

Minutes of CGLMC Ltd Season Ticket Sub-Committee Meeting held in the CGLMC Ltd Office 20 Links Parade on Monday 16th February 2015

Present: J McLeish (convenor), P Sawers, W Thompson, G Murray, G Paton, W Bowles, L Gordon

In Attendance: C McLeod (Golf Services Manager)

Meeting began at 1800

1. Apologies

R Gillespie

2. Confirmation of Number of Tickets to be Released

J McLeish asked for confirmation that the number of season tickets to be released would still be 10, the same as was granted in the previous year.

It was agreed by the season ticket sub-committee that 10 would be recommended to the full committee for approval.

3. Cost of Upgrade System to Season Ticket Holders

J McLeish said that he and C McLeod had held a discussion regarding some members who were paying an upgrade fee every week to play on the Championship course, which meant that they were paying much more than the price of a 3 course season ticket.

It was suggested that a fixed fee could be charged to those golfers to give them unlimited upgrades throughout the year.

G Paton said that if they were granted access to the 3 courses for a set fee this would be the same as granting them a 3 course ticket but without being on the waiting list.

J McLeish said that those paying the fee would not be getting the benefits of a 3 course ticket. They would still have to play with a 3 course season ticket member and they wouldn't be allowed in the ballot.

W Thompson said that it would be an idea to limit the number of upgrades for a fixed fee and there would only be a small number of people that may take this up.

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After a lengthy discussion the committee agreed that C McLeod would put a proposal together.

4. Over 65 Discount

J McLeish said that the 65+ discount was due to be reviewed in 2 years time.

G Murray said that the 10% discount equated to £20,000 of income that was being lost and this would only increase over the next few years.

G Paton suggested that instead of giving a discount for over 65's there could be a discount given to reward long term members.

J McLeish pointed out that long term season ticket members wouldn't just be 3 course season ticket holders but maybe 2 course season ticket holders as well.

P Sawers agreed that this was a good idea and also suggested that another idea would be to look at the demographics and possibly offer a discount to members living in Carnoustie. The council would need to be consulted on this in case it was an issue.

After a discussion the season ticket sub-committee agreed that nothing would be changed before the 2 year review but it would be a good idea to have a decision made before the 2 year dead line. C McLeod is to check if the Links CC system can produce the information required regarding long term season ticket holders.

5. Season Ticket Price in Relation to Visitor Green Fee

J McLeish stated that there is a risk factor if we lost the visitor green fee as our season ticket price is underpriced.

C McLeod pointed out that the ratio of the cost of a visitor round to the cost of a 3 course season ticket used to be 11:1, now it is down to under 3:1.

P Sawers said that there had been unofficial reports that Monifieth Golf Links had been losing members to ourselves due to the cost of a 2 course season ticket being less than Monifieth's.

After a lengthy discussion the season ticket sub-committee agreed that G Murray is to put a proposal together to increase the ratio up to 4:1 over a possible 5 year period.

6. Changes to Ballot Rules

C McLeod said that there is a rule in place which states that if the course is closed the ballot will remain for the following week.

C McLeod asked the sub-committee if this rule could be removed as this has caused some problems when the clubs have competitions on.

The sub-committee agreed to C McLeod amending the rule wording to state that the ballot would remain when it is possible and could not be guaranteed.

C McLeod asked about the rule stating that you cannot walk your dog on the course while playing golf. There had been an issue with a golfer taking a trainee guide dog on the course.

The sub-committee agreed that this would not be allowed and only if the golfer was blind would the guide dog be allowed onto the course.

7. Any other Competent Business

Members Not Turning Up For Their Balloted Time

G Paton asked if there were any sanctions on members not turning up for their ballot.

C McLeod said that they would be balloted out for the following 2 weeks.

G Paton asked if only 2 turned up out of the 4 ball whether they would be affected by this rule.

C McLeod said that they would not, as the tee time would still be used.

W Thompson asked that C McLeod pass this information onto the Pro Shop and they could take note of any members that are doing this.

Downgrade of Ticket

L Gordon asked if someone who had a 3 course ticket but only wanted to hold a 2 course ticket could change it.

C McLeod said it was possible for the person to downgrade to a 2 course season ticket.

There being no other competent business the meeting was closed at 1857 hours.