

Innerliethen Golf Club Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

7th March 2014

Present:

Andrew Cairns, Keith Norman, Arthur Neal, Peter Irvine, Bob Bullivant, Keith Dunn, Noel Dashwood Brady, Kenny MacMillan, Paul McEwan.

Apologies:

Fraser Blyth, Norman Smith,

1. Approval of Minutes

Previous minutes were not available for approval.

2. Matters arising from previous meetings (carried forward)

a) Course warning signs

Action transferred to KN from MH. 3 signs required 1 for each public access to the course. The sign is to be short and succinct "Caution golf course" on red triangle.

KN is to get additional costing.

b) Signage Project.

All old sponsorship boards have now been removed from the frames on course.

Frames to be prepared and painted before new boards fitted. (PI + others)

BB to assist KN with grant application to SGU for partnership funding for signs project.

c) Green Keepers report Format.

Green keepers report format to cover previous months work listing outstanding items if any and projected 4 week plan to allow purchase and supply of required materials in good time for green keepers to complete tasks.

d) Meeting with Henderson's (servicing of machines pricing)

KD reports we already have best pricing from Henderson's for servicing work on course machinery.

e) Bar Assessments (new Committee + others)

The new committee members to be taken through procedures and book so they are able to work behind the bar. PI

Bar stock levels to be assessed and an order placed for start of season.

NDB.

f) Lease update.

BB to take PI through the position as stands at present.

25 year lease available but was put on hold pending SGU academy proposal review. Academy idea not beneficial to Club so dropped. Lease terms require further discussion alongside Constitution content PI

g) Communication.

PI is to give direction to the new secretary on communication with the membership. (Ongoing)

FB is to be the new secretary

PM and AC are to be the handicap committee to contact Ian Stewart about software. PM

h) Buggy storage

This matter will be finalized when the new member joins. BB

i) Constitution

Item was deferred till a later meeting to allow further discussion on amendments required. NDB

j) Limited Company Status

Innerleithen Golf Club Limited has been incorporated to protect the registration name however the matter was deferred to allow the committee to fully get to grips with the implications involved.

k) Trees on the 5th tee.

This was actually supposed to be trees on the 8th KM will be trimming the trees to allow better vision of the road when teeing on the 8th.

Sometime in the following week should weather allow? KM

l) Honorary Membership Subscriptions

Matter was not discussed.

m) Website (update new fees and offers)

PI to discuss website with MH. Is MH continuing with site up keep or is someone else required to take over. Site updates to be made as soon as possible. PI to report back.

n) Water Resolution

Ian Stewart and Ian Gillie dug up the water entry pipe to check if it was lead? However the entry pipes are plastic.

The internal water system will be drained flushed and retested to see if we can have hand washing facilities back. NDB

Alex is still awaiting the results of forestry testing the supply stream to see if clear of contaminants further up the hill. If so we could move our collecting pipe further up the supply. AM

Prices have been received for alternative resolutions as listed below.

Mains water supply from village. £10,076.97 - £12,076.97 net

Filtration of existing water supply £ 3,454.00 net. Supply only?

The above quotation appears to be supply only so installation costs will have to be sort.

Borehole well	£5479.00 net
Pumping equipment for above	£4490.00 net
Total	£9969.00 net

Copy Quotations attached to minutes

D. Finance

Membership renewal forms have now been issued to most. Some letters for village require posting.
SGU and SLGA subs to be paid in April.

E. Course/ Green Keepers Report

No report available to consider.

F. House

Cleaning of Club house needs to be addressed.
Lock up Rota to be advised. NDB

G. Competitions

The Mail on Sunday first round match at home against Peebles 16th march PI to sort team. 5 man team required max 18 handicaps.
Seniors open £10 entry 55 years minimum age limit.
Monthly senior medal, age limit minimum 55 years. 3rd Monday of each month. 3/12 holes to be played off the forward tee.
Club Championship will remain as ABC only the D category for 20 plus handicap as proposed in 2013 will not be adopted.

H. Any Other Business

a) Committee sub groups and responsibilities

PM and AC to take over handicap responsibilities.
NDB to continue with house duties.
FB to take over as secretary

b) Key holders

Key holders and security company contacts are to be NDB, BB, PI.
While a Rota will be issued for opening up and lock up duties.

c) New Member Discount

The discount is £100 off the standard £285 full membership if paid up front. If paying by standing order the amount to be £17 per month.
This discount will not be prorated to other categories.
The cut off for returning members to attain this discount will be 5 years.

d) New Fees

PI to speak to Martin about updating the web site.

e) Open Day

PI to contact members about barbeque and fix date.

f) Senior competitions

Please see notes in competitions section of these minutes

g) Club championship (competitive classes)

Please see notes in competitions section of these minutes

h) Contact SGU development officer

PI to keep close contact with the SGU for continued assistance with development matters.

i) AGM Feedback Matters to be considered.

a. Offer free junior membership with a full adult membership. As the junior membership has been reduced in cost this is not a variable option.

b. Reduce price of midweek visitor rounds. This was considered however our current pricing is competitive with other local courses.

c. Hold an Open Texas scramble. A Sunday is to be found in the calendar and advertising to be issued to this end.

d. Advertise the course as an ideal eclectic venue for visitors To look at how this could be achieved.

e. Offer discount to parties over 10 golfers. This is already the case however it needs to be better advertised on the website.

f. An affiliated Member category. Already members of local courses enjoy 50% discount under the Scottish borders golf membership card. PI to continue with talking to hotels and guest houses about a discounted rate for guests.

g. Ladies medals to be open competitions This is a matter for the ladies section to consider as no ladies were present this matter was deferred until it could be discussed directly with them.

h. Men's team open competition A date is to be set for this competition.

i. Income generating sub-group with non committee members co-opted. This idea is fully endorsed and non committee members will be sought as soon as possible to get this scheme underway.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21.45 by Peter Irvine. The next general meeting will be at 19.00 on 4/4/2014 in Club house.