

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting held in the Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**

Present: P Sawers (Chairman), G Murray, G Paton, J Gilbert, A McArtney,  
L Gordon, J McLeish, I Frier, H Oswald, A McColgan, W Bowles.

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent),  
C McLeod (Golf Services Manager)

Meeting began 1900 hours.

**1. Apologies**

W Thompson, C Yule, A McKeown, R Gillespie

**2. Any Additional Agenda Items**

P Sawers said that she would give an update on the Amateur Championship.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**4. Amateur Championship Update**

P Sawers advised the Trustees of the future meeting dates with the R&A. These were 26<sup>th</sup> February – Course visit R&A only. 10<sup>th</sup> March – Course visit R&A with A Reid and A McRae. 30<sup>th</sup> April – R&A with Championship committee.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Approved: G Murray

Seconded: L Gordon

**a) Matters Arising Therefrom**

P Sawers said that contact had been made with Angus Council regarding the living wage and wage differentials.

## **6. Greens Business**

### **a) Approval of Minutes of Greens Meeting of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Approved: G Paton

Seconded: L Gordon

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

#### Water Fountains

J Gilbert said that the recommendation from the Greens Sub-Committee was that they replace the 5 water fountains and asked for approval.

The Trustees agreed that:-

- i) 5 water fountains would be replaced at a total cost of £5995 + Vat.

#### Trees Left Hand Side 9<sup>th</sup> Championship

J Gilbert advised the Trustees of the reports produced by Dr Bob Taylor of STRI and Fred Conacher of Angus Council, both of whom supported the thinning of trees in this area. J Gilbert said that this work would assist in the long term plans in this area which were to have more indigenous species such as Rowan and Scots Pine. J Gilbert said that the eventual outcome would be to transform the area from a plantation into a wood.

The Trustees agreed that:-

- i) To remove the marked trees once a felling licence had been obtained. It was understood that this work would not take place until next winter.

#### New 16<sup>th</sup> Green Burnside

J Gilbert said that this work had already been approved but following discussions with the Links Superintendent and the General Manager he would like to recommend that the work take place next winter.

He said that the Greens sub-committee had recommended that M Ebert be commissioned to design the new green and also review the 3<sup>rd</sup> green Burnside.

The Trustees agreed that:-

- i) The new 16<sup>th</sup> green will be constructed next winter and that M Ebert be employed to design the new green and review the 3<sup>rd</sup> green Burnside.

#### Golf Industry Show

A McColgan queried the proposed visit by A Reid, C Boath and A McRae to the Golf Industry Show in Texas and asked how this was being funded.

G Duncan said that the trip had been organised by Hunter Irrigation to view their factory and demonstrate the latest irrigation technology, as well as attending the Golf Industry show.

G Duncan said this would be properly recorded in the hospitality register.

P Sawers said we were not at present involved in any procurement contract work with Hunter Irrigation, therefore she had no concerns about it taking place at this time.

## **7. Finance Business**

### **a) Approval of Minutes of Finance Meeting of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Approved: J McLeish

Seconded: H Oswald

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

#### Budgets

G Murray explained that the budgets had been finalised and recommended for approval by the Finance Sub-Committee.

The Trustees agreed to:-

- 1) Approve the budgets as produced for CGLMC Ltd and Carnoustie Golf Links Ltd.

#### Fibre Optic Cabling

G Duncan said he had spoken to the R&A and the fibre optic cabling that they were to install would provide full communications technology through out the Golf Links and all the buildings. The most likely date for installation would be winter 2015/16.

#### Caddie Bibs

G Duncan said he had not yet identified the exact number of caddie bibs purchased but he would do so for the next meeting.

#### Hotel Times

J Gilbert asked for confirmation that the adjustments to the Hotel times on the Burnside and Buddon Links were a 2 year trial.

G Duncan confirmed that this was the case and that a full assessment would take place as to the success or otherwise of these changes.

## **8. Pro Shop Business**

There was none.

## **9. Major Projects**

P Sawers said that a meeting would take place at the end of February or the start of March.

## **10. Tournament Business**

C McLeod said that only 9 competitors were still to pay their entry fee for the Craws Nest Tassie 2015.

## **11. PR Business**

L Gordon said she would be meeting with the Guide & Gazette and she would call a meeting at the end of March.

## **12. Season Ticket Business**

J McLeish said that the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> February would now be held at 6pm instead of 7pm and he would speak to Colin McLeod to put an agenda together.

## **13. Environmental Business**

J Gilbert said he had attended the STRI awards ceremony, along with the Links Superintendent and the Head Greenkeeper Championship course, for the Environmental Golf Course of the year.

J Gilbert said that Carnoustie took second place which was a tremendous achievement and he paid tribute to the hard work and commitment of the Greenkeeping staff that carried out the Environmental works.

P Sawers also paid tribute to the commitment of the staff.

J Gilbert said that while there, he had confirmed with Dr Bob Taylor an environmental visit for the Buddon Links.

## **14. Golf Services Manager's Report**

### Amateur Championship

C McLeod asked the Trustees how they wish to deal with the Amateur competitors who arrive the week before and wish to play the Championship course.

P Sawers said that it had already been agreed that any competitor who wished to play before the practice days would be charged the Angus Resident rate, ie. 50% of the full green fee.

C McLeod said there were very few visitor tee times left unsold for that week and he asked for guidance on the use of season ticket holder's times.

J Gilbert proposed that once the ballot was drawn any unused tee times could be made available.

The Trustees agreed that:-

i) For the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, Amateur Championship competitors would be allowed to play in any season ticket holders tee time which was free after the ballot had been drawn.

#### Angus County Request

C McLeod said that Angus County have requested 4 Buddon Links tee times and 8 Burnside tee times on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Following a discussion the Trustees agreed that:-

i) Angus County would be allocated 4 Buddon Links tee times from 10am and 8 Burnside tee times from 2pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August for a County match. These times would be provided free of charge.

### **15. General Manager's Report**

#### Seagreen

G Duncan advised the Trustees of press reports which queried the availability of funding for the project.

J Gilbert said that planning had been given for a large scale solar panel installation at Tealing and he wondered if this would have an impact on where the Seagreen cable might make landfall.

H Oswald said that a planning amendment was due to be discussed.

The Trustees agreed to wait and see what developments take place.

#### External Works at the Golf Centre

G Duncan said these works had begun on schedule and no particular problems had been encountered so far.

P Sawers pointed out that there was a large hole which should have barriers constructed around it.

#### Season Ticket Disciplinary Meeting

G Duncan advised the Trustees of the outcome of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

A McColgan asked if the member of staff was happy with the outcome.

G Duncan said that the member of staff was satisfied with the decision made by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

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**15. Companies House Matters**

G Duncan said that the paperwork regarding the appointment of W Bowles would now be lodged with Companies House.

**16. Health and Safety Report**

There were no matters to report.

There being no other business, the meeting was then closed at 1928 hours.