

Innerleithen Golf Club Committee minutes 7/03/16

Location Clubhouse

Present : R.Caine, T.Farndon, P.Irvine (capt) ,K.Norman, K. Dunn, C Phaup, I.Robinson, N Dashwood Brady, K.Jackson

Appologies G.Smith, N.Smith

Minutes of 1/02/16 ratified as correct by R.Caine and N.Dashwoodbrady

Matters arising

(a) T. Dewis has failed to respond to an email,voicemail or text from K. Jackson He did reply to a recorded letter sent by K.Dunn and he has now resigned as secretary of the golf club. A notice will be placed in the clubhouse asking for someone from the membership to take on the role.

Action K.Jackson

(b) Standing orders see treasurer`s report by K.Dunn

(c)Purchase of fertiliser still outstanding and P. Irvine has still to contact the farmer

(d)New tee position – Glendinning to be contacted

(e) K.Norman has spoken to Greenkeeper(Davy) about signage and share of visit Scotland bonus

(f)Both the roof and tree at the 6th have been attended to.

(e)Competition clash with cycling event N Dashwood Brady and K.Dunn spoke to the event organiser today. A ladies event will be held 23/07/16 As such the R Eckford will be 36 holes on one day only ie Sun 24th July

(g)AOB the Willie Park centenary is this year not next and so it is felt sadly we are too late to celebrate this

(h) T.Fardon has launched the news letter now to be called The Mcdivot as this was the name of a previous club news letter

Further items raised

1 Competitions secretary

Action P.Irvine to speak to I.Stewart to clarify if he is willing to continue with his sterling work as regards weekly competitions

As regards the Opens in May, June and Sept it was agreed that the month prior to these competitions the committee will organise volunteers for these and any other arrangements needed

2 Treasurer`s report K.Dunn – a copy of his report is attached and posted in the clubhouse

Membership fees now coming in but defaulters (who pay by direct debit) are costing the club money by cancelling their payments before the reduced fee of £180 is complete. As such after great debate it was decided that for this new season NEW members will pay their reduced fees over 6 months or as a single payment.

Bob Bullivant has agreed to sponsor the July medal and the Henry Ballantyne - our thanks will be passed on by the Captain.

The honour board is now up to date and the Green fee board will be updated soon as will car park signage.

Invoices are in from SMC for servicing machinery approx £1200.

There is an opportunity to get a local chap will a mobile sharpening service to sharpen blades.

K.Norman to Action this

3 Greens convenor report K.Norman

It has been brought to committee's attention that the big shed doors were left open and Keith was unable to contact Callum (green keeper assistant) despite leaving text messages for him to contact Keith ASAP to discuss the matter. Luckily nothing was taken, however, the committee felt it had to be looked into.

It was also seen as an opportunity to engage with Davy (green keeper) and his assistant to jointly agree what we hope will be the plans/timetable of care for the course over the new season.

KNorman will ask the green keeping staff to a meeting with himself, Peter (Captain) and Raymond (Vice Captain) on Fri 25th March 4pm.

KNorman to action

(4) House convenor report N. Dashwood Brady

Rota for locking up now done and he will show new to the role members how to do this. Again reiterated the onus was on people to rearrange if their were problems with allocated dates

Several societies have contacted the club re: outings for the up coming season

The cycling event on 23rd July will income generate on the day as they would like to use the clubhouse facilities and part of the car park area – willing to pay £3 per space. The committee have agreed that they should be welcomed and that the mens comp due on that day rearranged for the next day as previously stated to release even more car parking spaces.

He also raised the issue of “challenging “ people on the course who they did not recognise nor were they displaying their membership badge or a day ticket as visitors. He and two other committee members K.Dunn and I. Robertson did in fact do this to a group of 4 men on the course to be met by an unsavoury reaction. In the end he was given £5 by the son of the man who then complained the following day.

The next day P.Sewell one of the men challenged contacted P.Irvine Captain demanding an appology from the club.

The committee agreed every club member has the right to challenge people on the course as club rules state you should display membership badges on their golf bags, and if, a visitor - a day ticket and sign the book prior to playing. This had also been agreed at the most recent AGM This had not been done by the group concerned. An apology from the club will not be forthcoming.

P.Irvine will action this response to Mr P. Sewell

AOB

(5)C.Phaup was asked by member Kevin Lean to raise the issue of winter greens. It was pointed out that club greenkeepers are part time and club relies on volunteers on course management and as such the resources are just not there.

(6) P.Irvine keen to have letters sent to other clubs to advertise the Opens that the club runs but lack of a club secretary makes this difficult
Action P.Irvine to speak to B.Boullivant

(7) K.Norman raised the issue of Signage and Sponsors The club needs to actively seek sponsors for medals and competitions. He is willing to visit shops etc. The cost for advertising around the putting area is £200, £70 for medals, and £100 for tees.

- (8) Presentation night to be held on 19th March C.Phaup, N. Dashwood Brady, P.Irvine have volunteered to do bar duty on the night
- (9) P.Irvine (Captain) has invited the ladies section to enter the Capt`s + Vice Capt`s comp on 26th March K.Jackson to let ladies know

Next meeting Mon 4th April 2016