

**Minutes of the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee Meeting held in the
Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday 6th August 2012**

Present: G Wilson (Chair), P Sawers, J Gilbert, L Gordon, C Yule, A McCartney, G Murray, R Reyner, J McLeish, H Oswald, G Paton, D Valentine.

In Attendance: C McLeod (Golf Services Manager), S Reid (Links Superintendent).

Meeting began 1900 hours.

Apologies

G Duncan, B Boyd, B Thomson.

G Wilson welcomed S Reid to his first official meeting as Links Superintendent.

G Wilson advised the committee that he had received a letter from J Philp thanking the committee for organising the event to mark his retirement. G Wilson also received a letter from J Philp's wife, Helen, thanking the committee as she knew it meant a lot to John.

1. Any Additional Agenda Items

R Reyner asked to include the Junior Tee at the 17th hole on the Buddon to the agenda. The committee agreed that this should be discussed at the next Greens Committee meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

D Valentine – General Managers Report – 3rd Hole Burnside. Letter from D Valentine's staff (M Gregory)

H Oswald – General Managers Report – 3rd Hole Burnside. Been involved in correspondence.

3. Seagreen Technology Update

G Wilson advised the committee that the meeting planned for 23rd July was postponed as Seagreen did not have enough information to present to CGL. The Planning Application that was due to be submitted in October will also be postponed, it is not likely to go to the Planning Department before January 2013. G Wilson advised that he got the impression that the Seagreen were very amateur and unorganised. C McMahon has been very helpful during correspondence with Seagreen and is fully in support of CGL's position. D Valentine reiterated that Angus Council have a mutual interest with CGL in that they do not want the courses dug up. Both parties (CGL and Angus Council) are looking into the possibility of building on the MOD ground at the moment.

4. Approval of Minutes of the CGLMC Limited Meeting of Monday 2nd July 2012

Approved: G Murray

Seconded: L Gordon

5. Greens Business

J Gilbert advised that the work on the new holes at the Buddon course are on time and budget. He requested approval from the committee for the Greenkeepers to use the new winter works in advance of the winter to potentially get the new 12th hole up and running in spring next year, this would be one year ahead of schedule. The committee agreed that as long as the winter works budget allowed for it then it was possible to go ahead. S Reid advised the committee that there is no guarantee that it will be ready by that time as it is dependant on other projects and the weather but the greenkeeping staff would like to have it ready by then.

6. Finance Business

G Murray advised that he met with Steve from Henderson & Loggie. All bank balances are on target. An update will be available at the next Finance Committee meeting.

A hard copy of the business plan is available in the Office for committee members to view. Hard copies will also be made available for Finance Committee members. P Sawers advised that the toilets project is still to be added to the document.

7. Pro Shop Business

C Yule advised that the Pro-Shop has now been trading in the Pro Centre for 1 year. A full set of accounts will be circulated at the next Pro Shop Committee meeting. The Pro Shop Committee meeting will be held prior to the September Finance Meeting (24th September) at 6.30pm.

8. Major Projects

There was no business.

9. Tournament Business

A McArtney asked the committee for more suggestions on how to improve the Links tournaments. The next Tournament Committee meeting will be held after the next Greens Committee meeting (13th August) at 7.30pm. A McArtney wished P Sawers good luck in the Dunhill Tournament.

10. PR Business

I.T is to be put on the agenda. The next PR meeting will be held prior to the next Finance Committee meeting (20th August 2012) at 6.00pm.

11. Season Ticket Business

There was no business.

12. Golf Services Managers Report

C McLeod advised the committee that the diary is open for 2013, this is slightly earlier than normal.

The online booking system is not as slick as it should be, this is being looked into. The committee will be updated.

Bookings have been light in the afternoons. Last year an offer was put forward that a 2nd game could be purchased within the same day for half price. C McLeod suggested that this year a similar deal be offered but players are given 48 hours to book a 2nd game, they will generally be given afternoon times. The aim of the deal is to encourage visitors who are already here to stay longer.

C McLeod advised that in general, golf sales are down by 28% in the area.

The Tassie draw will now be put up on the 2 boards in the Pro-Centre. The admin staff and equipment will be moved over to the Pro-Centre also. This should mean that updates are made available quicker.

13. General Managers Report

In regards to the business at the 3rd hole of the Burnside course, it seems that Angus Council are in support of the procedures put in place by CGL. This item has been looked at thoroughly and the decision to keep things as they are was not taken lightly, it was though deemed by the committee to be the most appropriate outcome.

C McLeod suggested on behalf of B Boyd that a CGL erect a fence on Mr Stewart's boundary. The committee agreed that this has already been discussed and deemed as not appropriate.

H Oswald advised that it would not be CGL's responsibility to erect a fence, but Mr Stewart would be within his rights to erect a fence on his own land if he wishes to do so.

This item will be re-visited when the proposed new holes are being designed.

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Craig Boath has been appointed as head greenkeeper of the Championship course, and Duncan Cairnie has been appointed to Craig Boath's previous position.

There is no further progress on the Charitable Status, G Duncan is awaiting a reply for the Council.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1920 hours.

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