RMMGC Board Meeting

Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 2.00pm

Pert Residence, Montrose

In attendance

Jamie Pert (JP), Scott Henderson (SH), Michael Gove (MG), Debbie Leslie (DL), Steve Lyon (SL), Carol Lyon (CL), Gordon Maiden (GM - catering), Edna Wallwork (EW) from 2.30pm, Virginia Jamieson (VJ) from 2.30pm

Apologies

Robert Sim (RS)

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prize Draw

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

1st prize – Frank Cunninghame 2nd prize – Doreen Leask 3rd prize – Dennis Robertson 4th prize – Maureen Moir

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Review of Action Point Register

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 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 will be circulated post meeting. Board Members are asked to update as appropriate.

Q & A on Submitted Reports

Secretary's Report

As discussed at last month's meeting, the Membership Profile has been reviewed and non-paying Staff members removed from the total. This will provide a more accurate picture of income generation from membership subscriptions.

BM-SL/CL

The total number of Ordinary Members for June 2023 exceeds that of June 2022 by four. The total number of Associate Members for June 2023 exceeds that of June 2022 by two. Sadly, we have lost thirteen Life members during the past year.

A discussion took place around the criteria for Life membership (currently those over 65 years of age who have been members for 25 years or more). There may be a need to review these criteria in the future.

Treasurer's Report

Whilst unable to attend the meeting, RS had submitted a comprehensive written report and discussed its contents with JP. The Board is satisfied that our cash balance remains healthy.

JP informed those present that the Finance Sub-committee are progressing with plans to appoint a Club Operations Manager as per the 5-year Business Plan.

Ladies' Report

JP asked EW about complaints she had received about the catering on Monday 19th June (Inter-club match against Brechin Ladies). CL had been present and was able to confirm the nature of these complaints. Resolutions were discussed and agreed.

House Report

No comments or questions.

Match Report

Following a very successful Club Gala Day, the idea of an End of Season Fun Day was mooted.

New Members

A further two new membership applications were processed today. Two more are currently displayed on the noticeboard.

Junior Section

The Juniors are doing very well, having won their second consecutive Sixes League match. Keith Norman and Gus Watson are now doing most of the administration for the Tuesday and Thursday competitions. VJ does Saturdays and occasional Sundays.

MG is grateful to Gus and Keith for their work in updating the Juniors' handicaps. He is going to show the Juniors how to use the Club V1 terminal. Educating the Juniors and their parents, many of whom are non-golfers, on the rules is being carried out on an ongoing basis.

Catering update

Glenn Francis, new Head Chef, is settling in well. GM thanked DL for her assistance in managing the kitchen staff and rotas.

Enhancement Update - construction phase progress

Work is progressing well. Roofers are currently working on the extension. Electricians will begin work inside next week. Robert Ritchie has been consulted about the sound system and consultation with Brian Gall about floor coverings in ongoing.

SH and Siggy and Ian Harley have been consulted about the bar design. Kitchen design plans have not yet been received; canopy may need to be replaced.

Joan Murray and Garry Adams are continuing to work on interiors.

The first two instalments have been paid to Pert Bruce Construction Ltd. Another progress meeting will be held next week.

Tournaments - Mens' Open/Am-AM/Adana Day

Men's Open: There have been five cancellations to date. Some of these tee times have been re-allocated.

Am-Am: Booking has been quite slow. Eight tee times are booked and paid for, ten have been reserved and there are twelve still available.

Adana Day is full.

MGLL Update

CL had received an email from David Brown clarifying the position on guest rates for visitors from other Royal clubs. This courtesy only applies to members of Royal Blackheath Golf Club which the RMMGC has a long-standing relationship with.

A MGLL representative will be invited to attend July's Board Meeting to allow both parties to update the other on progress with key activities.

Bar/Catering Prices Update

Some necessary adjustments to bar prices were discussed and agreed. Duty on the sale of alcohol will be increasing on 1st August 2023.

Catering costs will be reviewed with the Head Chef over the coming weeks.

Fundraising for Enhancement

The Just Giving crowdfunding page is ready to be launched.

JP will meet with Graham Robb and Tom Murray next week to discuss launching the 'Buy a Brick' scheme.

BM-SL/CL

Doreen Leask is still awaiting a reply from a specialist in relation to the sale of memorabilia.

Brian Ritchie has written to 20-30 golf clubs, explaining the Enhancement Project and asking if they would be willing to donate a round of golf as a raffle prize.

The Social Group are planning the following fundraisers between now and the end of the year:

Saturday 15th July – Gin Tasting (sold out)

Friday 18th August – Musical Bingo (moved to September – date to be confirmed)

Friday 22nd September - Quiz Night with themed menu

Saturday 14th October – Live music and dancing with 'Remedy'

Sunday 29th October - Children's Halloween Party

Friday 17th November - Quiz Night with themed menu

2nd, 9th, 16th and possibly 22nd December - Christmas Party Nights

Discussions are also taking place around a Club Warming event early in the New Year, with the possibility of live music by Sorella.

A Burns Night, Cheese & Wine, Karaoke and Race Night are also being considered for the New Year.

MG enquired about whether the Prize Draw Fund was held in a separate account. Discussion took place around whether monthly payouts should be increased, to encourage participation, and the amount paid out for the Grand Annual Prize Draw reduced.

Newsletter

Cl had revised the layout of this month's newsletter so that the website could accommodate its length. SL enquired about progress with the new website. The Board agreed it would be advantageous to host the RMMGC website on Club V1.

A.O.C.B.

Guest Ale

SL had received a query from a member about the bar offering a 'guest ale'. SL to liaise with Siggy and Ian Harley on this.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th July 2023 at 2.00pm