



## **PEEBLES GOLF CLUB LTD. A.G.M. 2018**

Minute of the Annual General Meeting held at Peebles Golf Club on Tuesday 13th February 2018.

**PRESENT**                    91 Members of the Club.

**CHAIRMAN**                Mr Graham Lowther (Captain)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and thanked the members present for their attendance.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from 8 Members of the Club.

### **2. Minute of the 2017 AGM**

The minute was adopted on the proposal of Mr G Oram, seconded by Mr B Faulkner.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minute.

### **4. Annual Report & Accounts**

4a. Captains report.

The Captain gave an overview of his report following which there were no questions.

4b. Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2017.

Mr G Foster the new finance convenor provided the membership with an overview of his role and split of responsibilities between him and the Secretary.

Mr M Kelso gave the meeting a summary of the finance report and accounts. The accounts were then approved on the proposal of Mr H Baillie seconded by Mr J McQuaker.

### **5. Budget and Proposed Subscription Charges - Season 2017/18**

Mr M Kelso gave members a resume of the budget and proposed subscription charges for 2017/18. The budget and subscription charges were then ratified on the proposal of Mr. A Boocock seconded by Mr I Pemberton.

## **6. Any Other Competent Business**

- James McQuaker stated that the club should offer more Open competitions to attract visitors. M Kelso responded that this is something already in hand
- Colin Fraser - commented on Gary Moore's visibility on Saturdays with other events taking place. M Kelso responded that consistency of delivery has been covered with Gary – no doubt members will feedback.
- Ivor Clark- please ensure bar and catering hours are well communicated rather than late notice e-mails about catering not being available – noted but we had been in the hands of the caterers on this.
- Ewen Leggatt asked that if people are in the bar, can we remain open till full hours – agreed that the issue would be discussed with the Bar Manager.
- John O'Donnell – can we look at the bar being open on during the day on Monday and Tuesday in the winter. We should be focusing on providing a good service to members and a more welcoming environment for visitors, rather than simply about cost-saving. MK outlined that this was trialled pre-Christmas with little uptake but happy to revisit and share with members
- Cammy Young - felt the golf course was sub-standard in many areas particularly the bunkers. Feels the investment should be more concentrated on the course. Comments on no fringe on the edge of the greens, edge of fairways, lack of bins on the course and hole positions not being moved between a Wednesday comp and Saturday comp. Ball machine not being cleaned by the green keeping staff. Specific reference the general condition of the bunkers and particularly the bunker to the right of the 16th green. Introduction of Black tees was not being managed. Issues to be discussed with Greens convenor, Greenkeeper and management.
- Ewen Leggatt Can we look at a membership loyalty for people who have been members for 40+ years GL agreed that this would be subject to wider discussions at the Committee.
- Andrew Thompson - can we address the steps at the first tee? As he feels they are dangerous. Agreed – Greens Convenor is addressing with Greenkeeper
- James Blacklaw – suggested club try to attract golfers to use the bar and catering services midway through their rounds and making the bar a Spike Bar to encourage more use after play NW is reviewing options.
- George Cuthill – suggested we either sell or display antique clubs currently held in the bank. GL noted that this would be a discussion for the committee on appropriate action
- Steve Matthews – asked who pays for electric charging point? MK advised that the club do but cost is minimal
- Jamie Fenton - noted that the range has been a fantastic addition but asked is the revenue generated would be re-invested into yellow balls & security GL advised that we are continually looking to improve the product
- Cammy Young - Can we consider being able to hit off the grass on the range? To be reviewed but unlikely due to both maintenance and H&S issues
- Steve Matthews - general comment around the junior usage of the range, we want to attract juniors but re-emphasis that good practice is about quality and not quantity. MK noted issues of excessive use of range and 2018 pricing and rules will seek to address this. Steve Johnston reviewing pricing and utilisation structure for discussion with committee – new pricing and 'rules' to be communicated to members pre-season
- Kevin Wood - can we use the original 1st & 6th medals tees during the summer for competitions? No specific reason but will need H&S \ Greens \ Committee review.
- Jamie Fenton Can we can yardage markers on the practise strip next to the 15th hole – to be discussed at Committee.

- Sheila Horsburgh - can we look at keeping the Ladies honours boards updated .  
Most club boards are up to date but discussion to be had about Ladies boards as they are full and in an old style. Options to be reviewed by committee.

## **7. Election of Committee Members**

The Chairman announced that Committee had recommended the following appointments;

Captain	Ross Duncan
Vice Captain	Gavin Carruthers
General Committee	David Tait Donald Alexander James McQuaker

No other nominations had been received and all candidates were duly elected.

Mr R Duncan then took the chair and presented Mr G Lowther with a Past Captains tie.

Mr Duncan then provide the members with a summary of his thoughts on the recent performance of the club and opportunities for the future. A brief video was shared with the membership.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:40pm.