

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting
held in the Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday 4th June 2012

Present: G Wilson (Chairman), J Gilbert, W Thompson, G Murray, L Gordon, G Paton, A McCartney, J McLeish, S Brown, B Boyd.

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), J Philp (Links Superintendent).

Meeting began 1900 hours.

Apologies

H Oswald, R Reyner, P Sawers, D Valentine, C Yule.

G Wilson welcomed B Boyd (Angus Council representative) as a director.

G Wilson offered congratulations on behalf of the directors to H Oswald on her appointment as Provost of Angus.

1. Any Additional Agenda Items

- a) J Gilbert – BMX bikes on the courses.
- b) S Brown – Disabled buggies for the courses.

Both items will be dealt with after item 13 on the agenda.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Seagreen Technology Update (G Wilson)

G Wilson provided an update to the directors on the position with Seagreen Technologies. It was proposed a new sub-committee will be organised to deal with this item (made up of G Wilson, P Sawers and J Gilbert). The committee may need a budget for any professional fees to deal with this item, but will work from the general budget for these fees at the moment.

The directors agreed:-

- i) to create a sub-committee consisting of Chairman, Vice-chairman and Greens convenor to act on behalf of CGLMC Ltd in this matter.

4. Approval of Minutes of the CGLMC Limited Meeting of Monday 14th May 2012

Approved: J Gilbert

Seconded: L Gordon

(a) Matters Arising Therefrom

There were no matters.

5. Greens Business

(a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting of the Greens Sub-Committee of Monday 21st May 2012

Approved: G Wilson

Seconded: L Gordon

(b) Matters Arising Therefrom

Update on 2 new holes

J Gilbert advised that he had a meeting with the contractors, architect and R Windows on Tuesday, and the work is on schedule. R Windows has taken 2 soil samples and the results are awaited. J Philp advised that both looked good.

(c) Any Other Greens Business

There was no other business.

Before J Philp left the meeting, G Wilson thanked him on behalf of the directors for everything he has contributed over the years. J Philp in turn thanked the directors and previous committees for their continuing and increasing investment in the courses over many years. A reception to mark J Philp's retirement will be held on 29th June 2012 at the Greenkeeping sheds.

6. Finance Business

There was none.

7. Pro-Shop Business

There was none.

8. Major Projects

There was none.

9. Tournament Business

A McArtney reminded the committee that the Links Championship started last week. All is going well. There were a few problems with the Ladies Tournament due to the lack of players signing up and making it to the knock-out stage. A solution has been reached for this event, but the structure of the whole Tournament will have to be looked at, at the end of the season.

There was a similar problem with the Links Championship.

The directors agreed:-

- i) that the structure of the Links Championship and Ladies Links should be discussed at the end of the season.

A McArtney thanked C McLeod and G Duncan for their efforts during the Tournament. The finals will be held on Friday and the presentation held in the Carnoustie Club around 9.00pm.

10. P.R Business

There was no business.

11. Season Ticket Business

There was no business.

12. Golf Services Managers Report

Saturday 30th June

J McLeish explained the issue of the ballot on the final day of the Ladies Amateur when the Championship course would be closed to Season Ticket holders.

J McLeish advised the directors there were only 2 options – either go with the Golf Service manager's suggestion whereby the Burnside and Buddon Links regular ballots would have priority or go with an open ballot. S Brown suggested that the ballot should be completely open, so that everyone has the same chance of playing. However this was not supported by other directors.

W Thompson suggested that a competition be held at Arbroath to encourage golfers to play this course. The directors advised that this might be something that the clubs could organise.

The directors agreed:

- i) that on June 30, the priority sequence for the Burnside and Buddon Links courses should be
 - a) Ballot outs from the previous week
 - b) Regular Burnside and Buddon links ballot cards
 - c) One-off ballot requests.

13. General Managers Report

Starters Box

G Duncan advised that he is still awaiting one more permission from Angus Council prior to instructing the demolition of the Starter's box. This should come through very shortly and the box will be demolished in good time prior to the Ladies Amateur.

Coffee Shop

G Duncan advised that he expects the Coffee Shop to open this week.

3rd Hole Burnside

G Duncan advised that Angus Council environmental health had requested a response on the 3rd hole Burnside. D Shearer has produced a health and safety report which provides the necessary information. Using the PGA ball flight analysis, D Shearer was able to demonstrate the boundaries of the low/medium hazard area. H Oswald had emailed the directors indicating her support for moving the tee forward 10 yards. After discussions, the directors agreed to investigate whether moving the tee would make the hole safer or not. A final decision will be made by the Greens Committee.

Furniture on 11th Hole

G Duncan advised the committee that due to the re-naming of the 11th hole on the Championship course, a new tee markers require to be purchased. He said that the company which had produced the original marble plaques was no longer in business, but alternative sources were available, although these were expensive. G Wilson advised that he would like the directors to consider simplifying the tees by removing some of the furniture. W Thompson suggested that the tee markers on the 11th hole be replaced like for like at the moment (along with markers for the 3rd hole that needs replaced) and the directors should reconsider the whole course furniture in due course. The Greens committee have been asked to discuss this.

W Thomson enquired to whether there were pin sheets for the courses. He was advised that they are available at the Starters Box but players need to ask for them.

Request from LGU and IMG

G Duncan advised the committee that the LGU have asked CGLMC Ltd to provide power points in the yard at the back of the Golf Centre for the charging of buggies during the ladies tournament. IMG have asked the CGLMC Ltd to supply a stand pipe. After discussions, the committee agreed:

i) that the power points and stand pipe should be included, but IMG should be approached for a share of the costs.

Additional Agenda Items

BMX Bikes – J Gilbert

J Gilbert advised the directors that he has seen many people on BMX bikes on the courses for a while now. He advised that they ride across the tees and bunkers and often hang around at the shelters on the courses, sometimes during play. J Gilbert advised that he had spoken to many greenkeepers who have had the same problem and are afraid that the bikers may cause damage. The directors agreed that this is a recurring problem that needs to be dealt with. After discussions, it was agreed that J Philip should speak to the Police to ask them to patrol the area to try and identify the persons involved. B Boyd will also speak to the Police as both a representative of CGLMC Ltd and Angus Council.

Disabled Buggies – S Brown

S Brown advised the committee that he is aware that quite often there is a demand for a disabled buggy that CGLMC Ltd cannot meet, and wondered whether a second buggy should be purchased. CGLMC Ltd only have one disabled buggy for all 3 courses. G Duncan advised the committee that the buggy was used almost every day. After further discussions, the committee agreed that to refer the matter to the Finance committee to investigate the costs and feasibility.

G Wilson advised the committee that as there are no meetings scheduled for July, a meeting will be arranged for 2nd July that will encompass all sub-committee business.

G Wilson advised the committee that there has been much public interest in the retirement of J Philip and many people have asked if they can contribute towards his retirement fund. Therefore a public collection is to be put in place and the collection points will be at the starter's boxes.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was closed at 2000 hours.

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