

Members Management Group

Meeting Minutes

Friday 27th September 2024

In attendance: G. Dalziel, J. Murdoch, C. Lumsdaine, D. Scott, J. Porteous

Apologies:

1. Course Update

11th hole- D. Scott said that a meeting had taken place to go over the plans for improving the drainage at the 11th hole on Craigielaw and the 10th/11th Hole on Kilspindie GC. The manager at Kilspindie is to arrange a meeting with a drainage expert to go over the plans they have for their 10th and 11th holes and it is hoped Craigielaw can add into the plans to take excess water from the 11th hole here at Craigielaw.

Driving range changes – Construction work to the new short game area on the range was now complete and seeding and new turf was being laid. There are still some smaller jobs to complete but this will be carried out over the winter months.

Agronomist report – The course agronomist had visited on the 4th September with a very positive report being given. Some advice to follow on how to further improve greens surrounds was provided but no major changes to the programme was required.

Course Walk – The MMG took part in a course walk with Paul Hay straight after the meeting for a general look round the course.

2. Members Feedback Survey

D. Scott asked for a final approval on what the 2024 members survey should look like. All agreed that an online format with a general request for feedback was satisfactory. D. Scott to finalise and send to MMG for approval prior to sending out to the membership.

3. Booking System

D. Scott said that the new management software was ready to use but there were links to the clubs payment gateway to be set up before it could go live. D. Scott to provide access to the MMG for an initial look at the system.

4. AOCB

Clubhouse furniture – D. Scott said new furniture had been delivered and was now in place, however there were a small number of items that were still to arrive. The members lounge furniture would be assessed next and any replacements ordered for delivery into 2025.

Drains – D. Scott confirmed a secondary block to the main sewer line had happened but this was fully cleared by Scottish Water.

Range Usage – There was a discussion on members range usage and whether there was merit in introducing an annual unlimited use payment. J. Porteous highlighted that the cost of range balls for members had not risen since the range opened and provided good value for money, J. Porteous also highlighted the costs to maintain the range had risen sharply over the last few years but it was not proposed to increase the costs of tokens but discounts on top of this cost were not practical.

Non-Member usage – It had been suggested to G. Dalziel that there may be some non-members playing the South Links in the evening and perhaps this might also be the case for the main course. D. Scott said that staff do try to monitor the South links to keep an eye on things and he also noted that the cost of having staff police the areas throughout the evening at the moment would be an unnecessary cost.

Dates of future meetings. It was felt that during the season and through traditional holiday times in the year it would be wise to move meetings out to every 6 weeks and in the off season come back to 4 week rotations where there is more to discuss.

Dates of next meetings

It was agreed to meet on the dates below at 8.30am

18th October