



Melrose Golf Club

Annual General Meeting 2019

Minutes

1. **Present** : As per the attached attendance sheet.
2. **Apologies**: Gary Craig, Jamie Macpherson, Iain Houston, Dave Shiel, Les Wallace, Linda Wallace, Jill Murray, Christine Duncan, Vivienne Hogg, Helen Hogg, Anne Fleming.
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 10 December 2018** : Approved
4. **Captain's Report** : Grant Hogg reported on his year of Captaincy (See attached).

He thanked the committee members for their work over the last year with special mention going to Andrew Bell who stepped in to fill the vacant Competition Secretary post. He also thanked Jean and Dave Shiel for their continued dedication, along with a few others to doing a great job behind the bar. At the start of the season Ian Ramsay and a few willing labourers fitted some replacement windows and did a great job which is very much appreciated by all at the club, with second and larger part of the project to be completed shortly.

He also mentioned the Greenkeeping staff of Sandy Whillans and Douglas Pollock who managed to keep the course in great condition despite the challenge of wet weather, along with special thanks to Graeme Hannah for all his totally voluntary hard work around the course during the year.

Grant summarised the competitions and championships throughout the year and highlighted the Greenkeeper's Revenge Charity Day which raised over £800 for his chosen charity of Parkinson's UK and an enjoyable 2-man Texas Scramble day where the local Super 6 rugby squad joined in. He also thanked Mike Dalgetty for his BBQ cooking skills on those two days. The Junior section continued to thrive and was well looked after by Mark Gillie and Janet Brown and thanks to sponsorship from J S Crawford we were able to create new junior tees. Dining with Doreen (Hedley) also sponsored the provision of new Junior Scorecards.

Grant also thanked all the sponsors for their continued support and appealed for anyone who may know of a potential sponsor to get in touch. He also highlighted that along with all golf clubs we would be starting to use the new World Handicapping System towards the end of next year. He concluded by saying that he had been a member of the club for over 50 years and it had been an honour to have been Captain for 2019 and wished the best of luck to his successor for next year.
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 :

Overall Income up by £4,089

Subscriptions up by £1,141 on 2018.

Visitor Green Fees increased by £1157.

Bar takings slightly down by £750 but overall bar profit up to 38%.



EXPENDITURE :

Sandy Whillans kept the course in excellent condition with various items of machinery bought along with a new coffee machine, cooler for the bar and the new windows. All of which were bought outright thus avoiding Hire Purchase and interest through loans.

Clubhouse running costs increased mainly due to the purchase of the new windows and door. The heating and lighting costs are higher than 2018 but Douglas is expecting a possible refund from Scottish Power.

Generally accounts a bit down on last year but given the amount of machinery bought both for the clubhouse and the course upkeep, then a slight surplus of £877 is acceptable.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report** : Mark Gillie presented his report to the meeting (See attached). He said that a total of 44 members across all categories had left the club but had 33 new members joining. This gave an overall income of £39,793, an increase of £1,141 and includes 2 new full members who took up the offer of 18 months golf in August at our Membership Day.

7. **Greekeeper's Report**
In the absence of Gary Craig, Steve Ervine presented the Greenkeeper's report (See attached). He commented that the year started and ended wet with difficult conditions. The purchase of set of Thatchaways for the greens was beneficial with feedback positive with faster, truer greens. A second hand roughcutter was also bought but needed a fair bit of refurbishment on which Douglas Pollock worked on for a few months. We now have a machine which looks like new and should do a better job than the old one which it is intended to be sold. It is proposed to try an intermediate rough cut between the fairway and the long rough, time permitting to be less of a penalty for a shot which just runs off the fairway. Work also started to create a practice area next to the 6th hole with the idea of erecting a 2 or 3 covered bays which will give golfers, especially juniors an area to practice without having to use parts of the course. Steve on behalf of Sandy, thanked Gary Craig for input over the year and also Graeme Hannah for his work on the course. He also thanked Douglas for all his work and the squad of Steve, Gary, Keith, Grant and Douglas who helped clear trees and branches from the right of the 5th hole with special mention to Graham Brown for the use of the wood chipper.

8. **Election of Office Bearers** : The following Office Bearers were elected unopposed;
Captain – Andrew Stirling; 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 – Grant Hogg.

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

9. **Proposals from the General Committee** :
There were no proposal put forward by the Committee.

10. **Any Other Business** :
Gary Lackie suggested that the club could save money by not printing fixture cards but it was noted that one of our kind sponsors, Macpherson Property pays for these every year.



George Balfour made the suggestion of installing a port-a-loo at the 5th tee which the committee would consider although the practicalities may be prohibitive.

11. **Appointment of Captain for 2020 :**

Outgoing Captain Grant Hogg handed over the Captain's pullover to Andrew Stirling and wished him the very best for his Captaincy next year. Andrew then said it would be an honour to be Captain in 2020 and promised to do his best to follow Grant's level of commitment he showed last year.

The committee presented a vote of thanks for Grant's efforts during his year as Captain in 2019.

MEETING CLOSED

Steve Ervine

Melrose Golf Club Secretary