

**Minutes of the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee Meeting held in the
Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday 4th March 2013**

Present: G Wilson (Chairman), P Sawers (Vice-Chairman), L Gordon, G Murray, S Brown, W Thompson, J Gilbert, C Yule, A McCartney, G Paton, N Prentice, R Reyner, B Boyd, H Oswald.

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

Meeting began 1900 hours.

Apologies

J McLeish.

1. Any Additional Agenda Items

1. P Sawers – Update on appearance at Sheriff Court. Item 3. b)
2. A McCartney – Disabled Buggies. Item 3. c)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. (a) Seagreen Update (G Wilson)

G Wilson advised that there was no progress. The February meeting was cancelled, and it is expected that the March meeting will also be cancelled. G Wilson advised that he was aware that the Seagreen representatives were in attendance at the Carnoustie Community Council meeting where they had discussed the route over the Buddon links, but had not mentioned any other possible routes. He enquired to why B Boyd or H Oswald did not question Seagreen about this, but he was advised that neither had attended that meeting. A meeting is to be held with C McMahon (Angus Council) this week.

(b) Update on Appearance at Sheriff Court (P Sawers)

P Sawers updated the directors on the recent Sheriff Court case brought by a season ticket holder for compensation after his dog had sustained an injury.

CGLMC Ltd and the dog owner were found to be each 50% liable and therefore a payment of £70.95 would require to be made.

G Wilson advised that he was disappointed with the outcome of the case. He thanked P Sawers, G Duncan, S Mitchell and A Reid for their help and involvement with this matter.

G Wilson suggested that CGLMC Ltd need to take time to look over the implications this may have on the course. He advised that CGLMC Ltd's relationship with dog walkers is a good one, and that many dog walkers have supported CGLMC Ltd's position in this matter. G Duncan was asked to compile a report with suggestions on how dog walkers can be advised of how they are expected to behave on the course, and the best ways to keep their dogs safe. C Yule suggested that signs be put onto dog bins.

R Reyner suggested that CGLMC Ltd should have had a PR statement ready in the event of any further articles appearing in the press.

c) Disabled Buggies – A McArtney

A McArtney enquired as to when the new disabled buggy would be in place. G Wilson advised that it would be ordered in time for delivery on April 1, 2103 and will be paid for out of next year's budget.

4. Approval of Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting of Monday 4th February 2013

Approved: W Thompson

Seconded: R Reyner

(a) Matters Arising Therefrom

It was advised that the Tea Hut was closed on two days in January because they thought the course had been closed, but it had not. They have been advised that in future they are to check with the CGLMC Ltd office before closing the Tea Hut.

5. Greens Business

(a) Approval of Minutes of the Greens Meeting of Monday 11th February 2013

Approved: L Gordon

Seconded: S Brown

(b) Matters Arising Therefrom

J Gilbert advised that the committee felt that it would be appropriate to mark the retirement and 25 years service of Eric Watson. He asked for suggestions on how to mark the event. It was suggested that a similar function to that provided for John Philp would be appropriate. This will be discussed further at the next Greens Committee meeting.

W Thompson suggested that a formal policy be drawn up to deal with these events in the future. He was advised that there is a payment given to staff after 20 years service, but retirements are dealt with on an individual basis.

6. Finance Business

Approval of Minutes of the Finance Meeting of Monday 18th February 2013

Approved: G Wilson

Seconded: G Paton

(b) Matters Arising Therefrom

G Murray asked for director's approval to purchase all of the equipment proposed by A Reid in his 3 year plan presented to both Greens and Finance sub-committees, and supported by both.

The directors agreed:

- i) to purchase the equipment specified by A Reid in his plan each year for the next 3 years, commencing in 2013.

7. Pro-Shop Business

W Thompson advised that a meeting will be arranged soon.

8. Major Projects

A meeting will be held in the next few weeks to discuss the Business Plan, alongside other items.

9. Tournament Business

There was no business.

10. PR Business

L Gordon advised that discussions have to be held regarding the Notice Board in the Pro-Centre. G Wilson advised that it may be possible to place some of the clubs notices on the Notice Board at the Burnside course. L Gordon advised that a TV screen may be an option. She will report back to the directors.

11. Season Ticket Business

There was no business. C McLeod will have rough figures soon in regards to the movement of the Season Tickets.

12. Golf Services Managers Report

PGA Show

C McLeod advised that he had attended the PGA show last month. This is the biggest golf event in the world. Many top professionals attend this event on behalf of their sponsors. There are also many big tour operators that attend this event who do not often get an opportunity to visit Scotland.

C McLeod got the opportunity to meet with the Tour Operator 'Hidden Links' who bring over in excess of 500 players to Carnoustie every year. He also secured some television adverts in America during European live events in return for some 4 balls.

Scottish Ladies

The Scottish Ladies have asked for some tee times on the Burnside course for their new tournament. It will be similar to the Tartan Tour and the times given will not affect any income. This will give good coverage of the Burnside course and there should be big interest in the tournament initially. This event will be held in July. W Thompson advised that he was in agreement with hosting the event, but questioned whether this should have been approved by the directors before C McLeod committed to the event.

Angus Ladies 3 Day Event

P Sawers advised that this event is organised by the Northern Ladies and follows on from the successful event last year.

Bookings

C McLeod advised that he has managed to pick up £8,000 of bookings for mid October from a group in Edinburgh.

Ryder Cup

C McLeod presented a proposal for the use of tee times during the 2014 Ryder Cup. The directors agreed to consult with their clubs and discuss again at next month's full meeting.

Carnoustie Country Reciprocal Golf

C McLeod advised that last year, the Buddon Links and Burnside were included in this event, but this year they have asked that the Championship course also be included. C McLeod advised that last year, very few people visited Carnoustie, but a good number of Carnoustie members visited other courses. This agreement benefits CGLMC Ltd members. After discussions, the directors agreed:-

- i) to allow access to the Championship course with the condition that bookings must be made 5 days before play. This will be reassessed after one year if the scheme seems to be impractical.

13. General Managers Report

There was no report.

14. Performance Indicators

G Duncan will take questions on these reports at any time.

15. Companies House

There was no business.

16. Health and Safety Report

A Season Ticket holder is seeking compensation for an injury which he claims was sustained on one of the courses. The matter has been referred to the insurers.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 19.45 hours.

KS