

**Minute of Council Meeting
held on 25th October 2021 in the Trophy Room @ 5.30pm**

Present:

E. Farquharson-Black	(Captain)
S. Cruickshank	(Vice-Captain)
A. Gordon	(Greens Convener)
D. Macklin	(Match & Handicap)
I. McPherson	(Junior Convener)
F. Windle	(Ladies Captain)
G. Pryde	(Finance Convener)

Apologies:

N. McLoughlin	(Course Manager)
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In Attendance:

D.P. Pern	(Club Manager)
R McConnachie	(Professional)

1. Welcome:

EFB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minute of Council held on 28th September 2021

The minute of the Council meeting on 28th September 2021 was approved.

3. Matters arising from the Minute

- EFB/DP to discuss and progress with EV chargers research.
- Consistent with the Strategic Plan Objectives to increase the number of younger members, DP to send offer of membership to applicants on the waiting list aged 18 – 29, to join the Young Adult and Associate categories of membership. It was also agreed to maintain the Full Member numbers at 800 for season 2022/23. As membership numbers have dropped below 800, this will mean that a small number of people on the waiting list will be offered Full Membership.
- Although water hazard posts have been replaced on the course, most of these will be brought in for the winter, but will be replaced again at the end of March.
- EFB has requested that the Pro Shop Business Plan is given high priority and circulated to Council within the next couple of weeks.
- DM to meet with RM to finalise the fixture list for 2022.

4. Reports

Captain's Report

- EFB reported that an application for membership previously approved had now been rescinded.

Finance Report

- September is the end of the financial year, therefore the management accounts are still being calculated. GP gave a verbal report. A full report will follow shortly.
- The auditors are scheduled to be at the Club on 1st November. Final draft accounts will be circulated to Council towards the end of the month.

Greens Convener and Course Manager Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- It is hoped to invite EDI to present the work they have done on the course masterplan to date at the Information Evening. The meeting will take place at the end of November/start of December. Date to be confirmed and to tie in with finalisation of accounts. AG/NM/EFB to meet with EDI in advance.
- Traffic control measures have been put in place in various weaker areas around the courses.
- Evidence of badgers have been found on some fairways and tees which is giving cause for concern. NM/AG to discuss the best way of dealing with this. Also worm casts on the greens have been visible and these have been brushed regularly.
- Tree surgeons will be on site over the next couple of weeks to carry out essential tree maintenance.

Ladies' Captain Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- Past Captains' lunch will be held on Thursday 4th November.
- Committee meeting arranged to discuss the Prize Giving, ABM etc.

Match & Handicap

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- The Pennant Team enjoyed the District's annual pennant dinner on 22nd October.
- Prizegiving on 6th November is very well subscribed with over 80 attending.

Junior Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- 2022 dates for the Pennant League have been confirmed with RAGC hosting the events in 2022.
- The Junior prize-giving will be held on Sunday 31st October, preceded by the Adult v Junior match.

Pro Shop Report

A full report was circulated in advance: To summarise:

- The stocktake has been challenging, however it has now been completed.
- Shop sales have been strong for October with winter apparel selling well.
- Pre-orders have been completed for 2022. A rota for the ladies' fashion days in February/March will be finalised by the end of December.

Club Manager Report

A full report was circulated in advance: To summarise:

- Membership breakdown – 30th September

Full	793
Senior	111
Associate	20
Young Adult	27
House/Non Playing	168
Senior VIP	11
House 5 Day	4
Country	25
Junior 12-18	79
Junior <12	29
Non-Resident	73
Honorary	7
Life	15
Staff	19

- Applications for membership – Sept 21

Full	George Barrack	Gerard Ward	Neil Middleton
Full	Colin Shaw	Iain Landsman	Chris Cruickshank
Full	Grant Logan	Ian Logan	Bill Jamieson
Full	Antonio Ojeda Macedo	Ian McPherson	Letter of introduction
Full	Daniel Mcateer	Paul Stratford	Gary Innes
Full	Kevin Reid	Paul Stratford	Gary Innes
House	Sandra Rettie	Frank Hartnett	Quintin Aitken
Associate	Joel Yule	Elaine Farquharson-Black	Alan McRae
Full	Ronald Pashley	Russell McNicol	Steven Scott

- Transfers from within the membership 1st – 30th September

Name	From	To	Comments
Archie Love	Young Adult	Non Resident	
Peter Mutch	Non playing	Gent Full	
Fraser Proud	Gent Associate	Country Member	

- Resigned
 - Nicholas Clark – Junior Boy 12-18
 - W Leiper – Gent Full
 - Estelle McKenzie – Junior Girl 12 – 18
 - Melody McKenzie – Junior Girl <12

- Waiting List

Defer 2022	Full Members	Total Junior List	
0	255	47 (under 12)	

- Course Usage – H & B

Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept

2018 2019	1996	1558	909	1047	1489	2495	3606	3795	3999	4218	4038	2843	31993
2019 2020	2184	1033	943	1704	1202	1928	0	773	7359	6823	7413	5374	36736
2020 2021	3873	3869	809	0	0	2451	5930	5435	7156	6939	6244	5130	47836
2021 2022													

General Information/Actions etc.

- Following the discussion last month on the proposed PGA Pro Am in 2022. Having spoken to the PGA and looked at the costs, it was agreed to go ahead with Pro Am in 2022.
- Appraisals are in progress.
- End of year audits are in progress. Auditor from AAB will be at the Club for annual audit week commencing 1st November.
- Contact has been made with Lee Dickson of The Duke's regarding a possible reciprocal match, possibly over the winter months. DP to progress.

6. Capital Projects

- Covered in reports

7. Strategy Plan

- DP/EFB to progress with research on redeveloping the locker/shower/toilet areas both upstairs and downstairs.

8. Health and Safety

- H&S annual audit has been completed. The action plan highlights a few points which will be addressed in the coming months.
- FW highlighted some holes by the bridge on the left hand side of the 4th on the Haughton Course. FW to speak to NM.

9. AOCB

59Club (Mystery Inspection) autumn visit – the last visit of 2021 was an improvement on the summer visit with the overall total of 82% with both Pro Shop and F&B hitting 91%.

Next Meeting 5.30pm – 24th November 2021