

RMMGC Board Meeting

Tuesday 25th September 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), Virginia Jamieson (VJ), Robert Sim (RS),
Gordon Maiden (GM - catering)

Apologies

Edna Wallwork (EW)

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prize Draw

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

1st prize – John Lloyd

2nd prize – Mae Cairnie

3rd prize – Chris Curnin

4th prize – Alistair Darling

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Review of Action Point Register

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 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 discussed.

Q & A on Submitted Reports

Secretary's Report

No questions or comments.

Treasurer's Report

Our cash balance remains healthy.

Staged payments continue to be made to Pert Bruce.

Ladies' Report

Ruth Clark and Hazel Howatson have qualified for the finals of the Daily Mail Foursomes and will represent the Club at a 3-day event in Wales during early October. We wish them all the very best.

House Report

SH to liaise with DL regarding clearing the stage and checking power requirements in preparation for our Music Night with Remedy on 14th October.

Discussion took place around moving and installing lockers in the permanent clubhouse. SH and SL to co-ordinate.

JP advised that C&M Kitchen Contractors have confirmed that the existing gas stove, in the RMMGC building, will be fit for continued use.

Match Report

No comments or questions but MG noted that the PSI in the foyer keeps crashing. DL said a new PSI would be installed in the enhanced clubhouse however, given recent difficulties, the Board felt this perhaps needs to be done sooner rather than later. DL to make enquiries.

New Members

We recently welcomed one new Ordinary Member (Introductory Offer). DL to advertise Winter Membership on social media.

Junior Section

The Juniors continue to do well. DL enquired about the age demographic of the Junior Section. VJ reported 6 Junior members under 12-years-of-age; the others are all older.

Alan Crow is stepping down as Junior Convenor. We thank Alan, and Janice, for their service to the Junior Section over the years.

Discussion also took place around opportunities for new Junior members to meet the volunteer coaches, as well as participate in any 'Meet and Greet' meetings that might be set up in the future.

Bar/Catering – update

Linda Campbell, our new 'Front of House' is settling in well. Several members have commented favourably on their interactions with her. Phyllis is also doing good work in the kitchen.

Enhancement Update – construction phase progress

It continues to be all systems go! The building is fully wind and watertight, the bar is being finalised and floor coverings have been chosen. The path leading directly to the front door will be sloped to allow disabled access to the building.

Sale of memorabilia: the group working on this have been asked to consider how they wish to portray the history of the Club – What is our 'story'? The Board agreed there should be an appropriate balance of old and new on display.

Tournaments

Mark Rennie, Tournaments Convenor, will have proposals for 2024 ready by the end of the month.

Fundraising for Enhancement

Bricks for our Wall of Support are selling well. We have received donations of fifteen Fourballs. These will be auctioned at various times over the next few months.

Discussion took place around a possible 'Race Night' when we move back into the enhanced clubhouse.

Newsletter

The September Newsletter was distributed last week.

Preliminary chat with Dougie Cleeton, *Golf Insights*, regarding Governance Review

CL provided an update on a meeting that she and JP had had with Dougie on 18th September. Members will be kept informed about any proposed changes to Club governance once any such proposals are in place.

A.O.C.B.

Arrangements for the Gents and Ladies Prize-Giving evenings are in hand.

Finance sub-committee to meet shortly to discuss several items, including fees for next year and international/corporate membership.

DL has had a discussion with John Cardo about different levels of Social Membership.

Following a trial, a new coffee machine has been purchased for the foyer.

BM-SL/CL

Discussion took place around the official opening of the enhanced clubhouse.

MGLL Update – Allan Reoch

Erosion: it is anticipated that a proposal for tackling the erosion issue will be in place by the end of this year. The next steps will be to investigate planning permission and funding.

Additional bunkers: proposals are in place for the removal and/or addition of bunkers on the 9th and 15th holes (1562 course), however, Allan stated these proposals are still under discussion. MG asked if the bunkers would be 'fairway style'. Allan indicated they would be consistent with a 'links' style.

Season tickets: Allan confirmed that season ticket prices would not be increasing this year.

Sweeps: a discussion was held about the clash between RMMGC and MGLL Sweeps.

Practice areas: Allan confirmed that proposals for a practice area would not now move forward until the proposal for tackling erosion was in place.

Corporate/International membership: JP enquired whether RMMGC and MGLL could collaborate on a 'complete golf package'. Allan confirmed that Snowdrop already have corporate membership of the course and the Montrose Port Authority are considering it.

Budget forecasts: Allan outlined an increasing budget forecast for the next five years, with a continuing trend of increasing visitor income/fees.

A new booking system (Sweet Spot) will be adopted by MGLL from 1st January 2024.

Cory Marshall is now employed full-time as a Modern Apprentice.

Profit has enabled the purchase of a new tractor.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th October 2023 at 2.00pm