

RMMGC Board Meeting

Monday 24th March 2025 at 1.30pm

Millennium Lounge, RMMGC

In attendance

Pete Wood (PW), Carol Lyon (CL), Alan Mercer (AM), Scott Henderson (SH),
Debbie Leslie (DL), Robert Sim (RS), Jamie Pert (JP)

Apologies

Steve Lyon (SL)

Welcome

PW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prize Draw

1st Tony Rance - £100
2nd Alan Mercer - £50
3rd Craig Traill - £25

Review of Action Point Register

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

Inflated running costs and the need for further price increases was discussed. JP highlighted an article from that day's Courier, indicating that RMMGC's discounted bar prices for members are below the regional average.

Q & A on Submitted Reports

Secretary Report

As agreed at last month's meeting, CL did not report on bar and catering sales this month, only membership figures.

Our total membership, excluding staff, currently stands at 713. Although some 'movement' is expected over the coming weeks, as members who do not intend to renew their membership are set to 'resigned' and new members added, it is encouraging to note that our total membership is up 117 **on the same time last year**.

BM-SL/CL

Discussion took place around criteria for the Introductory Ordinary (golfing) membership and Associate (non-golfing) membership. To clarify:

- Any applicant who has **not** been a member of the RMMGC since January 2020 qualifies for the Introductory Offer.
- Applicants who hold an MGLL season ticket cannot apply for Associate membership.

Treasurer's Report

RS reported that, although rising costs present an ongoing challenge, overall figures remain positive and we remain 'on budget'.

House Report

Alan Middleton has carried out a fire safety check. SH to forward his report to the Board. Fire drills to be arranged.

SH is flushing the drains weekly which has resolved prior problems.

Following an email from a member, informing the Board that his golf bag had fallen out of an upper locker causing him injury, DL will email members reminding them not to leave their clubs unattended with the locker door open. Members are also reminded that steps are provided to assist with the transfer and removal of golf bags to upper storage lockers.

SH to draft a risk assessment regarding the above and forward to DL.

Match Report

AM informed the Board that 100 members had signed up for the Captain v Vice-captain Season Opener: 92 on the 1562 and 8 on the Broomfield course. Fingers crossed the weather is kind!

Fixture lists for the 2025/26 season have been finalised. AM has extended the deadline for entry into the Gents knockouts due to low numbers.

AM sought advice on choosing a team for the annual match against St Andrews GC. Further discussion required.

New Members and fees update

Sixteen new members were approved.

JP shared a spreadsheet detailing estimated income from membership fees for 2025/2026 and the actual amount received to date.

Junior Section

PW and CL summarised a very positive meeting they had had with Jason Boyd and the RMMGC Junior Convenors. Agreed actions in the short term:

- RMMGC to apply for Scottish Golf Club Hire Funding, an initiative which supports Golf Clubs to purchase junior golf clubs by matching the amount invested by the Club (up to a maximum of £750).
- Captain's Bunker Challenge to be set up on the bar to raise funds for the Junior Section.
- Jason to enquire about the possibility of attending a meeting of Montrose headteachers, to promote the Get Girls into Golf initiative and highlight the benefits of golf to youngsters generally.

Membership committee/international/corporate

A new Membership and Marketing subcommittee has been formed comprising Jason Boyd, Ross Coull, Gordon Maiden, Graham Robb and Christine Rothnie, with link Directors Carol & Steve Lyon. The key focus of this group will be to develop a marketing strategy with a view to sustaining and growing our membership across all Sections, including International & Corporate.

Jason Boyd is running free 'Meet and Mingle' sessions over three consecutive weeks for all women who have participated in the Get Ladies into Golf initiative. These sessions will provide opportunities for participants to become reacquainted with their own cohort as well as meet new players from other cohorts. The sessions will focus on putting and chipping through fun games. The RMMGC will provide prizes in the form of 'cuppie and cake' vouchers.

Bar/Catering Update

Bar and menu prices have been updated to take account of increased running costs. A Club wine list is being developed.

Tournaments

The Spring Mixed Greensomes is fully booked. Gemma has negotiated some additional tee times with MGLL.

Fundraising, forthcoming events etc.

A number of social events are planned for each month from now until the end of the year. CL has a list of dates and will include them in the newsletter one month in advance, i.e. April events will be detailed in the March newsletter.

Both the Mothers' Day High Tea and Steak Night are sold out.

Newsletter

The March newsletter will be distributed before the end of the month.

BM-SL/CL

It was agreed that, going forward, the newsletter need not be included as an agenda item for monthly Board meetings. Instead, CL will contact Board members the week prior to issue to check whether they have items they wish to be included.

Governance Review / update Articles of Association

CL reported that the revised Articles of Association and Special Resolution are almost ready to be sent to Companies House. CL, PW, DL to arrange a date to finalise and send.

A.O.C.B.

PW reported that he had met with a member who may be interested in the position of Club Vice-Captain. All present agreed the member in question would be an asset to the Board.

PW asked for interest from the Board for the annual Gents match against Blackheath GC and informed the Board that Chris Curnin is looking into sponsorship to cover costs.

JP reported that the invoice for the new Captains/Champions Board has been received. All present agreed the finished result is excellent.

DL reported problems with the new sound system. Robert Ritchie has volunteered to look at it. DL to contact Robert.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 28th April 2025 at 1.30pm