

**Minutes of the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee Meeting held in the  
Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Present: G Wilson (Chairman), P Sawers (Vice-Chairman), A McCartney, L Gordon,  
J Gilbert, H Oswald, W Thompson, S Brown, R Reyner.

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), C McLeod (Golf Services Manager),  
A Reid (Links Superintendent), C McMahon (Director of Corporate Services,  
Angus Council).

Meeting began 1900 hours.

**Apologies**

G Paton, C Yule, G Murray, D Valentine, B Boyd, J McLeish.

**1. Any Additional Agenda Items**

There were no items.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**3. Seagreen Technology Update by G Wilson and C McMahon of Angus Council**

G Wilson advised the committee that he has not received much information from Seagreen to date. C McMahon has been invited to this meeting to advise on progress so far and on the position of Angus Council.

C McMahon provided the directors with a detailed analysis of progress to date.

G Wilson thanked C McMahon for the help that he, and other Angus Council officers, are giving CGLMC Ltd.

W Thompson advised that he believes that CGLMC Ltd, along with Angus Council, should make any decisions regarding compensation, if it comes to that, and not to leave it in the hands of Seagreen to suggest figures. He also suggested that CGLMC Ltd start thinking about these compensation figures now, so as to not be caught out when or if discussions take place.

S Brown enquired to whether the MoD were backing CGLMC Ltd or just looking after their own interests. G Wilson advised that the MoD are supporting CGLMC Ltd, but mainly are concerned with protecting their own land.

H Oswald enquired to whether there was potential for the cables to come across the MoD land. G Wilson advised that this did not appear to be an option due to interference with the firing ranges.

H Oswald asked how long work would take if the cables were to come across the golf course. G Wilson advised that Seagreen have quoted 4 months for the work. However, that would be subject to weather, time of year and how the work is carried out.

Concerns were raised regarding ongoing work and maintenance that may need to be carried out on the cables.

G Wilson advised the directors that he will keep the directors informed of any updates.

(C McMahon gave an update on the Charitable Status item, covered under item 14 on the Agenda)

C McMahon advised the committee that there is an Angus Council meeting on Thursday Sept 13, but he will not have a report ready for this meeting. The report will therefore be taken to the Council meeting on November 1, 2012. A company has been engaged by Angus Council to provide some specialist advice. The proposal will be put forward highlighting the best interests for the Council and CGLMC Ltd.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Approved: H Oswald

Seconded: J Gilbert

#### **Matters Arising Therefrom**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. Greens Business**

#### **Approval of Minutes of the Greens Meeting of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Approved: A McCartney

Seconded: P Sawers

#### **(b) Matters Arising Therefrom**

The 5<sup>th</sup> tee on the Buddon Links course has already been moved forward and will be ready for next year.

G Wilson is still to look into the possibility of Rangers assisting with emptying the bins on the courses.

No decision has been made on the trees at the 13<sup>th</sup> hole Championship. Until the Greens committee are unanimous, it will not be brought to the full meeting. Some birch trees will be planted at the back of the current trees while a decision is being made.

A Reid advised that the weeds in the burn are being cleared. He has been in touch with SEPA requesting advice. This will be discussed further at the Greens committee meeting.

R Reyner thanked the greens staff for the magnificent condition of the course during the Crows Nest Tassie.

**(c) Any Other Greens Business**

There was no other business.

**6. Finance Business**

**(a) Approval of Minutes of the Finance Meeting of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Approved: G Wilson

Seconded: W Thompson

**(b) Matters Arising Therefrom**

Approval was sought for the Finance sub-committee recommendation to support the Angus Ambassador Awards.

The directors agreed:

- i) to sponsor a table for £600 at the 2012 Angus Ambassador Awards.

**(c) Any Other Finance Business**

There was no other business.

## **7. Pro Shop Business**

W Thompson advised that he has been working with C Sinclair to come up with a scheme to offer staff and directors discount of CGLMC Ltd logo'd items. An offer may also be extended to Season Ticket holders. This will be discussed in detail at the next Pro shop sub-committee meeting.

## **8. Major Projects**

R Reyner asked if a decision had been made on the new toilets. He was advised that the project is now included in the Business Plan. G Duncan is to forward the amended Business Plan to the directors.

## **9. Tournament Business**

### **(a) Approval of Minutes of the Tournament Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Approved: J Gilbert

Seconded: W Thompson

### **(b) Matters Arising Therefrom**

A McArtney said well done to all who were involved in the Tassie.

R Reyner queried the recommendation put forward in regards to the Paul Lawrie trophies. A McArtney and C McLeod advised that they hoped that changing the format would bring in more players. After discussions, the directors agreed to take the recommendation to their clubs and ask opinions. These will be brought to the next tournament committee meeting.

The directors agreed to the changes recommended for the Ladies Links tournament.

A McArtney thanked C McLeod in particular for his excellent work and long hours in running the Tassie. It was a successful week. A McArtney advised the directors of the winners.

A McArtney also congratulated the Greenkeeping staff as the courses were in excellent condition.

A McArtney explained that he had miscounted the stableford points at the Pringle Trophy, which had resulted in the team trophy being incorrectly awarded to the Carnoustie Ladies. He apologized for the error, but stated that, as Tournament Convenor, he had decided that the trophy should be awarded to the New Taymouth club. The directors agreed that, in future, stableford points must be shown on a card for it to be counted as valid.

## **10. PR Business**

### **(a) Approval of Minutes of the PR Meeting of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Approved: P Sawers

Seconded: J Gilbert

**(b) Matters Arising Therefrom**

It was agreed that GMS do a good job publicising Carnoustie golf links on a national and international level, but more work is needed on a local level. The PR committee are to look into this.

**11. Season Ticket Business**

There was no business.

**12. Golf Services Managers Report**

C McLeod advised that he had been approached by a well known club who advised of their booking figures for this year. C McLeod advised that their figures were down by 3% from last year. The average downfall in bookings in general is between 18-20%, and the average in Scotland is around 16%. He advised that the CGLMC Ltd figures are more positive than this.

The Dunhill Links tournament will be the same format as last year. A temporary fence will be erected at the Championship 1<sup>st</sup> tee since the Starters Box is now gone. The Dunhill staff will get much more exclusive use of the Golf Centre during the tournament.

**Golf Tourism Scotland Gold Standards Awards**

C McLeod asked for names of 2 members of the committee that may like to attend the event. G Wilson and A McArtney volunteered. P Sawers advised that she could go if anyone could not make it.

**13. Station Masters Letter**

A letter had been received from the Station Masters golf club with regard to possible representation on the board of CGLMC Ltd. The directors discussed the matter at some length. However, it was felt that it would not be possible to grant such a request. H Oswald asked for a small report to advise of the historical background of the formation of the committee and subsequently the board of directors. G Duncan will forward this on to her.

**14. General Managers Report**

The auditors have asked that the items 'Companies House Matters' and 'Health and Safety Report' be added to all CGLMC Ltd meeting agendas.

The 2014 Commonwealth Games authorities would like to widen the core path from 3m to 4m. They will cover any expenses incurred.

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The new holes on the Buddon Links course have been completed. They have been seeded and the Greenkeeping staff will now undertake the maintenance.

G Wilson wished P Sawers good luck in the upcoming Dunhill tournament.

**15. Companies House Matters**

There were no matters to report.

**16. Health and Safety**

No absences were recorded due to accident or injury during August 2012.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 2010 hours.

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