

Thursday 28th August 2025 at 1.30pm Millennium Lounge, RMMGC

In attendance

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

Apologies

There were no apologies

Welcome

PW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prize Draw

1st Doreen Leask - £100

2nd James Sharp - £50

3rd Adrian Robinson - £25

Review of Action Point Register

Work on the new website is on-going. Callum Cranston has provided high quality, updated photographs, mainly of the course. PW to speak to Callum about taking additional photos of the clubhouse and grounds.

Discussion took place on the advantages and disadvantages of including a facility whereby applicants could complete a new member application form online. It was agreed that a PDF would be available for download/printing.

Discussion also took place regarding proposed costs for carpet cleaning. It was agreed that the foyer and area in and around the Ladies toilets would take priority.

Q & A on Submitted Reports

Membership and Marketing Report

We have acquired twelve new members in the past month: 3 Junior, 6 Ordinary (golfing) and 3 Associate. Our total membership, excluding staff, currently stands at 726. This is an increase of 62 on the same time last year.

Rules Evening with PGA referee confirmed as Wednesday 22nd October at 7.00pm. CL to check with Jason Boyd whether there is a cost attached to this event.

DL to email new members to gauge interest in a 'Meet and Greet'.

A Scottish Golf funding opportunity has arisen for training to upskill female staff and volunteers. With resilience in mind, it was agreed that having an additional member of staff qualified in bar licencing would be beneficial. It was also agreed to apply for funding to support additional Food Hygiene training for female kitchen and front of house staff. DL/CL to complete and submit application.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>

Despite increased running costs (wages, utilities, bar and catering suppliers etc), RS was pleased to report that our overall financial position remains positive.

House Report

SH advised that the kitchen will be closed on 6th October for canopy cleaning. It was also recommended that the opportunity be taken to clean the dining room floor at this time.

Match Report

Once again, Adana Day was a huge success. DL is meeting with Laura Forsyth next week to confirm the total raised.

AM said he had been approached by some male members, expressing their concern at the lack of handicap counting rounds submitted by a few members who are playing in Club knockout competitions. Following discussion, it was agreed that AM would communicate with all members stating that, in order to qualify for next year's knockouts, a minimum of two cards for handicap should be submitted before the end of the season. Thereafter, the minimum will be five handicap counting rounds per season. These rounds can be played on either of the Montrose courses.

CL/SL informed the Board that they had received two replies to the email sent to the Ladies Section, regarding official protocols for weekly competitions. The first sought clarification on whether the contents of the email related to *all* Club competitions or the Ladies Tuesday and Thursday competitions only. The other thanked the Board for confirming the Club's stance and clarifying how this aligns with Scottish Golf's guidance. Both emails have been answered.

New Members and fees update

Income from membership fees is in line with prediction.

Membership committee/international/corporate

AH and CL had an initial meeting to discuss the focus of this group. Next sub-committee meeting to be arranged.

Bar/Catering Update

Mckinley leaves on Friday to begin his studies at the University of the West of Scotland.

Kim Rosie has joined the staff and is settling in well.

Morgan is working reduced hours. Katie is also reducing her hours.

Tournaments

Our final tournament of the year will be the Senior Men's Open on 3rd October. This will be a Stableford competition with two age ranges: 50 to 64 and 65 and over.

AM/PW to liaise with MGLL regarding dates for next year's Opens.

Fundraising, forthcoming events etc.

DL to liaise with Michael Gove regarding a date for the next Quiz Night.

Christmas events are proving popular and tickets are selling well.

Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free menus are almost ready for launch. DL to discuss with chefs.

Governance Review

Nothing new to report.

Resilience

PW and DL are meeting on a regular basis to take this forward.

A.O.C.B.

The Gala Day was very well attended. Discussion took place around the possibility of offering more than one 'Gala Day' next year.

Brian Ritchie has composed a Club History Trail. It was agreed that copies should be made available in the foyer.

BM-SL/CL

Dates for the Prize Giving dinners are confirmed as Friday 7th November (Ladies) and Friday 14th November (Gents).

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 1.30pm