



Minutes for Annual General Meeting held at Golf Clubhouse at 3pm on Sunday 12th February 2023

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u> <u>BY</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> C Hamilton; K Sewell; M Salton; D Boyd; L Peebles; J Cambridge; S Cambridge; K Dunn; J Taylor; C Archibald; T Sinclair; S Elm; G Nicholson; A McMath; C Gibb; K Fraser	
2	<u>PRESENT:</u> : R McClean; A Strain; D Strain; S Glendinning; D McMath; C Turnbull; I Robertson; B Waddell; B Slow; C McArthur; A Slow; D Thom; J Nicol; J Callan; B Bullivant; A Waddell; S Boak; M Veitch; A Melrose; I Stewart; B McRobb; J Pendreigh; C Kelly; N Smith; C Phaup; G Smith; G White; D Watson; E Veitch; F Morris; C Rendle; M Todd; A Dick; B Foster; A Nejman; G Fraser; R Landers; R Innes; K Sutherland; C Sutherland; B Lowrie; G Evans; M McGovern; A Johnston	
3	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u> : Approved	SG/RM
4	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> : None	
5	<p><u>CHAIRMAN's ADDRESS</u></p> <p>Captain K Gibb gave an address detailing the first year of his Captaincy. Special thanks were given to the Greenkeeping staff for presenting the course so well throughout the season. Particular thanks were given to Grant White whose expertise and input has proved invaluable. Clubhouse improvements were listed and an embryonic plan to site a new and much needed Greenkeepers shed behind the clubhouse was unveiled. M McGovern was applauded as he stepped down after 13 years of service to the Committee.....a marathon stint. All club championship finalists received a mention , in particular the Gents A class final which would have graced any stage. All members were thanked for their continued support and the Captain wished everyone a successful and enjoyable season.</p>	
6	<p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></p> <p>Following the circulation of the Club accounts and proposed fees Colin Turnbull took questions. The a/cs were approved (KG/MM).</p>	

	<p>Monies held in Competition Purses amount to approx. £4300. Any member wishing to withdraw funds from their purse need simply to contact Colin.</p> <p>A gift aid application will be made following payment of this years fees and hopefully the receipt of some donations.</p> <p>There was a protracted conversation with regard to the new proposed full fee of £372. There will be no distinction between those paying Direct Debit and those paying in full....this for admin purposes. It was felt by a few that this penalised those paying in full. Other members questioned the need for any increase and it was explained that all monies raised would be invested in the Club eg we have recently purchased grass machinery. This in tandem with all our costs currently rising at around 10%. Others thought that golf at the proposed prices constituted good value at around £1 a day. After discussion the new fees were approved.</p> <p>A further long discussion ensued regarding catering; the costs of potentially doing this in house. It was explained that, in order to keep it in house the Club would have to employ two staff at the cost of £60K making it unviable. The franchise model is the only way currently that we can operate a caterer. The Club plans to advertise golf packages with catering going forward.</p> <p>A further debate focussed on whether Medal sponsorship monies should be paid out in prizes or funnelled back into the Club. There was a feeling amongst some that prize money was becoming too important at the Club.</p> <p>A member outlined a 3 to 5 day comp that is run at Brora Golf Club which nets £25K a year for Club funds. Could we try something similar? This will be looked into but initial thoughts are that Brora is an 18 hole Championship course with several paid administrative staff and cannot be compared.</p>	
7	<p><u>HOUSE CONVENOR/SECRETARY REPORT</u></p> <p>Committee thanked for their efforts. Great feedback has been received for course and clubhouse improvements. Ladies Open a huge success. The Club unfortunately lost their caterers but a replacement was found very quickly and we welcome Brenda Robertson aboard. Thanks to Craig Rendle for re introducing a Club newsletter in the shape of "The Slice". The Helping Hands Whatsapp group for those who can be called upon from time to time was highlighted. Anyone wishing to join should approach Debs. The annual Presentation night is to be held on the 25th...tickets available from Brenda</p>	
8	<p><u>GREENKEEPERS REPORT</u></p> <p>The following works will be carried out over the coming season.</p> <p>7th fairway bunker to be dug out; soakaway installed and a new face built.</p> <p>Bridge work to be carried out on the 6th. The 6th green may have to be dug up as there could be a blocked drain underneath. It is permanently soaking just now.</p>	

	<p>Ground in front of 9th tees to be reinstated.</p> <p>A member asked if we should be paying attention to the road crossing at the 4th as this is always under water.</p> <p>The ladies 6th tee is a cause of concern.....both these matters are in hand.</p> <p>There then followed a long and, at times heated discussion regarding the use of winter greens. It was explained that compaction was taking place; the course had to be rested and priority had to be given to Club competitions. The feeling in the room was that this penalised those that play Mon to Fri. The course experiences the biggest footfall during a Saturday comp. Many courses use winter greens throughout the winter but the Club does not want to go down that route. It was reiterated that the Head Greenkeepers decision on this is final. The Committee will not tolerate this being challenged. However a compromise must be sought and in this regard a new set of guidelines/algorithm will be published so that the decision making process is black and white. Course closures or changes in conditions ie greens, will be communicated to members accompanied by reasons.</p>	
9	<p><u>MATCH/HANDICAP REPORT</u></p> <p>An explanation was given on how the new Scottish Golf App works and how to access it. Be aware your handicap may have changed slightly.</p> <p>The view of the Committee, as recommended by the SGU, is that supplementary manual handicap adjustments should continue. A new simple-to-follow policy will be produced.</p> <p>Wednesday comp entries have all but dried up for some reason and in an effort to revitalise this 6 Wed monthly medals will take place with qualifying places for the Supermedal. The summer eclectic will continue but the stableford comps will go. Towards the end of the season 9 and 12 hole comps (non-counting) will be held as the light fades.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding members not handing in cards.....this effects the tournament stats. There is no need to enter your handicap on your scorecard but please enter scores on the computer. The club will issue a statement on how to do this properly.</p>	
10	<p><u>MOTIONS</u></p> <p>1 This motion was withdrawn</p> <p>2 Supermedal qualification. This was defeated. Qualification remains as is.</p> <p>3 Country Membership. This motion was defeated. Status quo remains.</p> <p>4 Supermedal qualification. This was defeated. Qualification remains as is.</p> <p>5 Championship qualifying. This was adopted with a slight amendment. Best two out of three rounds . Top 16 to qualify and seeded.</p>	

11	<p><u>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>A warm welcome to past captain Ronnie Landers and Craig Archibald as they join the Committee. Craig will specifically be working on the Match/Handicapping side of things. All office bearers remain for a second term. We remain short of a Greens Convenor and a Seniors Rep amongst others.</p>	
12	<p><u>BIKE PARK/LEASE/FLS/WIND FARM</u></p> <p>R McClean gave a short report on how these increasingly frustrating matters are progressing.....Please see attached</p>	
13	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>It was pointed out that a previously agreed amendment to the constitution re the dissolution of the Club ie that proceeds go to Innerleithen Community Trust, had not been actioned.....this will be done</p> <p>Keith Dunn said.....members please note that any guest playing with a member MUST now sign in to BRS themselves</p>	

MEETING CLOSED at 18.10