

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Season Ticket Sub-Committee Meeting
held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 17th March 2014**

Present: J McLeish (Convenor), W Thompson, P Sawers, G Paton, R Reyner, G Murray, B Boyd.

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), C McLeod (Golf Services Manager).

Meeting began 1815 hours.

1. Apologies

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2. Season Ticket Review Discussions

J McLeish advised that committee that the reason for holding this meeting was to discuss the point that P Sawers previously made, which was that a few years ago, Season Ticket priority was given to residents of Carnoustie. C McLeod distributed the waiting list showing the residential breakdown of those on the list.

P Sawers suggested that it is unfair that a person coming to live in Carnoustie may not be eligible for a 3 course ticket until they are retired.

G Duncan advised that prior to 1995, there was a priority list for residents of Carnoustie. If they were also a club member they received first priority, then just a resident received second priority, Angus residents received third priority and then anyone else received last priority. Following a complaint by a member of the public, a meeting was held between the senior representatives of the CGLMC at that time, and Angus Council. After that meeting, the rules were changed so that all residents of Angus were to be treated equally in terms of priority on the waiting lists. G Duncan advised that the CGLMC minutes of this decision are vague, but the position has remained unchanged since then and there remains no priority for residents of Carnoustie.

G Duncan advised that A McKeown had suggested that Angus Council would be prepared to listen to any representations CGLMC Ltd had with regard to this matter.

P Sawers then proposed that a priority option be looked into.

J McLeish declared an interest in this matter as he lives outside of the Carnoustie area and is currently on the waiting list for a 3 course ticket.

P Sawers suggested that the waiting list from a 2 to 3 course ticket is around 70 years.

W Thompson advised that he was against the idea of priority tickets but agreed that the issue needs to be discussed further. He suggested that a priority scheme could be run for an agreed number of years (such as 5) in order to allow more residents of Carnoustie access to all 3 courses. Another option may be to allow on a yearly basis, a minimum number of Season Tickets to Carnoustie residents.

P Sawers asked if the committee were happy to invest the time looking into her proposal. W Thompson suggested that instead of changing the current system, it should be kept the same, but an extra allowance of tickets be added to accommodate a minimum number of Carnoustie residents. He suggested that CGLMC Ltd should ensure they keep the integrity of the list.

B Boyd advised that in his capacity on the board, he wants to do the best for Carnoustie. He would be happy to support a proposal that gave Carnoustie residents priority.

W Thompson suggested that giving priority to Carnoustie residents may be unfair in the case that a person rents a house in Carnoustie for a short period of time and then moves away, they would still potentially receive a ticket. R Reyner advised that, like at St Andrews, if a member moved from the area, their 3 course priority ticket would be removed. They would have to downgrade their ticket and then add their name to the non-priority waiting list. R Reyner suggested that tickets could also be price sensitive due to location, meaning that non Carnoustie residents pay more.

W Thompson suggested that it would not be seen favourable by players who have owned a Season Ticket for years and then they are told the ticket price has increased due to their location. J McLeish raised the point that Council boundaries sometimes change. W Thompson advised that a price increase would need to be justified.

B Boyd suggested that guidance should be sought from A McKeown. He suggested that the way in which Angus Council allocate school placements could be used as a point of reference for CGLMC Ltd.

W Thompson advised that it has already been agreed to release 10 Season Tickets off the waiting list. He suggested that in order to give priority to Carnoustie residents, and to take into account the expansion of the town, 10 more tickets be made available only for Carnoustie residents.

G Murray suggested that the list could be closed to non Carnoustie residents.

J McLeish advised that there will become a time when CGLMC Ltd cannot keep releasing 10 Season Tickets per year.

W Thompson suggested that the list could be closed until it reaches a certain number. G Duncan advised that there may be public access issues with closing the list.

R Reyner advised that currently any Carnoustie resident that carries any CGLMC Ltd Season Ticket can play the any of the courses, if they upgrade. They do have to be accompanied by a Season Ticket holder of that course and pay an upgrade fee.

J McLeish suggested that tickets could only be issued to club members. R Reyner advised that the clubs cannot cope with the number of Season Ticket holders.

G Paton suggested that a Carnoustie residents could be given as a preference, a 1 course 7 day Season Ticket. It would mean they can play at Carnoustie and can add themselves to the 2 course 7 day ticket and in turn the 3 course 7 day ticket waiting list.

W Thompson suggested that if C McLeod's research comes back that many golfers would be in favour of a 2 course ticket as a standard ticket, then considerations need to be made in advance.

J McLeish enquired to whether concessions will be made for Buddon Links players on the weekend that the Buddon Course opens as there will be players from other courses wanting to play the Buddon that weekend, meaning regular Buddon Links players may be balloted out, and they have no other course to play.

W Thompson suggested that Buddon Links players be allowed to upgrade to the Burnside Course for free.

R Reyner suggested that a competition could be held on all 3 courses in order to celebrate the opening of the 2 new holes on the Buddon Course. W Thompson supported this suggestion. W Thompson furthered this by suggesting that 1 course Season Ticket holders would still get priority over other players in the Buddon Links Ballot, J McLeish supported this suggestion.

The committee agreed there would be no upgrade costs for any course over this weekend. There will be 3 prizes (1st, 2nd & 3rd) for both men and ladies on each of the 3 courses. Prizes are vouchers for the Pro-Shop. The Committee agreed that players can only win one prize over the weekend.

P Sawers suggested that in regards to the first proposal of priority for Carnoustie residents, it would be helpful to discuss further with A McKeown. W Thompson, J McLeish and C McLeod will prepare a paper highlighting any expected implications of a Carnoustie priority list.

There being no other business, the meeting was then closed at 1905 hours.

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