

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd PR Sub-Committee Meeting
held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 10th February 2014**

Present: L Gordon (PR Convenor), W Thompson, P Sawers, C Yule, B Boyd, J Gilbert.

In Attendance: K Sampson, A McColgan.

Meeting began 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

K Sampson, A McColgan.

2. Plans for the Opening of the Two New Holes on the Buddon Links

L Gordon advised that GMS and C McLeod are taking care of the Media Cup. It is hoped this event will generate lots of publicity. A professional photographer is being arranged to visit the course and take photographs of the 2 new holes. L Gordon advised that she will be away for the next 3 weeks and therefore a plan needs to be organised now.

L Gordon advised that she will contact Jennifer Newton of the Guide and Gazette and advise her of the official opening taking place on 28th March 2014.

The committee agreed that H Oswald (Angus Provost), P Sawers (CGLMC Ltd Chairman), A Reid (Links Superintendent) and C Sinclair (Head Professional) should be invited to open the new holes.

L Gordon enquired to what time the first golfers go out. G Duncan advised that on an opening day, the time can be decided independently from normal play. He advised that it could be delayed until 9.00am or later on the Buddon Links course if that was required. The committee agreed. L Gordon then suggested that the opening of the new holes should take place at 9.45am. All Directors and Buddon Links staff should be invited to attend.

B Boyd enquired to the plan if there is bad weather. The committee agreed that the opening will still go ahead, under umbrellas.

G Duncan asked what is to happen after the holes have been opened. The committee agreed that a reception will be held in the Golf Centre, which anyone will be allowed to attend. Drinks and food will be provided. There will be no issues with the coffee shop in regards to food being provided, as long as it is not being sold.

The committee agreed that the new holes will only be driven in, they do not have to be played in full. A full round of the course is also not necessary.

W Thompson advised that the courses might be busy on this day as it is coming to the end of the winter ticket prices.

The committee then agreed that the course would open at 9.00am or later. The 2 new holes will be opened at 09.45am by driving off the holes. The reception will take place in the Golf Centre at 10.30am.

L Gordon will inform Jennifer Newton. B Boyd advised that he would liaise with the Courier and put them in touch with L Gordon.

A Nicholson will be invited to the opening.

The 2 new holes will keep the names of the old holes.

Competition on Buddon Course – Friday 28th March

G Duncan advised that R Reyner had suggested that a competition be held on this day with a £10.00 entry fee. P Sawers suggested that this would discourage Season Ticket holders from playing if they had to pay. She suggested that prizes should be organised. The committee then agreed that the competition take place for free on the Saturday and Sunday (29th-30th March) in order that more players can take part. The clubs will be informed of this competition, and it will also be added to the March newsletter and onto the website. Prizes will be organised. This will be confirmed at the next full meeting in order that club representatives can advise their clubs.

The players taking part in the Media Cup will be briefed on the new Junior area. It is hoped they will include it in their reviews.

3. PR Committee Remits & Convenor Responsibilities

W Thompson requested that the line in the 4th paragraph '... of CGLMC Ltd shall elect a Vice-Chairman...' should be amended to '... of CGLMC Ltd shall elect a **PR Convenor**...'

4. Any Other Competent Business

B Boyd advised that he has received good feedback after the dog fouling article was released. Many have viewed the article on 'Our Carnoustie'.

B Boyd advised that in the area beside the Golf Centre, where the Angus Council land stops and CGLMC Ltd land begins, there is a lot of dog mess. G Duncan is to organise this area to be cleaned up.

J Gilbert advised that in the past, CGLMC Ltd have asked Angus Council to enforce dog fouling and dogs out of control on the course. The Council advised that they did not have the budget for this, so CGLMC Ltd advised that they would pay for an officer to be set up at CGLMC Ltd. This was not followed up by the Council. J Gilbert advised that Angus Council have come bottom of the table for handing out dog fouling fines with a total of '0'. B Boyd suggested that this table may be out of date as he is aware of fines being given out. B Boyd will look into this matter further.

J Gilbert enquired to whether Angus Council are only enforcing dog fouling, or whether they are targeting out of control dogs also. J Gilbert advised that it is coming up to the time where there are many birds nesting in the low bushes on the course. He suggested that these out of control dogs are disturbing the wildlife and causing environmental issues. Queries were raised in regards to the exact wording of the Outdoor Access Code. G Duncan is to confirm the Outdoor Access Code wording and B Boyd is to speak to Angus Council in regards to enforcing dogs being kept under control on the courses. B Boyd is to liaise with A Nicholson before the next meeting.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1955 hours.