

RMMGC Board Meeting

Thursday 25th August 2022

Millennium Lounge, RMMGC

In attendance:

Graham Robb (GR), Jamie Pert (JP), Edna Wallwork (EW), Virginia Jamieson (VJ),
Michael Gove (MG), Carol Lyon (CL), Scott Henderson (SH), Debbie Leslie (DL)

Apologies:

Steve Lyon (SL), Robert Sim (RS)

Meeting chaired by Graham Robb, Club Captain

Welcome

GR welcomed Doreen Leask, Tournaments Convenor, to the meeting. The final RMMGC Open of the season (Autumn Mixed Greensome) will be held on Sunday 28th August. The Opens have been a good source of income. Visitors have provided very positive feedback about their experience both in the clubhouse and on the course. Doreen expressed her gratitude for the support she has received from members who have acted as starters, manned the registration desk, checked and recorded scores, and sold raffle tickets. Although the events have run smoothly, the Club would benefit from more volunteers. Doreen announced her intention to step down as Tournaments Convenor next year. GR thanked Doreen for her efforts this year.

Monthly Prize Draw

The monthly Prize Draw was made by DL.

1 st prize – James Sharp	2 nd prize – Kevin McGeachy
3 rd prize – Doreen Leask	4 th prize – Chris Curnin

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July have been approved, signed off by the Secretary and Captain and uploaded to Dropbox under MOM. An abbreviated version has also been posted to the Website for members to view.

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Action Point Register

A number of items have been closed.

Our new cleaner, Patricia Marshall, has started. DL reported that both her standard of work, and work ethic, have already received high praise from several sources.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Professor Richard Ashley's application was approved by the Board.

Ladies' Report

EW and VJ are liaising with David Hughes about catering for the Ladies Prize Giving. There will be a choice of two or three courses.

The Ladies Away Day to Strathmore on Friday 9th September is fully subscribed with a waiting list.

House Report

No comments or questions

Match Report – see Match Report for details

Both the 1562 and Broomfield courses are to be measured on 13th September. There was general agreement that a reduction in the number of 'choices' available to anyone choosing to play a general round would be helpful (some tee choices no longer relevant).

The men's inter-club match against Musselburgh has been cancelled.

RMMGC has been invited to enter a team for the MGLL Pro Am on 30th September. The team will consist of a golf professional, two male club members and one female club member. The winners of forthcoming club handicap competitions will be offered the opportunity to play. MG and EW to coordinate this.

Arrangements are being made for the Men's Prize Giving in November. Prizes will be the same as last year, i.e. winners' competition purses will be credited. Winners can then choose to transfer the money into their bar account, or exchange it for a SG voucher of equivalent value. GR reminded the Board that this format is described in the Club Standing Orders and applies to all Sections.

GR said that clarification on who does/does not intend to stand for re-election will be sought at next month's meeting.

Finance Report

GR thanked DL for providing this month's Finance Report.

The Board is delighted that Robert Sim (RS) has agreed to replace Stuart Baird as Club Treasurer. Robert brings a wealth of knowledge and experience which will greatly assist the Club going forwards. Robert will assist the clerical staff with end of financial year matters, help set the budget for the following year and report to members at the annual AGM. Though unable to attend today's Board meeting, he will attend future meetings and will be a named Director at Companies House.

The bar had had a positive stock take.

JP asked about the impact of increased energy prices on Club outgoings. He and DL will look into this.

Junior Section

A parent had expressed disappointed that the Junior Section's participation and success in the Sixes League had not been promoted to the same degree as that of the Junior Sections of other Angus golf clubs.

VJ will encourage parents to share photographs with her and forward any received to DL for uploading to the RMMGC Facebook page. Once Junior Section Convenors provide GR with text on the Junior Section's activity/success, this will also be communicated via the newsletter.

Enhancement Update

Tenders have been issued to five contractors, some of whom have already visited the site. The deadline for the submission of completed tenders is 15th September. The Enhancement Committee is working on a spreadsheet, detailing ways in which members can help finance the project. A draft has been shared with a small cross-section of members with business experience. This information will be shared with all members once tenders have been received.

AOCB

Course Courtesy Royal Clubs

GR had discussed course courtesy between Royal Clubs with the Captain of Royal Aberdeen. Key points of this discussion are summarised below.

Should a member of any other Royal Club wish to play at Montrose, they should request that their Club Secretary write a letter to the RMMGC Club Secretary. This letter should include: their club name and logo; player's name and handicap; date on which they plan to visit.

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Assuming the letter meets these requirements, SL/CL should reply advising the player that RMMGC is happy to honour their request and contact MGLL to make and pay for the booking.

In similar vein, members wishing to play at another Royal Course should email secretary@rmmgc.co.uk (providing their name, handicap and the date on which they plan to visit) so that a letter requesting course courtesy can be sent to the appropriate club.

Social Group

The newly formed Social Group, comprising Debbie Leslie, Gemma Phillips, Carol Lyon, Joan Middleton and Christine Rothnie, held their first meeting earlier this month. The meeting took the form of a brainstorming session. Lots of ideas were mooted but in the short term the Board approved:

- ♦ A Hallowe'en Fun event, to be held on the afternoon of Sunday 30th October
- ♦ Christmas Party Nights on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December. The latter will be for members and members' guests only.

The Social Group will liaise closely with David Hughes in regard to this and other events, e.g. themed food nights and quiz nights.

Visitors Signing-in Book

A notice has been displayed behind the bar reminding members of the need to sign their guests in, and of the need for visitors to sign in.

Course Care

VJ had observed some youngsters messing about on the course, potentially damaging the fairways and greens. In reporting her concerns to MGLL it was discovered that the youngsters were members of RMMGC. The Board agreed that MGLL should be responsible for taking the appropriate action in the first instance, but that the Club should be kept informed and copied into any written communication.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 4pm