

Innerleithen Golf Club -meeting 2/05/16

- 1) Apologies - G.Smith & I.Robertson
- 2) Present – P.Irvine, A.Neil, N.Dashwood Brady, K.Dunn, R.Caine, A. Wodehouse, C.Phaup, & K.Jackson.
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting 4/04/16 ratified by A.Neil & K.Dunn
- 4) Actions from previous meetings – a)Emails to green keeping staff sent 9/04/16 rescinding warnings issued
b) Discussion with farmer re earth works - not yet taken place - the work cannot begin until a prolonged period of dry weather occurs.
- 5) Secretary`s post remains unfilled
- 6) Treasurer`s report – attached to minutes. Brief summary – 134 members so far have joined this season.
Green fees - income from this on budget, despite poor weather. Treasurer making committee aware that come October if income continues to fall - where are cuts in our budget going to come from?
BGA had been wrongly emailing T Dewis personally instead of golf club & as such membership fees had not been paid - this is now resolved.
Noel has sent calendar of events to BGA.
- 7) Greens convenor Keith Norman not in attendance previous items actioned
a)Tractor had two faults one has been fixed, but second is an electrical fault which is intermittent ongoing checks being done Action K.Dunn
c)Green keeper had asked about “parts testing” - P.Irvine will test electrical equipment.
d)Green keeper requesting health and safety policy – he is to be advised that it is in his staff handbook. K.Norman to action
g) Honesty box – a new box is being built. Action N.Dashwood Brady and K.Dunn
h) Paint for painting posts – C.Phaup still to action
I) Patching tees has taken 23 hrs R.Caine keen to meet informally with D.Watson green keeper and K.Norman to discuss . He has suggested that to help greenkeeping staff that if club purchases sand/seed boxes and places them at all tees this could save staff time . Notices to be placed for all members in clubhouse to encourage the use of these boxes.
Raymond has also volunteered to tidy area around clubhouse.
- 8) House convenor report
a) Dripping tap has been fixed - thanks to M.Veitch
b) New advertising banners will be placed in Innerleithen and at roadside at 5th . The car parking boards will be ready in next 2 weeks.
c) Noel also keen that members use the BRS system even if only playing a bounce game. Discussion ensued as A.Wodehouse pointed out that it was difficult to book times that clashed with crossover times from the mornings even if no one had booked that morning time.

- c) continued - Noel explained that he and Keith Dunn can manually over ride that particular problem, but they would only do it the day before as they must give visitors the chance to book. He pointed out that so far hotels and visitors using BRS have brought £2000 into club so far this year. This was acknowledged by committee. He also raised a booking request by Tontine hotel Sat 10th Sept - committee agreed this group could be accommodated – 4 tee times.
- d) A discussion arose about perhaps changing the advert about fees from annual to monthly amount It was felt that this may prove difficult - as such new members joining will pay pro rata but only with treasurer approval .
- e) Noel also raised the poor number of entrants for the Seniors Open 19th May ? Cancel ? Reduce the prize monies. It was suggested that perhaps using the free advertising on Radio Borders may help.

- 9) Comps secretary - a) Texas scramble last weekend was a success and capt P.Irvine keen to repeat later this season
- b) Peter also reiterated that Ladies can play in Saturday competitions
 - c) Noel raised issue of which medal tees Seniors should use at the 3rd – it was clarified that the MIDDLE tee should be used for BOTH nines.

10)McDivot - This is a quarterly news letter produced by T.Farndon .

- a) Peter (capt) keen that we advertise and raise profile of the club especially for events such as the fundraising competition 11/06/16 – teams of 4 entry £100. Volunteers needed to help on the day.
- b)Catering for the above event was then discussed Craig Phaup to request prices from his sister Lorna, Indian restaurant, and Noel has names of some others.
- c) It was suggested that free bottles of water, & golf tees, chocolate bars may be issued prior to playing on 11/06/16
All of the above to be coordinated by Peter & Raymond who will meet after 14/05/16 to discuss.

11)AOB - a) Peter has been contacted by Jack Keeney as regards free golf tuition for U18 boys being offered by Frank Scott golf professional - a 6 week course Weds 6-8 pm – Jack.Callum,& Rory were the names suggested. Peter will deal with this.

b)Peter also keen that the banking at the 1st hole be a “feature” area of plants – he is keen that the area be strimmed prior to planting. K.Dunn and he will action .

- c) K.Jackson asked if, anyone had contacted the driver who had gone off the road at the corner between clubhouse and 9th green? A white van reg SK64 LFB was pulled from the course by green keeping staff and repairs at the corner done. No one on committee was aware. Keith Norman greens convenor to enquire further details to see if any action needed.

c) A.Neil raised issue of slow play - discussion ensued but it was a problem which is difficult to resolve. All members to be encouraged of course etiquette. Signage placed around course may also help and mentioned on BRS booking system.

d)K.Dunn raised issue of the club being a Limited Company previously raised at committee but no descision. The club at the moment is a Charitable society. Committee do not fully understand the situation and so Bob Bullivant (previous Capt and proposer of the Ltd Company status) will be asked to present the case for the change. Peter (Capt) to action/co ordinate)

Next meeting Mon 6/07/16 7pm Clubhouse