

## Members Liaison Committee

Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
7.00pm in the Clubhouse

### 1. Present

E. Raistrick, C. Lannin, I. Clark, G. McGill, R. French, D. Scott

### Apologies

M. Andrews, J. Porteous, D. Mennie, G. Smith, J. Murdoch

E. Raistrick opened the meeting and welcomed attendees noting how good it was to meet in person and also noted that in the absence of MLC meetings she had been meeting with D. Scott, J. Porteous and J. Murdoch to go over any outstanding and arising issues.

### 2. Course

E. Raistrick thanked all who attended the recent course walk and commented on how good the course was looking, it was interesting to go over some of the details of the Tom McKenzie report . All felt that the walk was informative and agreed the course looked good.

C. Lannin asked if/when the various traffic control ropes and stakes would be removed. D. Scott said that most had been removed some sensitive areas may remain but as many as possible would be removed.

R. French asked about clover treatment. D. Scott confirmed there had been one treatment applied to the general area. D. Scott also confirmed there would be another later in the year if required also spot applications for stubborn areas and cutting out areas again if required.

R. French asked if there was merit in extending the green to the front of 17 this would allow for a better surface to be used in the winter months. D. Scott confirmed that the issue relating to the weaker 17<sup>th</sup> green was the tree coverage to the back of the green and the club has agreed with the owner of the house at the back of the 17<sup>th</sup> green to remove the trees and replace with a more suitable hedge. This is to be completed in the autumn.

E. Raistrick thanked the club for putting out the new flag sticks and flags, all felt these were a good addition. I Clark asked why white flags were chosen. D. Scott said a few colours were looked at and the white seemed to be the most visible. Note flags tend to last about a season so if the white flags are deemed not suitable other colours will be considered for the future.

### 3. Clubhouse

E. Raistrick acknowledged the start of the new Clubhouse Manager Vanessa Torquemada and wished her well in the post.

E. Raistrick asked if an audit could be carried out on the trolley shed usage. D. Scott said he would look at the usage and also confirmed that he was looking at a potential extension to the shed to house the paragolfers that are currently in the entrance area this would allow a number of more spaces to be created within the shed.

E. Raistrick asked about restricting parking at the front of the clubhouse. There was a discussion on usage and the required access to the area. D. Scott to monitor and deal with any unnecessary parking.

#### 4. Events and Handicaps

##### WHS

D. Scott confirmed that most of the issues related to WHS/HDID/Club Systems/Scottish golf had been ironed out, a few minor issues were being highlighted and being dealt with as they arise. Two main issues remain 1. away scores – members are reminded to use the Scottish Golf App to record away scores and because this works through GPS scores must be recorded and completed at the venue. 2. Transferring a handicap from overseas or another part of the UK, the process to complete the transfer is laborious it is hoped that this is simplified and the system truly becomes a World Handicapping System.

##### Strokeplay Championship Event

R. French asked for consideration to be given for a Strokeplay Championship event, there was a wide discussion to the merit of such an event and what Championship would be considered to be used for the Champion of Champions but all felt that it was worth further discussion prior to the launch of the 2022 fixture list.

##### Summer Fourball

The summer fourball event will be run through HDID and the draw will appear to competitors through the App and also displayed on the notice board.

##### Club Championship

D. Scott confirmed details for the event and felt all would run well. D. Scott did say that the event may not be run through HDID but the draw would be placed in the clubhouse.

##### Team Matches

D. Scott to update the web site with various team match results of the fixture page.

##### Bookings

I. Clark had asked for consideration to be given when tee times are released for online booking. The suggestion was 8 days in advance in the evening. There as a wide ranging discussion on the pro's and con's on this change. D. Scott confirmed it was possible to make the change. I. Clark agreed to look at booking operations at some other clubs and report back.

##### Trophy Audit

E. Raistrick asked for an audit of all the trophies and to make sure all engraving was up to date. D. Scott confirmed this was in hand. There was a brief discussion on what to place on the trophies that have not been played for during the various lockdown periods. I. Clark had spoken with Kirkwoods the medalists recently and confirmed most clubs were choosing to place Not Played For on trophies. It was agreed this is what we should place on our trophies.

#### 5. Members Communication

##### Vouchers

E. Raistrick wished to thank the club on behalf of the members for the credit voucher issued to all non-East Lothian members who lost out on playing time due to travel restrictions.

##### Insurance

D. Scott informed the group that the company had arranged more comprehensive insurance cover for all members of the club this would not only cover members whilst at Craigelaw but provide worldwide cover. D. Scott said he would supply more details on the cover as and when this came through.

#### Website

E. Raistrick asked for the news section of the website to be removed as many news items were placed in members updates or on social media. D. Scott to action.

#### 6. MLC

##### Membership

E. Raistrick and D. Scott to look at MLC membership prior to MLC AGM.

E. Raistrick and D. Scott to meet re 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

#### Meeting dates

##### Future meeting dates

6<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm

6<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm meeting followed by MLC AGM at 2pm

#### Handicap Convenor

In light of handicaps being administered by Craigelaw staff and not the membership it was decided to remove the requirement for a handicap convenor in the club constitution. D. Scott to amend the constitution accordingly.

#### 7. AOCB

No points raised.

E. Raistrick closed the meeting.