

RMMGC Board Meeting

Monday 20th March 2023 at 2.00pm

Millennium Lounge, RMMGC

In attendance

Jamie Pert (JP), Edna Wallwork (EW), Virginia Jamieson (VJ), Scott Henderson (SH),
Michael Gove (MG), Debbie Leslie (DL), Steve Lyon (SL), Carol Lyon (CL),
Gordon Maiden (observer)

Apologies

Robert Sim (RS)

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prize Draw

The monthly prize draw was made. This month's winners are:

1 st prize – Tony Rance	2 nd prize – Peter Stuart
3 rd prize – Marianne Young	4 th prize – James Sharp

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2023 have been approved by the Board 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

The Action Point Register was updated and a number of items closed.

A Welcome Meeting for new members will be arranged for the end April/start May. Date to be confirmed.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Our total membership currently stands at 650. This figure is comparable to that of March 2022.

Bar sales for February 2023 are on a par with those of February 2022. Catering sales for February 2023 were down on February 2022 figures. This may in part be due to when and how these figures were reported.

Whilst Covid impacted trading in the early part of 2021, it is hoped that from May onwards we will be able to realistically compare this year's bar and catering figures with the past two years, i.e., 2021 and 2022.

Treasurer's Report

Although unable to attend, RS had submitted a report ahead of the meeting. The report indicated that our overall financial position is satisfactory.

JP indicated that costs associated with relocation to the old Mercantile building may be *slightly* over budget.

Board members present unanimously agreed that having a simple breakdown of 'small department' profit and loss (i.e., bar, catering, merchandise, Ladies, Men, Seniors) was helpful.

Ladies' Report

Over 40 ladies attended an opening meeting on Tuesday 7th March. Jason Boyd provided an update on the rules of golf and directed those present to the R&A App. The fixture list for the coming season was shared and the afternoon ended with a fun quiz.

VJ is continuing to bring CL and Christine Rothnie up to speed with the Club V1 system (ladies' competitions). She has prepared a help sheet for Christine and Carol and would welcome their feedback. MG said he had devised a similar sheet for members who help him administer the men's competitions and suggested it might be useful to compare and combine these documents, taking the 'best bits' of both.

JP suggested it may be beneficial to future RMMGC Boards to have written procedures in place for various operations within the Club.

House Report

With reference to the RMMGC building - dishwasher has been replaced; issue with the fridge has been resolved.

BM-SL/CL

With reference to the old Mercantile building – problem with fire alarm has now been resolved. Phone lines reconnected and office moved.

Match Report

Most of the men's competitions have been uploaded to Club V1. New volunteers, Ian Gall and Kevin Gall, have been getting to grips with the Club V1 System.

The Captain v Vice-Captain match will take place this coming Saturday, 25th March. To date, seventy-five members have signed up to play on the 1562, and seventeen members have signed up to play on the Broomfield course.

New Members

Eight new member applications were discussed and approved. Subject to membership fees being paid this week, all will be invited to participate in the Captain v Vice-Captain matches this coming Saturday.

Junior Section

VJ commented that the Juniors Winter Season activity had been affected by inclement weather.

Some members of the 'Sixes Team' have now progressed to handicaps below 36.0 and are no longer eligible to play in this competition.

VJ informed the Board that the Safeguarding documents, approved by the former Captain, may need to be updated. She and JP will check and amend these documents, as appropriate. Thereafter, the documents can be submitted for accreditation.

Keith Norman will attend a course on Safeguarding to allow him to assist.

Catering – update

JP summarised plans for the move to in-house catering. A clear advantage of this model is the facility for bar and kitchen staff to work more closely together. New contracts of employment for catering staff are currently being written.

Gordon Maiden (to be known informally as the Catering Tsar!) will act as overseer and help manage the business side of things. DL and Siggy Harley, both experienced in restaurant and bar management respectively, will work together on staff rotas.

David Hughes has listed kitchen items he no longer requires and has offered these items to the Club for free, or at a reduced cost. DL shared her views on which of these items were needed. The Board unanimously supported DL's views.

Enhancement Update – Move to former Mercantile Golf Club

The pre project start meeting with Pert-Bruce Construction Ltd had proved very positive.

The Logistics Team have done a power of work in preparation for the temporary move to the old Mercantile building and plans are well in place.

The RMMGC building will be fenced off for the duration of the construction work with NO member access.

Contractors have offered to take photographs as the project progresses. These will be shared with members via the monthly newsletter.

Members who have pledged financial support for the project have now been contacted in writing. Pledges are being received and formal letters of thanks issued. A further three pledges have been made.

DL is looking into setting up a 'Go Fund Me' page, with a view to potentially activating this in May 2023.

VJ, Tom Murray and Robert West are updating the Business Plan on an on-going basis.

Tournament Conveners

Harry Faulkner and Mark Rennie met with DL last week. Both now have access to the 'Tournaments' mailbox.

MGLL Update – members' queries

No member queries.

Visitor numbers seem good; 1562 course busy.

Coffee Bar at the 9th/10th on the 1562 course will be in place from Saturday 25th March.

Bar Prices Update / Licence for former Mercantile

Bar prices have been reviewed to reflect increased supplier costs.

There are no mixer dispensing 'guns' in the old Mercantile building. The Board agreed that the best alternative would be to purchase small cans/bottles of mixers.

An application for a temporary licence for the former Mercantile Golf Club was submitted some time ago, and a supporting written representation submitted today. The application will be considered at a meeting of the Angus Licensing Board on Thursday 23rd March, and we expect to be informed of their decision shortly after.

BM-SL/CL

Newsletter

CL enquired about copyright on some images used in the newsletter. DL said saved images had been downloaded from Google and confirmed that these were copyright free.

VJ suggested that, if in doubt, the society/organisation being referenced (in this case the RNLI) could be contacted and asked to provide a suitable image.

A.O.C.B.

The design for the roll-up RMMGC banner has been confirmed and the proofs approved.

Brian Ritchie will deliver a presentation to members, on the history of golf in Montrose, on Thursday 30th March.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 20th April 2023 at 2.00pm