

## Members Liaison Committee

Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

7.00pm in the Clubhouse

### 1. Present

J. Murdoch, G. Dalziel E. Raistrick, C. Lannin, D. Mennie, , D. Scott, J. Porteous, R. French

### Apologies

I. Clark, M. Andrews

J. Murdoch opened the meeting and noted the successes of the Winter League Team who had been performing well and looked likely to secure the League very soon. R. French thanked J. Murdoch and the club for all the support.

### 2. Course

J. Porteous gave an update on the course saying that the re-design to the bunkers on the 14<sup>th</sup> was now complete. E. Raistrick asked if the area on the far right of the green will be kept mown, J. Porteous confirmed it would be.

J. Porteous went on to say that the green staff had completed 20 bunker renovations as well as stripping and levelling the tees on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> as well as re-turfing the 1<sup>st</sup> medal tee. G. Dalziel asked if the tees would be back in use for the season, J. Porteous confirmed they would be. J. Porteous also confirmed that the gorse had been thinned out at hole 13. E. Raistrick asked if the area would be tidied up. J. Porteous confirmed that area would be cleared of roots etc and fully tidied up.

J. Murdoch asked J. Porteous if he was happy with how the 11<sup>th</sup> was now looking. J. Porteous said he was happy and it was noted that areas that had been turfed/seeded would be back into play for the season.

J. Porteous noted that the greens would be solid tined on the week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> March with 8mm tines. Work is likely to take 3 days and greens would be rolled afterwards. J. Porteous expected minimal disruption.

J. Murdoch asked about the area to the back of the 17<sup>th</sup> Green. D. Scott said that the Estate were still finalising details with the owners of the property at the back of the green.

J. Murdoch then asked about progress on the irrigation system. D Scott said that the software system was upgraded and that a testing company would be in shortly to test the bore hole supplies, further testing on the pipework and storage was due.

J. Porteous then went on to confirm that bunkers would be properly raked, sand evenly spread and topped up if necessary, new flags for the season were on order. J. Porteous also added that Paul Hay had commented about the amount of unrepaired pitch marks recently. There was a discussion about options to deal with this issue, E. Raistrick reminded the group a video was to be made showing best practice on repairing a pitch mark. R. French said that the ranger position that was planned could be helpful on this matter. D. Scott said there had been a few interviews for this post.

G. Dalziel asked about the drop zone at hole 11. J Porteous said that whilst the drop zone was not ideal in some cases it was in place to protect the area from play and also traffic. Drop zone area to be moves slightly and also it would be removed for the season.

1. Clark had suggested holding an evening for members where Paul Hay could present to the group his plans for the year. D. Scott said that he was not in favour of the idea, noting that Paul Hay would spend 10 minutes presenting plans for the year and then the open floor may stray into course design etc which is not what the evening is intended to be about. D. Scott said that he did not mind circulating the Agronomy report and asking Paul Hay to attend the MLC AGM where questions could be asked.

### 3. Clubhouse

D. Scott said that the clubhouse department had a suitable amount of staff at the moment, a few positions would need to be filled before the season but things were fairly settled. This was allowing the chefs to work on a new, larger menu for the season.

E. Raistrick asked for the wearing of name badges to be considered again. D. Scott to ask V. Torquemada.

D. Scott confirmed that the flooring in the members lounge and restaurant would be completed this week, gents toilet area at the bar and gents locker showers and toilets would be re done once final plans were in place and work to pave the entrance area were all being worked on. E. Raistrick asked for ladies locker area to be deep cleaned D. Scott said this was planned.

### 4. Events and Handicaps

#### Fixture List

D. Scott said that he had completed the final draft of the Fixture list which included all matches and events. D. Scott to circulate. Details on the Wemyss Quaich event would be finalised and added into the fixtures. D. Scott confirmed that the Van Horn Cup, which is the team match at the end of the US Kids European Championship, would be held at Craighielaw which is the first time Craighielaw has been asked to host.

A discussion took place regarding the Competition Winners event and whether or not prizes should be awarded at the nearest shotgun event to this event. It was agreed that the Competition Winners Event would go ahead as planned where prizes would be awarded at an arrival breakfast before players tee off. Acknowledgement of winners could also be announced at the Spring Shotgun event.

### 5. Members Communication

D. Scott said that subscription notices would be prepared and sent out in the coming days, fees had been circulated previously. D. Scott noted that there had been a small amount of resignations to date mainly due to illness or injury and offers would be made from the wait list to maintain the numbers in each category. It was also noted that the wait list for the main categories of membership had a wait time of around 5 to 7 years now.

### 6. MLC

#### Constitution amendments

D. Scott had previously circulated suggested amendments to the current constitution including an additional clause relating to the formation of groups at Craighielaw. D. Scott thanked D. Mennie for his time to date reviewing the constitution and asked the group to look through the documents and pass any comments or issues to D. Scott for final consideration.

### 7. AOCB

E. Raistrick asked J. Porteous if all holes would have green tee markers soon. J. Porteous confirmed that he would have the Paul Hay order any missing markers and put them in place.

E. Raistrick reminded the group about volunteer duties through the year, not only at the US Kids event at Craighielaw but also the Scottish Open at Renaissance. It was noted that numbers were low at the Scottish Open last year and it would be disappointing if Craighielaw did not have enough volunteers again this year. Note - member to head up the Craighielaw Volunteers at the Scottish Open to be found.

J. Murdoch closed the meeting.

Future meeting dates

Mon May 8th 7.00pm

Mon Aug 28th 7.00pm

Sat Nov 4th 1.00pm

Sat Nov 4th 2.00pm AGM