

RMMGC Board Meeting
Monday 22nd May 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), Robert Sim (RS)

Apologies

Gordon Maiden (catering)

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prize Draw

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

1 st prize – Ron Henderson	2 nd prize – Alistair Serrels
3 rd prize – Ewan Robertson	4 th prize – Tom Mackay

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Review of Action Point Register

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 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.

The Action Point Register was updated.

An email has gone out to members regarding access to the locker room after normal opening hours. CL to create notice for display in the clubhouse.

Q & A on Submitted Reports

Secretary's Report

BM-SL/CL

Membership numbers for 2023/24 are in line with projections.

The bar has had an exceptionally good month. Catering figures are also encouraging.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance sheet shows that the Club is performing in line with this time last year. This is reflected in the operation of both bar and catering.

Ladies' Report

MG, SL/CL, EW and VJ had received queries from members regarding handicap limits for closed club competitions. Going forwards, all members entering these competitions will be given a handicap allowance based on their WHS Handicap Index, up to the maximum of 54.0. CL/SL will draft a communication informing members of the Board's decision. SL suggested it may also be helpful to include a section on handicapping in the revised Standing Orders, to provide clarity and consistency for both the Board and members going forward.

House Report

SH had received a query about the availability of showers in our temporary accommodation. Unfortunately, the showers are unusable in their current condition. The Board agreed it was not economically viable to have the showers cleaned and repaired in view of very limited use.

SH reported that he had spoken with the relevant bar and catering staff regarding bin collection.

Match Report

The Gala Day will be held on Saturday 10th June 2023 and take the form of two Texas Scrambles; one on the 1562 course and another on the Broomfield course. Sign-up sheets are displayed in the foyer. Players will be asked to indicate food requirements before going out.

A member had submitted a protest regarding a clash between MGLL Medal qualifying events and RMMGC competitions. The protest referred to the cancellation of an RMMGC competition, as a qualifying event, because a MGLL qualifier was being run on the same day. MG stressed that players are unable to enter two qualifying competitions on the same day as this would result in a duplicate score entry.

The Board agreed to consult with MGLL in order to seek a solution that accommodates both memberships.

BM-SL/CL

New Members

A further two new applications have been approved and will be processed this week.

Twenty-nine of the forty new members, who took advantage of the Ordinary Introductory Offer between March and September 2022, have taken full membership for season 2023/24.

JP, MG, SL and CL will attend the Meet and Greet for new members tomorrow evening, Tuesday 23rd May at 6.30pm.

Junior Section

The Junior Section is doing very well, with a newly formed team winning their opening Sixes match at Brechin.

MG confirmed that there are separate course and slope ratings for the Junior tees on the Broomfield course.

VJ praised Keith Norman and Gus Watson's efforts. Going forwards, they will keep Alan and Janice Crow updated.

Catering – update and cost review

DL to attend Skype meeting on Thursday this week about an electronic package to support the creation of staff rotas.

DL reported challenges around staffing, particularly during busy spells. An advert for additional staff, to provide flexibility, will be posted on the RMMGC Facebook page.

Notwithstanding weeks when there are specific events on, the kitchen will remain closed on Mondays for the time being. EW enquired about whether there would be catering for the Ladies' home match against Brechin on Monday 12th June. DL to check staff availability.

A small price increase in a few items will take effect from 1st June.

Enhancement Update – construction phase progress

Work is progressing in line with expectations. All steel is now in place.

Discussions are ongoing about the design of the bar and kitchen areas, and related costs.

Gary Adams and Joan Murray will meet with the Enhancement Team on Thursday 1st June to discuss **internal fit out design** proposals.

SH enquired about the placement of PSI, TVs etc. before rewiring can commence.

BM-SL/CL

Two quotes have been received for a new Fire/Intruder Alarm System. The new system will be installed and certified following the wiring upgrade.

Brian Gall has intimated that he would be prepared to work directly with the Club in relation to the supply and installation of floor coverings – the enhancement team will discuss further with Brian.

Tournaments – Mens' Open/Am-Am/Cost update on Mixed Greensomes and Senior Mens' Open

The Spring Mixed Greensomes and Senior Men's Open brought in a profit of £3403 less course hire costs (£7.50 per hour). Both events were well supported although, unfortunately, adverse weather on the day of the latter saw last-minute cancellations and a quieter clubhouse than expected.

Booking numbers for both the Am-Am and Men's Open are very positive.

The tee sheet for Adana Day is also filling up. Laura Forsyth, who works for Debra, is keen to be involved on the day.

MGLL Update – members' queries

DL has provided David Brown with a menu and price list for sharing with visitors.

Bar Prices Update

Further price increases by our suppliers have prompted the need to increase the cost of a few items, including Barista coffee.

Fundraising

Following a meeting with Doreen Leask, Lynn Coull and Harry Falconer, with some input from Brian Ritchie, a list of possible items for sale has been identified. Doreen is liaising with a golf memorabilia specialist to discuss the potential sale of these items.

Following information from David May, the finance team are working on developing a 'buy a brick' scheme for a section of new wall within the enhancement.

Gemma Phillips is working on setting up a Just Giving Crowdfunding page.

Other fundraising ideas received from members include Gin Tasting, Quiz Nights, Bingo, Christmas Party Nights, Live Music Nights, Sponsored Cycle/Golf.

The Social Group will meet next week to discuss these suggestions and identify possible dates.

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Newsletter

The Board agreed that the newsletter is a useful way to communicate 'good news stories' to members. As a result of the amount of activity in and around both buildings, information in the April and May newsletters exceeded the space available on the website, and adjustments had to be made to accommodate the additional text.

A.O.C.B.

We have been invited to enter a team for the Rotary Club Am-Am. MG to arrange.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 2.00pm