

Members Liaison Committee

Meeting 7th June 2021
7.00pm in the Clubhouse

1. Present

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

Apologies

M. Andrews, R. French

J. Murdoch opened the meeting.

2. Course

J. Porteous gave an update on the course noting the very dry weather over the last couple of months but said that work on various treatments was continuing including a 2nd of 3 overseeding treatments on the greens. J. Porteous also noted that the irrigation was all up and running and was being used every evening. Cutting heights were being kept as low as the greens staff dare with the very dry weather.

J. Porteous informed the group of 3 machinery replacements which had been processed recently. On order is a new Verti-Drain, 4 hand mowers and a new turf cutter these should be in place towards the end of the year.

J. Murdoch asked about the upgrade to the irrigation system. J. Porteous confirmed that the software upgrade to the system was complete and there was now an audit of the hardware on the course with a plan to upgrade items on a rolling basis.

D. Mennie asked for an update on the work to the 11th hole. J. Porteous said that the contractor experienced staffing issues due to covid in March and had delayed the work. A decision was made to further delay the work till the end of the season to avoid disruption to play through the playing season. Dates are pencilled in for October. D. Scott said that additional work would be looked at including work to the 1st tee area.

D. Mennie asked about the trial of the divot bags. J. Porteous said that too many bags went missing in the first few days. The amount of bags required versus the impact it would have would not be worth it and volunteer "Divot Days" would be trailed instead. Dates for the "Divot Days" would be circulated soon. E. Raistrick said it would be good to gauge interest in who would help on these days and if there is merit to try to attract these volunteers to other volunteer requirements.

D. Mennie brought a suggestion from another member for consideration of a marker pole in the rough on the 4th hole. J. Porteous to look at locations and options.

J. Murdoch asked how the GEO certificate application was progressing. J Porteous said things were progressing as planned. D. Scott said that some pending legislation would mean that the club would move quicker on some items.

J. Murdoch asked about the toilet at the 4th Hole. D. Scott confirmed it had been repaired and was in working order. The toilet at the 11th Green, D. Scott confirmed this was Kilspindie's responsibility but Craigielaw had offered to help with the renovations.

3. Clubhouse

Staffing Update

D. Scott informed the group that in the last two weeks 4 out of the 6 chefs had either left, were working notice periods or were on sick leave. Recruitment was underway with a new Head Chef already found and some interviews planned for the week ahead. D. Scott thanked the remaining chefs Paulina and Kosta for their hard work through the US Kids week and also thanked Vanessa for her hard work both front of house and also in the kitchen to keep everything going, albeit with a reduced menu.

D. Scott said that he had signed a new energy contract but, as we are all aware the cost of energy had risen sharply. D. Scott said that work was underway to improve the performance of our solar panels, become more energy efficient and also to look at other options to generate or save energy. G. Dalziel asked if the club had looked at car charging points, D. Scott confirmed he had but there were some logistical issues to deal with first.

D. Scott informed the group that new clubhouse furniture was to finally arrive on the 24th June. Existing items that were suitable would be donated to charity.

J. Murdoch asked about the handicapping terminal for the clubhouse. J. Porteous confirmed the terminal had been delivered and was to be installed by Club V1 staff in the coming days. There was a discussion on how the unit would operate, D. Scott said there would be details sent out in the upcoming members update.

4. Events and Handicaps

Fixture List

D. Scott noted that the past few medals and sweep days had quite low attendance and numbers of entrants would continue to be monitored.

Seniors Championship

R. French had sent in a request for further consideration of a Seniors Championship. The suggestion was to have the first round of the Club Championship count as a qualifier for the Seniors Championship and then ties arranged over the coming weeks. Points to note were should someone be able to enter both the Club and Seniors Championship, if someone did qualify for both what one would they choose to play in, should the matchplay stages be played at the same time and if the qualifier was a different date then this would be another medal that 5 day members should be allowed to play in. It was decided, given how close the event is to look at this for the 2023 season and work out the terms of the event.

E. Raistrick confirmed there would not be a Ladies Matchplay this season as there was only one entrant.

5. Members Communication

D. Scott informed the group that a members update would go out soon to cover the Summer shotgun entries, new handicapping terminal, Divot Day etc.

Website

D. Scott said that he had arranged for the Craigiellaw social media sites to be placed on the members information page of the website but there were issues with what individuals would actually see based on if they had an account for the media site or not. D. Scott said he would look to just place this on the page and hopefully there may be settings that can deal with what is displayed.

6. MLC

Membership Update

D. Scott provided details of the current numbers within the membership noting there was a now a 5 year wait list for the Full, Young Adult, Country and Overseas categories and a 1 year wait for 5 day membership.

Full membership 218 (numbers kept lower than max 250 to allow for increased member play)

5 day 180

Juniors 56

South Links Juniors 40

Total membership 716

7. AOCB

E. Raistrick informed the group a decision was made to leave the 20th anniversary celebrations (delayed due to covid) but plans would be made for the 25th Anniversary.

Volunteering at events

J. Murdoch provided an update on the online volunteer systems at this years Scottish Open and Ladies British Open noting there had been some frustrations on the registering and admin sections meaning some members were not aware of their involvement in the event. The club had been paired with Gifford and Haddington to look after a hole at each event but final details were not clear at this stage.

G. Dalziel asked for an update on the Men's team Tops, J. Porteous confirmed the tops were at the embroiderers and unfortunately there is a large backlog but it is hoped they will be delivered soon.

J. Murdoch closed the meeting.

Future meeting dates

Mon 22nd Aug 7pm

Sat 5th Nov 1pm

AGM Sat Nov 1st 2pm