



# The Blairgowrie Golf Club

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>DATE:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>VENUE:</b>	Club Meeting Room
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY:</b>	Stuart Wilson, Managing Secretary

### ATTENDEES:

James Macfarlane - Club Captain	Mike Mullins – Marketing & Strategy
Colin Allison – Vice-Captain	Ian Patrick – Seniors Convener
Alistair Batchen - Finance	Jamie Watson – Committee Member
Margaret Kerr – House Convener	Stuart Wilson – Managing Secretary
Sue Waddell – Ladies Captain	

### APOLOGIES:

Craig Hay – Greens Eric Lindsay - Committee Member
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### 1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> September were approved and will be published online.
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### 2. MATTERS ARISING:

- A meeting had been held earlier in the day with the Catering Franchisee to inform of the Club's intent to serve notice on the agreement. After the meeting the Caterer handed in their keys and informed the Club it was their intention to cease trading as of 2pm that day and leave with immediate effect.
- The new waterless toilets are due to be delivered at the start of November with the installation scheduled to take place the following week.
- Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design have been contacted to enquire if any of the interior design students would be interested in a project for the Clubhouse.

### 3. FINANCE REPORT:

- There was no formal financial report as the first draft of the Annual Accounts had just been received and are to be fully reported on at the next Committee meeting in advance of the AGM.



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- Early indications are that the Club will have had another good year and that there will be an element of Corporation Tax to be paid on the year's profits.
- Preparations are underway for presenting the figures and an outline of the proposed Budget at the AGM on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## 4. MARKETING & STRATEGY REPORT

The Marketing and Strategy items was covered within the Managing Secretary Report.

- The advance booking enquiries for 2023 are coming in and early indications are that bookings will be as expected. The price increase seems to have been accepted by the consumers.
- A new product of a 3-course ticket is to be taken to the marketplace. It is hoped that this will give more options and hold the visitors at the Club for a longer period.

## 5. GREENS REPORT

No greens report was submitted for consideration.

- The Winter Works are to be compiled and published shortly. Work has commenced on the routine aspects and items from the previous years schedule that were not completed.
- A price has been obtained for heather turf which is keen and is to be trialled to gauge the success of such a product on our courses.
- Quotes have been obtained for rubberised paths around the 1<sup>st</sup> tee areas and Clubhouse. More information on the installation is to be sought for consideration.

## 6. HOUSE REPORT

The House Report was approved. Highlights included:

- The hanging baskets are to be removed and the tubs emptied along with a general weeding and tidy up of the grounds.
- The cane patio furniture will be removed at the end of October to be stored for the winter.
- The new coffee machine is to be modified to accept payment by bank card.
- Work has started on the red brick wall outside the Pro Shop and the wall will be painted white to match the outside of the clubhouse. New coving stones have also been set on the entrance pillars. The heather bed is to be removed and replaced with tar to increase the size of bag storage.
- It is hoped that the re-upholstering of the lounge chairs will recommence shortly.

## 7. MATCH & HANDICAP REPORT

There was no Match and Handicap report this month and the following items were raised:

- The Annual Prize giving is to take place in the Clubhouse on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Steven J Innes has been booked to entertain and compare the evening.



## 8. LADIES REPORT

The Ladies Report was approved. Highlights included:

- The Ladies Annual Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October was attended by 39 lady members, of which eight were Wee Course members. There were 26 apologies received.
- The Committee was appointed as follows: Captain – Sue Waddell, Vice-Captain – Elaine Robson, Committee Members – Heather Dawson (who serves for a second year) and Anne Farquharson. No issues were raised for consideration by the Club Committee.
- Following the successful trial last year of our Sunday Friendly Matches with Crail, Anstruther, St Michaels and Ladybank, we have decided to continue these. The first match (at home) against Anstruther took place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- Following the recent announcement that the ladies could no longer continue the current Winter League format over 12 holes due to the World Handicap System precluding this and hence the intelligent golf (IG) system could not support the existing winter league formats; the proposed workaround is to continue to play 12 holes but instead of playing stroke play, a Stableford format will be used. The competitions will be set up as an 18 hole competitions with any hole not included in the competition or is closed given a nett score of 2 points.

## 9. SENIORS REPORT

The Senior report included the following highlights:

- The Seniors dinner was held at the Club on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and unfortunately it was poorly attended, and the consensus was that this was due to pricing. However, the event was well organised, and thanks were extended to all of those that assisted the Seniors Section over the season

## 10. JUNIOR REPORT

There was no Junior Report:

- The proposed Junior Report for the AGM was circulated and discussed.

## 11. MANAGING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Managing Secretary Report was approved; highlights include:

### Staffing:

- The Housekeeping position has now been filled with Leah Anderson joining the team.

### Membership –

- The Club now totals 1615 members across all categories.



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## Visitors & Events –

- The Club have been playing host to several organisations in the month of August, among them the Paul Lawrie Foundation, Scottish Golf and Perth and Kinross Ladies County.
- We have signed up to attend the Scottish Golf Tourism Week again. This will be held at the end of January 2023.

## Facilities Management:

- The work to render the wall outside the Pro Shop has started and Meldrum’s have been requested to extend this out to the wall at the first tee also.

## 12. CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS

The following updates on the capital Developments for the Club were discussed:

- Half-Way House for Rosemount –
  - The design brief has changed for the halfway House Development due to the addition of the waterless toilets.
- Swing Studio and Simulator
  - ALGO are to be contacted as they have installed similar at other Clubs.
- On Course Toilets
  - Installation is to commence on the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- There was no correspondence for discussion.

## 13. A.O.C.B

- The Committee and Member proposals for the AGM were discussed. These will be available with the notice of the AGM in November and opened for online voting.
- The AGM will take place in the Clubhouse on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm.

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>TIME:</b>	14.30
<b>CAPTAIN’S SIGNATURE:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	