

Members Liaison Committee

Meeting 5th November 2022

7.00pm in the Clubhouse

1. Present

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

Apologies

M. Andrews

J. Murdoch opened the meeting.

2. Course

J. Porteous gave an update on the course noting that the main work on the 11th Hole was complete. There were still some areas to be turfed but this would be completed soon. Areas not in the main line of play have been seeded with seed that can germinate at low temperatures. It is anticipated that areas that have been worked on will be Ground Under Repair until Spring.

In connection with the work at 11 the pathway at the 12th tee has been widened and a sleeper wall added. J. Porteous said that the sleepers from the burn at 11 would be used in other areas on the course over the coming months.

A treatment for disease had been applied to the greens due to the mild damp weather, but J. Porteous said that there was still good coverage on the greens and confidence that the greens would be strong through the winter.

Winter Maintenance work was ongoing with some bunker renovations along with the levelling and resurfacing of the 13th & 14th tees. If time allows more tees may be tackled but completion of the bunker renovation is a priority.

J. Porteous confirmed that the fairways had been verti-drained and also confirmed that greens would also be vert-drained but with a small tine and the holes left open for a week before being ironed and top dressed.

C. Lannin said there had been some good comments on the work at the 11th. C. Lannin asked for consideration to be given if preferred lies could be made to apply Through the Green as there had been occasions where it was not possible to determine if a ball lay on the fairway or semi rough and there were a lot of divots in these areas. There was a discussion on the merits of doing this, J. Porteous to look into this further but it was thought if this was applied then it may affect competition play and extra day cards.

J. Murdoch asked if there is to be a new tee at the 11th Hole. J. Porteous said that a strip of grass had been cut out on the left of the 11th to look at the potential of adding in a new tee but a decision on this is to be finalised.

J. Murdoch asked if mats would be required on tees. J. Porteous confirmed there were no plans to use mats, but in order to protect teeing areas he said that the measured course for extra day cards may have to be fixed to one set of tees. It is likely that the green tees will be used predominately through the winter with some concessions on certain days. J. Porteous also said that members

would be reminded not to take trolleys onto teeing areas as this increased wear and compaction on the areas.

3. Clubhouse

D. Scott informed the group that staffing in the kitchen remained tight, there was a new Head Chef, Benjamin Glaz and other staff had been recruited but more staff would be required before the start of the new season.

Quotes were being obtained for replacement flooring for the members lounge and main lounge areas. The lounges would have to be shut off as work is carried out but it is hoped that it would only be 3 – 4 days per area. Quotes were also being sought for replacement toilets and shower areas. D. Scott said there was also a list of general maintenance that will be carried out over the next 3 months.

D. Scott said that he was also looking at options and costs of replacing the shell path at the clubhouse entrance with a more durable surface. This would be part of an upgrade to this wider area.

4. Events and Handicaps

Fixture List

D. Scott noted that the fixtures had now been imported into the main diary and the final list would be circulated to the MLC shortly. The US Kids event would return in June 2023 and the club had been asked to consider hosting another junior event in the Autumn which was being considered.

I. Clark suggested an Autumn Shotgun event which connected to the Prize Winners day. There was a discussion on the merits of joining the two days together. It was decided to add in a members Autumn Shotgun event but to keep the Prize Winners day separate.

E. Raistrick said that it was important to find a suitable number of members to volunteer at the US Kids event and also the Scottish Open next year as numbers assisting had dropped. There was a discussion on the recruitment and registering process for the Scottish Open.

Members started to arrive for the AGM D. Scott asked any MLC members with AOCB to pass these onto him or hold for a future meeting.

J. Murdoch closed the meeting.

Future meeting dates

AGM Sat Nov 5th 2pm