



Melrose Golf Club

Annual General Meeting 2018

Minutes

1. **Present** : As per the attached attendance sheet.
2. **Apologies**: Jill Murray, Janice Whiteford, Janet Brown, Sheilagh Hogg, Ann Fleming.
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 11 December 2017** : Approved
4. **Captain's Report** : Steve Ervine reported on his year of Captaincy. (See attached).
He thanked the committee for their support and hard work with special thanks going to Derek Page and Gary Craig for stepping in to fill the Competition Secretary and Secretary posts following resignations early in January 2018. Special thanks also went to Jean and Dave Shiel who volunteered to run the bar during the past season along with Dougie Laidlaw and Keith Grieve who assisted. Steve also thanked the greenkeeping staff of Sandy Whillans and Douglas Pollock for their hard work keeping the course in excellent condition throughout the season with assistance from Graeme Hannah who also spent many hours keeping the course and around the clubhouse tidy.
5. **Treasurer's Report** : Douglas Pollock reported on the accounts presented (See attached).
Douglas commented on various aspects of the accounts including the following:
INCOME :
Subscriptions down by £1,450 on 2017 which was an improvement on the previous year..
Visitor Green Fees down by £2,930 on 2017.
Bar takings substantially up by £2,582 due in no small part to Jean and Dave Shiel.
EXPENDITURE :
Greenkeeping staff kept the course in excellent condition with course upkeep costs reducing again this year by £917 and machinery costs substantially reduced by £3,456 on 2017.
Clubhouse running costs dropped by £1,302 mainly due to reductions in lighting and heating costs.
Generally accounts much improved from last year, with membership numbers continuing to drop but various running costs reduced and the bar making a profit again, leading to a surplus of £3,396, a marked improvement from 2017.
Douglas also highlighted that the 100 club continues to be successful.
6. **Membership Secretary's Report** : Mark Gillie presented his report to the meeting (See attached). He commented that a loss of 57 members was almost offset by 50 new members joining across various categories which gave a total membership of 222 which was a drop of 7.
7. **Greekeeper's Report**
Sandy Whillans presented his report to the meeting (See attached). He commented that after a very wintry start, a cold spring then led to a hot and dry summer but managed to keep the greens in good condition. He thanked Douglas Pollock, Graeme Hannah and Jim Fleming for

their efforts with the new bunker at the 9th and the re-levelling of the 6th tee. He also commented on various aspects of course maintenance and associated costs.

8. **Election of Office Bearers** : The following Office Bearers were elected unopposed; Captain – Grant Hogg; Vice-Captain – tbc; Secretary – Steve Ervine; Treasurer – Douglas Pollock; Competition Secretary – Andrew Bell; Green Convener – Gary Craig; House Convener – Dave Shiel; Membership Secretary – Mark Gillie; Past Captain – Steve Ervine.

Ladies representatives to the General Committee; Lady Captain – tbc;
Lady Vice-Captain – tbc; Lady Secretary – tbc.

9. **Proposals from the General Committee** :

A proposal by the Committee to amend the Constitution to allow new membership applications to proceed without the requirement for a Proposer and Seconder was presented. The proposal also noted that all references to the former OAP 5-day and 7-day membership categories should be deleted. The two proposals were approved with the amendments to the Constitution to be carried out in January 2019.

10. **Any Other Business** :

Mark Gillie proposed changing competition dates – Gents Championship qualifying to remain as best 2 of 3 scores, then qualified players arrange own quarter-final ties according to draw made, over a specified 2/3 week period. Then a further 2 week period to arrange and play semi-final ties. All finals will be played on a set date i.e. 24 Aug 2019. After discussion of valid issues raised from the floor (including priority tee times) all agreed in principle as this also allows leeway for “rain days”.

All present thought Sunday competitions have not been a success; Mark Gillie suggested Sundays could be used for Open Competitions, for which the Club is looking into online booking/payment system which saves any loss of income to Club with no-shows. All agreed present Master Scoreboard/ Handicap Master system works well.

Committee would like to encourage use of Clubhouse for celebrations, funeral wakes, etc., by Club members. The Club can obtain up to 12 “Occasional Licences” for these events.

New posters from Scottish Golf Ltd showing new 2019 Rule changes will be displayed on notice board by Steve Ervine. These may also be viewed on Scottish Golf Ltd website.

Mark Gillie asked if the Club would be entering a team into Gents BGA summer match-play competition (4 scratch and 2 handicap players required). Players will be contacted by Mark Gillie or Ian Ramsay.

Danny Chisholm reiterated his displeasure regarding Scottish Golf Ltd.’s multiple affiliation fees which were increase to £14.50 at an EGM plus BGA fee also being increased to £2.50. Mr Chisholm requested that a letter be sent to BGA and subsequently to SGL on behalf of himself and Club members stressing the view that multiple fees are unfair.



Dave Shiel (House Convenor) stated that the Bar would be open from 6pm onwards on Wednesday evenings throughout the winter.

11. Appointment of Captain for 2019 :

Outgoing Captain Steve Ervine handed over the Captain's pullover to Grant Hogg and wished him the very best for his Captaincy next year. Grant then thanked Steve for the honour of being Captain in 2019 and promised to do his best for the Club.

The committee presented a vote of thanks for Steve's efforts during his year as Captain in 2018.

MEETING CLOSED

Gary Craig

Melrose Golf Club Secretary