

RMMGC Board Meeting

Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 9.00am

Millennium Lounge, RMMGC

In attendance

Jamie Pert (JP), Edna Wallwork (EW), Michael Gove (MG), Robert Sim (RS),
Debbie Leslie (DL), Steve Lyon (SL), Carol Lyon (CL) and Gordon Maiden (observer)

Apologies

Virginia Jamieson & Scott Henderson

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Club Captain. A special welcome was extended to Gordon Maiden, attending in the capacity of Observer.

Prize Draw

The monthly prize draw was made. February winners are:

1 st prize – Ken Johnston	2 nd prize – Boff Anderson
3 rd prize – Ron Henderson	4 th prize – Margaret Stewart

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2023 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 Club Website for members to view.

Review of Action Point Register

Review of Welcome Pack for new members is almost complete. The pack will be finalised in plenty time for the start of the new season.

JP confirmed that he had spoken John Tasker and Gordon Coull about tidying the old Mercantile Golf Club gardens in preparation for the move. We are delighted to say that they are happy to do so, supported by their regular helpers and this is much appreciated by the Club.

Reports

Secretary's Report

No questions or comments.

Treasurer's Report

No questions or comments.

Ladies' Report

MG sought clarification about how ladies will pay for competitions this year. EW said that, whilst she intends to use the Club V1 Competition Purse system this year, ladies will still make one annual payment at the start of the season.

JP asked how profits made by the Ladies Section were used. EW explained that monies went into the 'Ladies Pot' with any surplus going to the Junior Section. JP suggested that it may be appropriate for the ladies to contribute a portion towards Club funds or hold a coffee morning with the specific purpose of raising funds for the Club.

Carol Lyon and Christine Rothnie are learning how to organise and administer competitions on the HowDidIDo system and, in the absence of a Ladies Match Secretary, will provide support to EW and VJ. MG kindly offered to assist the ladies as and when necessary.

House Report

The Board greatly appreciates the work SH has done in preparation for the temporary move to the old Mercantile Golf Club building.

Match Report

MG sought the Board's views on his proposal to offer a non-qualifying event for gents not entering the MGLL Spring Tournament on Saturday, 29th April. The format would be such that gents wishing to play a counting round on that day could do so by signing in to play a General Round. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

MG is grateful to Matthew Graham and Ross Keilor for their continuing help with administrating the men's competitions. JP suggested that MG send out regular reminders that additional support would be welcomed.

New Members

Several new member applications were discussed and approved as appropriate. MG asked CL/SL if he could be kept informed about members transferring from other clubs to allow him to update their scoring records on Scottish Golf.

Junior Section

Plans are in place for the start of the new season.

Catering – a way forward

JP informed the Board that David Hughes will terminate his franchise contract with RMMGC at the end of March. JP, DL, CL and SL had met with four of David's existing staff, all of whom are keen to continue working at the Club. It is therefore intended that the Club offer catering 'in-house'.

JP thanked DL for being so proactive in finding solutions to this unexpected challenge. JP and DL will compose an email to members informing them of David's decision.

Enhancement Update – tenders and move to old Mercantile Building

Five tenders were initially submitted to the Enhancement sub-committee. Taking account of the revised drawings, the two lowest tenderers were invited to review and resubmit their tenders by 8th February.

Following a tender review by the Enhancement sub-committee, the Board unanimously approved the decision to award the contract to Pert Bruce Construction.

Pert Bruce Construction will begin work at the start of April; the work will hopefully be completed by December 2023. JP will share this information with members over the next couple of days and outline plans for the temporary move to the old Mercantile building.

Tournament Convenors

Our new Tournament Convenors, Harry Faulkner and Mark Rennie, are meeting with Gemma Phillips next week to learn the Club V1 system.

MGLL Update – members' queries

JP reiterated the importance of encouraging members with queries or comments relating to MGLL business to speak to Brian Leask or Allan Reoch, RMMGC Representatives on the MGLL Board.

Bar Price Review

JP, RS, DL, SL and CL to meet end-on to this Board meeting.

Newsletter preparation

JP thanked CL for taking responsibility for the Club Monthly Newsletter. CL reiterated that she was happy to do so.

A.O.C.B.

EW enquired about whether CL/SL had received a reply from Buckingham Palace regarding Royal Patronage and wondered if it might be appropriate to send a reminder.

JP, former Club Captain Graham Robb and member of the enhancement committee, Bob West had visited Panmure and Scotsraig Golf Clubs to find out how they manage and operate.

JP shared an article from the Dundee Courier and Advertiser (17/2/23) describing the work of *Golf Insights*. This group provide feedback on their observations of how golf clubs run and would be happy to meet with us.

DL sought clarification on whether 8th May, the day of King Charles III's Coronation, is to be a public holiday.

SL/CL had received an enquiry from a member wishing to hold his 50th birthday party in the clubhouse. The Board felt the timing was such that this would be possible. CL/SL to email member to confirm.

JP thanked everyone for their attendance. Gordon Maiden thanked the Board for inviting him to attend the meeting. Going forward, Gordon is happy to act as a sounding body to the Club Captain and the Board in general.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th March 2023 at 2.00pm

Signed as true record of the meeting.

Jamie Pert

12th March 2023

Carol Lyon

12th March 2023