

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Season Ticket Sub-Committee Meeting held in the CGLMC Committee Room on Monday 27 January 2014 at 20 Links Parade**

Present: J McLeish (Season Ticket Convenor), P Sawers, W Thompson, L Gordon, G Murray, G Paton

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager).

Meeting began 6.30 pm.

**1. Apologies**

R Reyner

**2. 3 Course Season Ticket**

J McLeish advised that 2 documents had been distributed to the committee regarding this subject. The first was a letter from A Reid, Links Superintendent. J McLeish advised that he was not in agreement with all of the points raised in this letter. He advised that it is his opinion that if there are ballots available, people should be able to play them.

The second document was produced by C McLeod which shows the general playing habits of the persons on the Season Ticket waiting list for a 3 course 7 day ticket.

The figures were discussed, J McLeish then suggested that more statistics are required and that figures should be collected for a while more before deciding on how many Season Tickets should be released. He therefore suggested that the proposal to release 50 new Season Tickets this year should be deferred until the further figures are collated.

J McLeish then went on to suggest that in the meantime, at least 5 players from the waiting list should be offered tickets, that being 5 tickets released on top of any Junior tickets released.

J McLeish advised that he was in agreement with A Reid in that the season tickets are underpriced and questioned whether all persons on the waiting list would want a ticket should the ticket be price relative to the quality of the course.

G Paton advised that he was not in agreement with A Reid's letter in regards to ballots. He suggested that at the weekends, the course is already full, so there will be no extra people playing the courses. Plus there would be only a small effect on the number of persons being balloted out should they all want to play.

J McLeish advised that the Committee cannot know what will happen to the courses if 50 new tickets are released.

P Sawers asked the Committee the objective of releasing these extra tickets. The Committee agreed it was to create movement on the waiting list and would be a good PR exercise.

After discussions, J McLeish proposed that the plan to release an extra 50 tickets this year should be abandoned, and further figures and discussions are required. This was seconded by P Sawers and voted for by L Gordon and G Murray. G Paton voted against this proposal.

J McLeish then proposed that a minimum of 5 tickets be issued (on top of the Junior tickets), P Sawers suggested that this should be considered when C McLeod's proposal is brought forward following his research into a 2 course ticket being the entry level.

*Sederunt -6.40pm – W Thompson entered the meeting.*

### **3. Season Ticket Sub-Committee Remit.**

The committee agreed to the remit with no changes needed.

### **4. Any Other Competent Business**

P Sawers advised the committee that in 1995, Angus Council told CGLMC Ltd that Season Tickets must be made open to all Angus residents. She then suggested that the committee may now want to consider looking at a priority scheme where Carnoustie residents (DD7 postcode) should be given first priority. This system is used in St Andrews in which St Andrews residents are automatically allowed to purchase a Season Ticket for all courses if they wish. P Sawers also suggested that the cost of the ticket may be in relation to the category the golfer falls into. P Sawers advised that in her opinion, it is unfair that Carnoustie residents cannot play their own course.

After discussions, P Sawers suggested that as circumstances have changed considerably since 1995, a report be developed on this matter for submission to Angus Council.

W Thompson suggested that a strategic review of the whole Season Ticket system is needed, rather than making this decision independently. He suggested that all Season Ticket Committee members should bring their

ideas together to produce one plan. This should only need to be done once and may take a few years to implement.

In regards to the release of 5 tickets off the waiting list, W Thompson advised that he was of the understanding that it was agreed last year to release a minimum of 10 tickets. It was suggested that only stood for the year. G Duncan will check back the minutes.

P Sawers then proposed that 5 tickets be released this year and that a more strategic plan be compiled for the future. The category system should be examined further. Any past research should be used to help consider future plans.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1855 hours.