

RMMGC Board Meeting
Thursday 20th April 2023 at 2.00pm
Pert Residence, Montrose

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 (GM)

Apologies

Robert Sim (RS)

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board thanked JP for hosting the meeting due to there being no meeting room in our temporary premises.

Prize Draw

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

1 st prize – Gordon (Dave) Clark	2 nd prize – Duncan McNaught
3 rd prize – Margaret Stewart	4 th prize – Ken Fairweather

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 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

DL to send copy of most recent APR to Board members for updating.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Some members have neither renewed their membership nor confirmed their intention to resign. A reminder email will be sent to these members and the numbers finalised by mid-May.

Bar and catering totals for March 2023 were less than those for March 2022. This may in part be due to disruption caused by preparing for the move, and David Hughes winding down his catering franchise.

Treasurer's Report

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

Whilst bar wages have increased, bar income has decreased. Discussion took place around possible causes. The situation will be monitored over the coming weeks and months.

Ladies' Report

VJ reported that the season has started well.

House Report

Signs will be displayed drawing members' attention to the designated smoking area (external 'corridor' to right of building leading to the locker room). The Board acknowledges this space is less than ideal but hope members will appreciate the temporary nature of this arrangement, i.e. for the duration of the construction work.

The bike racks can be accessed using the route leading to the ladies' trolley shed and will therefore not have to be moved.

Match Report

Ian Gall and Kevin Gall have regretfully resigned from the Match and Handicap Committee. The latter has cited insufficient time to focus on both admin and playing golf as his reason for doing so.

New Members

JP said it would be helpful to know how many of those who took advantage of the Introductory Offer last year have taken full membership this year - CL to action.

New members will be invited to a 'Meet and Greet' on Tuesday 23rd May at 6.30pm.

Junior Section

Alan and Janice Crow continue to lead the Junior Programme, ably supported by VJ, Tony Williams, Keith Norman and Gus Watson.

VJ commented that whilst this year's Junior Coaching Programme had got off to a slow start due to the inclement weather, ring-fenced tee times on both courses are being well used.

The Sixes League will be starting soon.

Alan Crow continues to offer one-to-one coaching for Juniors. This has proven popular.

Catering - update

GM thanked SH and DL for their support in getting the catering facilities in our temporary premises up and running.

It had been noted that the website still displays David Hughes' email address and phone number - DL to update.

The Board has received positive feedback from members about the revised menu, with many remarking on the improved quality of both product and presentation. Specials will be reintroduced soon.

The Board would welcome feedback from catering and bar staff about busy and quiet times, to help inform the rota.

Siggy, Ewan, Daune and Julie will be invited to meet with JP, DL, GM, SH, CL and SL at the end of the month to review how they feel things are working.

Enhancement Update - Construction Phase Progress

JP, John Cullen and Rick Brown have had their first site meeting with Pert Bruce Construction Ltd and reported that good progress is being made.

The Fire Alarm System requires to be upgraded to meet with new fire safety regulations.

The electrician has advised that rewiring the whole ground floor will be more cost effective than mixing old and new wiring.

BM-SL/CL

The power supply to the security system at the rear door to the former Mercantile lockers will need to be re-routed while the power is disconnected.

An issue regarding drainage for the bar has been resolved.

'Opening up works' have identified that the requirement for additional steel at the bar area will not be required, however some additional steel will be required elsewhere.

JP to obtain large scale drawings for bar and kitchen areas, to allow discussions to take place with bar and catering staff about possible layouts.

Joan Murray and Gary Adams are working on the interior design of the new building and will bring proposals to the Board.

Tournament Convenors

DL has been working with Harry Faulkner and Mark Rennie in preparation for the Spring Mixed Greensomes on Sunday, 23rd April.

Harry has decided not to have a raffle, since donation of prizes has been slow, and will instead offer Magic Twos. A Bonus Ball will also run at a cost of £2.50 per square with a prize of £75.

DL to scan and forward Helpers' Rota to CL for typing.

This will be the first tournament that Harry and Mark have organised and we wish them well. A debrief meeting will be arranged for after the event.

MGLL Update – members' queries

Members are encouraged to take queries about MGLL business directly to our RMMGC representatives, Brian Leask and Allan Reoch.

Following feedback from season ticket holders, MGLL has agreed to revert bunkers to their former style.

The Board unanimously agreed that the weekly emails, provided by MGLL green keeping staff, are useful.

VJ mentioned that the Ladies morning priority tee times are being disrupted by ongoing work on the greens. Since the Caledonian Ladies' priority tee times are also affected, it was suggested that EW should write to David Brown about this matter on behalf of all Montrose Ladies.

Bar Prices Update / Licence for Mercantile

The temporary licence for the former Mercantile building was issued shortly after the March Board meeting. Rising supplier costs, and their impact on bar prices, will be monitored and reviewed as necessary.

Newsletter

The April Newsletter contained seven news items (more than usual). Whilst all seven items appeared on the newsletter emailed to members, part of the sixth item and the whole seventh item were missing from the website version.

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King Charles III's Coronation Afternoon Tea

CL had been approached by a lady member about the possibility of holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 6th May 2023, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The Board felt that, as a Royal Club, we should mark this historic event and approved this proposal. Tickets will go on sale next week.

Review of Standing Orders

CL noted that Section 6 of the Club Standing Orders requires to be updated, to reflect the fact that our catering is no longer franchised. It was also felt that a general refresh of the Standing Orders would be helpful. JP/SL/CL will arrange to meet and do this. VJ will check the revised document to ensure it aligns with the RMMGC Business Plan.

Courtesy between Royal Clubs

CL had received an email from a member, asking for a complimentary round of golf, at Royal Dornoch, to be arranged for the member and her husband. Royal Dornoch's reply stated that, whilst they have received several enquiries of this nature, they are unaware of any global reciprocal agreement between Royal golf clubs. They do however offer a special discounted rate to members of other Scottish golf clubs.

SL reminded the Board that, whilst MGLL has kindly agreed a special guest rate of £30 per person for visitors from other Royal clubs, such visitors have in the past paid this fee themselves.

The Board agreed that a section on *Courtesy between Royal Clubs* should be included in the revised Standing Orders.

Fund Raising

A *Go Fund Me* page is to be set up for anyone wishing to donate towards refurbishment of the enhanced clubhouse – DL to action.

A meeting has taken place between JP, Doreen Leask, Lynn Coull, Harry Faulkner and Brian Ritchie to discuss the sale of items of club memorabilia, not in use or on display.

Public Liability Insurance

A member had enquired about whether RMMGC Membership included course public liability insurance (which it does not). The member will be advised to check with MGLL whether this is included in the cost of their season ticket.

BM-SL/CL

Staff wages

A meeting will be arranged before the end of the month to review staff wages.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd May 2023 at 2.00pm