

Barnard Castle Golf Club.

Management Meeting.

Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Attendees: Geoff Wall, Graham West, Dianne Wilkinson, Yvonne Carr, Craig Hamilton, Colin MacLeod, Joy Pallister and Andrew Hall.

1) Apologies

1. Tony Buckley

2) Finance update from Sally Lavender

Club Accounts for 18 months to 31 March 2022.

These accounts are now ready for signature.

Club Accounts for 12 months to 31 March 2023

Ready for signature pending updates needed for dates of changes in membership of the Management Committee. **(Action: Colin MacLeod)**

April 23 Management Accounts and Comparison with Budget

The budget has been rephased to reflect the new expected timings of some costs and income.

The management accounts for the month of April show a profit of £1,372, however income from membership fees is £2,974 below budget.

Membership Renewals

The overall potential deficit on fees versus budget is currently just under £30K for the budget year 2023 / 2024 - the largest impact being with the Adult Members category which currently has been reduced by around 40.

Actions:

Continue with activities to advertise and promote visitor parties and the attraction of new members (Colin)

Review budget and identify further opportunities to reduce spending, if required (Colin)

Sally advised committee that she plans to step back from her involvement in supporting the finance work of the Club. She will continue to provide low key support and training to Sheila in maintaining the accounting records until the newly introduced processes are more established. She will also provide a handover to the incumbent Treasurer, when appointed.

The Management Committee extended their recognition and appreciation to Sally for her contribution and service she has given to the club over the last 6 months and wish her all the very best for the future.

Sally Lavender left meeting and the Management Meeting commenced.

3) Minutes of last meeting.

Proposed: Geoff Wall

Seconded: Craig Hamilton

4) Actions List

Action list reviewed and updated.

5) Updates

1. Admin

Flat and Clubhouse Windows

Inspection and report on remedial works required to be scheduled. (Action: Lisa)

Kitchen Extractor fan clean scheduled, 30-May and Fire Suppression system installation scheduled 5-Jun will require the kitchen to be closed for these dates.

Bar to remain open with a selection of cold food being made available, (Action: Lisa to liaise with Jack)

6) Welfare

Safe Golf Certificate issued by Golf England through to July 2024

Safeguarding and Protecting Children refresher course completed by Joy Pallister.

7) Greens

Greens

In April there was a total of 54mm of rain with an average temperature of 8 degrees, keeping growth to a minimum. In May there was 15mm of rain with an average of 11 degrees (highs of 17.9), increasing growth rapidly.

Unfortunately, at the start of May, David fractured a lumbar of his spine which has caused a lengthy lay off from work from him. Additional temporary semi-skilled resource has been brought in as cover and support to the rest of the team – this will continue until David is fully fit to carry out all his duties.

With David's absence coupled with some pre-planned leave for other Green's staff, the team are a couple of weeks away from where they want to be. As such, the following actions are agreed for implementation:

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- Sid Lowes will cover roughs cutting as and when required (currently a daily activity).

Greens Staff to provide refresher training (Action: David)

- 2 Teams of 3 to commence strimming of the becks, w/c 12-Jun

Volunteers to be sought (Action: Colin)

From mid-May, greens are back down to 3mm instead of the 4mm following aeration works. Further light dressings to level surfaces is scheduled over the next few weeks. Fairways, tees and approaches will also be mowed down to summer heights.

Rest assured the Greens team are working tirelessly in all areas and over the next 2 weeks, it is anticipated our great course will be back to where we want to be.

8) Competition

Competition calendar well underway – no issues.

9) Captain

Captain's Day 2023 will be a joint event with the Ladies section, 24-Jun - planning is underway.

The next Captains Chronical will be published, w/c 29-May

10) Ladies

Lady Captain's Report

- Future dates:

Saturday 24th June, Joint Captains' Day,

Tuesday 22nd July is the Ladies' Open

Tuesday 8th August, Exchange with Ponteland GC.

Tuesday 22nd August, Ladies Invitation

Yvonne would like to record her thanks to the ladies who worked so hard on the Half Way House, Lainey Hunt, Maureen Raw, Shirley Smith and Dianne Wilkinson. With the new blinds paid for by the Ladies Section and a thoroughly good clean and tidy up it is looking good.

There are many club members who give their time voluntarily to help the club and many wish to remain in the background quietly working away - all their efforts are sincerely appreciated. A special mention with thanks concerning how lovely the gardens dotted around the club are looking, despite the vagaries of the weather, go to Barbara Yorke and Sid Lowes for all their hard work.

11) Seniors

- No update.

12) Matters Arising

- None

13) Correspondence

- Letter received from Mrs. Melanie Robinson requesting the erection of a memorial bench in memory of her late partner Jimmy Gibson, who was a big part of the club and spent many happy hours there.

The request is supported. (Action: Colin to liaise with Mrs. Robinson to progress)

- 2 letters have been received concerning the condition of the course. The specific issues raised are covered within the "Greens" section.

14) AOB

- Ladies Lockers
Proposal and estimated cost to increase / improve lockers to be submitted by Ladies section. **(Action: Yvonne)**
- Shop hours
Shop hours to be extended to 6pm, Monday to Friday (Action: Colin)

The next management committee meeting will take place, Tuesday 20-Jun.

Colin MacLeod