

Members Management Group

Meeting Minutes

Friday 29th March 2024

In attendance: G. Dalziel, J. Murdoch, D. Scott

Apologies: C. Lumsdaine, J. Porteous

1. Course Update

D. Scott noted that the weather continued to cause disruption to play, course condition and the ability for the green staff to carry out planned maintenance. Paul Hay had confirmed that Spring preparation work was 3 weeks behind and planned maintenance to bunkers had had to be put on hold due to wet and flooded bunkers.

D. Scott confirmed all stock of seed, fertiliser, herbicide etc was in stock and would put out on the course when the weather allowed. The delay in putting out treatments may have implications on the impact of leather jacket insects, daisys and clover. Treatments will be applied as soon as weather allows.

New pin flags were in place and were welcome, D. Scott said there had been positive comments.

As noted in previous minutes a compactor and new rakes had been purchased to help to create an "Aussie Style" of bunker presentation. As soon as bunkers are dry enough work would continue to move all bunkers over to this style.

J. Murdoch asked about progress with the 11th drainage. D. Scott said that a second pump would be installed in the pumping area to increase capacity and green staff were trying to locate an old field drain to connect to further increase capacity. If no drain can be found a soakaway option will be considered. In the rough between Craighelaw and Kilspindie.

G. Dalziel asked about the new tee at the 3rd. D. Scott said this was complete and would be used as and when required.

All commented that despite the poor weather the course was in good condition.

2. Subscriptions

D. Scott said the renewals were nearing completion there had been approx. 20 resignations in the main categories so far but there had also been existing members looking to change category with more looking to upgrade than downgrade. Any shortfall in member numbers would be filled from the wait list.

It was noted there had been some negativity around the increase to the subscription rates. D. Scott said there were definitely signs that many of the clubs costs were plateauing and efforts were being made to reduce some costs although April 1st saw a 10% increase to National Minimum Wage. If this situation stayed the same then there would not be the need to increase subscription rates to the same level next year.

3. Booking System

D. Scott said that the new management software was being worked on, it is still planned to start using the system in April. The set up of booking rules etc was taking a bit more time than planned and the booking system would remain on Freetime for the time being. It is hoped that the system would go live towards the end of the Summer. D. Scott noted there were interesting functions that would be of interest to members (friend lists to invite to play, viewing names on the sheet etc).

4. MLC

Due to weather and availability it was decided to delay the MLC get together golf and dinner to the 10th May.

5. AOCB

D. Scott said that Susie Miller in Accounts (29 yrs service) and Steve Thompson in the pro shop (14 yrs service) had now retired. All wished them well.

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

10th May

14th June

26th July

6th September

18th October