

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links

Parade on Monday 5th June 2017

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convener), P Sawers, I Frier, G Paton, C Yule, L Gordon, A McArtney

In Attendance: G Duncan, A Reid (Links Superintendent), S Mitchell, (Head Greenkeeper Buddon)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of Interest

G Paton declared an interest in the letter from Dalhousie Golf Club.

3. Action Points

J Gilbert said that we have had the AstroTurf paths for a few years now and that some are fairly worn and asked A Reid for a summary of his assessment. A Reid said that any remaining on the Championship are being replaced and that a couple of bridges are needing covered also. A Reid also said in regards to the Burnside Course that astro-turf would be replaced or totally removed as required.

A Reid said that regarding the undergrowth on the left-hand side of the 16th on the Burnside the brambles have been strimmed. He said that there is no intention for regular maintenance but it will be monitored.

4. Links Superintendents Report

Fibre Optics

J Gilbert said he was very impressed with the fibre optic installation. P Sawers agreed and said the work had not been intrusive. A Reid said there is still some work to be done crossing the Buddon, 8th Fairway. J Gilbert asked if any would be going where there is the

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possibility of Seagreen works. A Reid replied no. A Reid explained that he was still awaiting plans from the R & A, concerning Open Championship works.

5. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert asked if Gramicide was different to Rescue. A Reid said that Graminicide is the type of pesticide that Rescue is classified as. P Sawers asked when and where the application would be done. A Reid said soon and it will be done on any bare patches on the approaches but not on the greens.

J Gilbert said he has been caddying on the Championship and has been very happy to hear visitors say the course is in the best condition of all the venues and easily the best and quickest greens. He said well done to the team.

Burnside

J Gilbert said he played this course yesterday and found it was in excellent condition. There was growth on the greens but putting conditions were perfect. A Reid agreed that growth is strong but that the greens are 9 on the stimp meter.

Buddon Links

S Mitchell said that all is well and they are concentrating on grass species. J Gilbert said he played the course at the start of the year and found it a little sparse but said the course is now looking excellent. P Sawers agreed.

6. STRI Agronomy Report

J Gilbert noted that there were a lot of recommendations in the report and asked A Reid if he was generally happy. A Reid said mainly yes, but not with all the recommendations. J Gilbert said R Window's report is only a guide. L Gordon said it should be left to A Reid's own judgement.

A Reid said the R Windows is due to visit in July and they can discuss the proposals again then. J Gilbert asked how often R Windows visited, A Reid said next year before the Open it will be monthly. J Gilbert said overall it was an excellent report.

7. Open Championship Update

A Reid informed the committee that M Slumbers and G Moir from the R & A visited for a course walk and asked for the bunker run-ins to be cut more closely and for a couple of

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minor alterations to fairway and green shapes. He also said that the R&A had agreed to pay for a specialist machine to cut the bunker run-ins and bunker tops.

P Sawers asked if the approval for the roads had been received from Angus Council yet. G Duncan said that there have no comments other than the standard consultation. A Reid explained that it had to be re-submitted due to more detail being required. J Gilbert also mentioned that the Ministry of Defence has enquired as to whether it was on their side of the fence, but C Boath has spoken with them and explained it is on our side.

8. The Dalhousie Golf Club Sesquicentenary 2018

J Gilbert explained that official approval was being sought as per the attached letter from G Paton, for a drinking fountain, with plaque.

The Committee recommended that the drinking fountain be installed as per the request by the Dalhousie Golf Club.

8. Any Other Competent Business

Teahut

J Gilbert said he was at the tea hut at the weekend at 8.10am and it was closed. G Duncan said he will have a word, as it may be a one off, but felt that it should probably have been open.

VIP Members

G Paton said as the Pro Shop was closed over the winter some VIP members were inquiring about the position. G Duncan said there is a gift going out to VIP members.

Open Anniversary

P Sawers spoke about next year being the 50th anniversary of Gary Player winning the Open at Carnoustie and she asked the committee if we should do something to recognise the anniversary especially as we are hosting the Open during the anniversary year. After discussion it was agreed this

would be appropriate. G Duncan was asked to contact Mr Player's agent to discuss the matter further.

Incident

A McArtney informed the board that last Saturday at approx. 2.30pm he was out with a group of visitors from the USA, 6 ladies and 2 gentlemen. During this round he saw a group of teenagers, one of whom removed his clothes and jumped into the burn. No ranger was available and the starter was asked to call the police. J Gilbert suggested speaking to the local councillors. G Duncan said he will look into the matter.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 1930 hours.

ACTION POINTS

Speak to owners of the Tea Hut regarding hours Duncan	-	G
Contact Gary Player's agent Duncan	-	G
Yellow hazard line on bridges	-	A Reid