DS did also mention that the white, blue and red tees had now been rated for handicap and any member could play a supplementary round from any one of those tees.

Rules changes come into effect in 2019 and the club will display a list of the key changes, DS said that it is the responsibility of each golfer to know the rules but the club will do what it can to help introduce the new rules. There are a few local rules that the committee can introduce along with the

new rules it was felt that we should let the new rules settle in and introduce the local rules if deemed necessary.

5. AOCB

DS gave an update on the Para Golfers, it is hoped that we will create a group of interested parties to hopefully include EL Council, Leuchie House, Loretto, Longniddry rotary and Craighielaw. The group will promote and maintain the units.

DS asked for suggestions on new hole flag colours as members had commented that the white and blue were hard to see. The consensus was for a high vis colour or a high vis check. Ds to talk to supplier to see what is possible.

Meeting closed.