

RMMGC Board Meeting

Monday 28th April 2025 at 1.30pm

Millennium Lounge, RMMGC

In attendance

Pete Wood (PW), Carol Lyon (CL), Steve Lyon (SL), Alan Mercer (AM), Debbie Leslie (DL),
Robert Sim (RS), Jamie Pert (JP), Alan Hemsley, Scott Henderson (SH - from 2.30pm)

Apologies

None

Welcome

PW welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome and thanks were passed to Alan Hemsley, attending his first Board meeting as Club Vice-Captain.

Prize Draw

1st Pete Wood - £100
2nd Jane Stock - £50
3rd Ron Henderson - £25

Review of Action Point Register

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

The forthcoming launch of the new website was discussed, following a briefing held with John Cardno of Club Systems Ltd. PW advised that the new site would have a fresher, more modern look and would provide a number of benefits via a flexible management portal. It was previously agreed that the site would be jointly managed and updated by Club office staff and SL/CL.

DL & RS had also met with John who outlined the many benefits of a new till system linked to Club Systems, the main one being that this would do away with the need for a separate server for tills. Following discussion, the Board approved this change.

Q & A on Submitted Reports

Membership and Marketing

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On the date of the meeting, seventy-seven members across all categories were identified as not having renewed their membership. Overall retention of members remains positive with new applications continuing to be received.

Treasurer's Report

RS confirmed that the Club's bank balance continues to improve, showing significant increase on this time last year.

RS/DL confirmed that the issues with the utility bills is ongoing however some progress is being made and credits have been received.

House Report

No questions or comments

Match Report

AM advised the Board that a number of women members have approached him regarding tee time flexibility on their regular Tuesday competition day.

AM asked if early catering could be available for the Men's Open on 30th May. DL confirmed that this would be possible.

New Members and fees update

Three new members were approved.

A discussion was held re signing in visitors. It was agreed that the system could never be foolproof, however staff should be reminded of Club requirements and their responsibilities.

Membership committee/international/corporate

SL/CL advised the Board that John Cardno had expressed some surprise that our membership application process still requires a proposer and seconder. He advised that his involvement with other Clubs indicates this practice is not as common as it once was. Following discussion, the Board agreed to retain the requirement for new members to be proposed and seconded, where possible.

CL reported that the newly formed Membership and Marketing Sub-committee had met for the first time. Interrogation of membership category data has been useful in helping identify minority membership groups for marketing purposes. There was general agreement that, for the Club to continue to thrive, our focus needs to be on sustaining and growing our membership whilst at the same time reducing the average age of golfing members. Working with MGLL on a comprehensive Junior programme is key, as is looking at an all encompassing International and Corporate Membership package.

CL & PW gave a brief summary of their attendance at a Scottish Golf Regional Forum. In particular, they had been impressed by a presentation given by Players 1st. It was felt that

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gaining full benefit from the Players 1st offer would require working in partnership with MGLL.

Bar/Catering Update

No comments

Enhancement Update

See APR. It was agreed that, in future, this no longer needs to be an agenda item.

Tournaments

The Mixed Greensomes on 20th April had been very successful with AM and Alistair Boyd, our new Tournaments Convenor, receiving very positive feedback.

AM confirmed that additional times had been added to the Men's Open as it is oversubscribed.

Fundraising, forthcoming events etc.

DL confirmed that coffee mornings have now finished for the season.

An Afternoon Tea is to be arranged for June or July.

Governance Review / update Articles of Association

The revised Articles of Association and required Special Resolution were formally approved. Both documents, along with the accompanying CC04 form, to be sent to Companies House within the next 14 days.

A.O.C.B.

PW advised the Board that a group of Winter MGLL Winter Season Ticket holders have been informed that unlimited use of Club facilities would only be available next year if they take out a Winter Cub membership. Alternatively, they can choose to be signed in by an existing member no more often than twice a month and up to six times per year. This decision is based on the frequency of the group's visits.

PW asked the Board to give consideration to Club resilience in the event of absence of office staff over an extended period. To be discussed at our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.05pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th May 2025 at 1.30pm