

## TORPHINS GOLF CLUB

### Zoom Committee Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Present Roy Mathers, Wilma Nicol, Paul Wilson, Brian Mathers,  
Stewart Adamson, Wilma Urquhart

Apologies Nigel Bennett, Malcolm Riach

Accident Book No accidents reported

### Secretary/Fundraising

The Scottish Golf Course Rating Team visited the course on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. The SG Rating Committee will advise TGC on the new course rating once the panel completes their assessment.

The Ian Paterson Outing scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to one of their party testing positive for Covid 19

5 FootGolf Bookings in one week. They included, 2 families, Durris YF, Club 41 and a Birthday Party.

WN contacted Duncans of Banchory. Sponsorship now paid.

The Steve MacWilliam Open Texas Scramble attracted 8 teams of 4. Successful day and the bacon rolls and home bakes were a success. Thanks to all the helpers.

The Monthly Minutes will now appear in the member's area on the website.

Jockie has requested funding for the servicing of the mowers. WN asked Graham to prepare a P & L statement to the end of August.

Tees 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> are uneven and need to be levelled and re turfed.

The astro turf on the path at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> urgently needs attention.

WN/NB researched and purchased new shoe brushes for the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and replacement brushes for exiting the course. **WN** will purchase.

The committee agreed new safety signage "Clean Your Shoes" be purchased and displayed beside the new brushes. **WN** will arrange. The faded safety sign at the 9<sup>th</sup> will require re painted.

WN purchased 5 x 20 kg of Autumn/Winter Boost and 20 kg of R9 Rye Grass from Rigby Taylor

Sprinkler System –some of the pop up sprinkler heads need replacing. It was agreed by the committee this would need to be a staged replacement programme.

WN Purchased 1 paddle for the 3 ball washers. **WN** will ask Ali to make another two from the template.

**GY/WN** to reconcile the membership database with BRS, V1 and WHS/CDH

Walker Cup - Lumphanan was unable to raise a team for the ladies and only had 3 gents available to play. It was decided to cancel the event due to the low numbers. Torphins had a full complement of willing players. Suggestion from the committee – Next year play 9 holes at Lumphanan and 9 holes at Torphins.

SG send a penalty notice if a member registers to play, but does not complete their round or submit a card for handicapping. WN contacts the member to inform them of the penalty notice and asks for their version of events. So far, all our members who received a penalty notice had difficulty entering scores on the SG App., therefore incurred a penalty. On VMS/WHS we can delete the pending penalty and the HI is not affected.

An email was received from Raymond Donald regarding the winter course layout. WN presented the email to the committee who decided all sections were represented at the trialling of the winter course and feedback was duly considered.

Winter Membership rates will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> October thru 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

£100.00 Full Playing Membership

£60.00 22 – 30 yr olds

£10.00 all juniors

It was agreed that a new banner will be designed and purchased by **PW/SC**

**SC** will advertise the new rates on TGC website. **WU** will post new rates on FB.

### Treasurer

Update at 13 September 2021.

Bank balance as at 13 September 2021 is £5,397. Special account is £30,047.

Membership numbers at 13/9/21 is 176 (36 new members so far, 10 of which are in the 22 - 30 category). 29 Resignations. Last year's total 169.

Membership Income to date is £25,111 plus £1,994 paid in advance from previous years = £27,105 (1 person paid in advance (3 years) so far - £500 ). Net £26,605. Last years total £25,445.

100 Club Winner £50 for August – No 62 Drew Robertson.

Green fees at 13/9/21 is £7,620 (End of September 2020 £10,480). Last years total £12,200. 2021 Budget was £8k.

Footgolf income at 13/9/21 is £1,136 (End of September 2020 £614)

Current estimate on course costs is now nearer £11,000 (Budget £7,000). Total actual costs to date £9,595. 2020 spend was £14,141

All sponsors now paid.

Insurance paid early September 2021.

Fuel received from Cannon's 6 September - £770.

SSE account – issue with units used.

Fixed Asset paid for £1,700.

GY prepared a P & L statement through to August 2021. WN presented the statement to the committee.

### Greens

Report from Andy Menmuir of Rigby Taylor:

Thanks for meeting me yesterday, sorry you couldn't make it Wilma, I hear you had other priorities.

The greens have come on very well indeed over the last 5 weeks and are a credit to all the hard work which has gone into them.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> greens now have grass coverage on over 98% of their surfaces, with further seedlings coming through the thinner areas. Jockie informed us that the greens had been over seeded and top dressed last week. With this in mind, I am confident that by the end of this month we will have full coverage. With regards to the 1<sup>st</sup> green, move the pin to the forward area Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, this will keep walk off pressure off the seeding grasses until they are fully established.

The greens can now be lightly verti-cut to improve the putting surface, this can be done prior to a very light application of Top Dressing.

In approximately 2 weeks' time the greens should be solid tined, 13mm tine to a depth of 80-100mm at 50mm spacings and top dressed. Some of the remaining weaker areas can be over seeded if required. Following this, an application of 5-5-10+4%Fe+2.4MgO+8CaO autumn/winter boost at 35grms m<sup>2</sup> will be required.

Greens 12 and 5 have minor issues with dry patch, wetting agent and irrigation are required on these greens to recover the grasses and assist establishment of the seedling grasses at the back of the 5<sup>th</sup> green.

#### **Costs**

4 x 20kg Autumn Winter Boost 5-5-10 @ £23.16 per 20kg

**Carriage Terms Ex Warehouse Deliveries** – Orders below the value of £200.00 (excluding VAT) will be charged at £19.50, orders between the value of £200.00 & £450.00 will be charged at £10.75.

Our prices which are subject to V.A.T. with the exception of grass seed which is zero-rated, are firm for 28 days, thereafter if manufacturers prices fluctuate these will be adjusted accordingly. Payment is nett and is due within 30 days of invoice otherwise plus 10% per month or part thereof.

All goods are supplied subject to our Terms and Conditions.

Roy, with regards to the groundsman aeration machine we discussed, please contact Stevie at Mowertec for further information and photographs of the machine 07919215589, he will gladly assist.

If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding the notes above, please give me a call or reply to this email.

I appreciate it has been a very difficult time for you this year and I thank you for your patience and understanding of the timescale it has taken to get to where we are today and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Kind regards

*Andy*

RM made contact with Stevie from Mowertec and negotiated a very favourable price. The Aerator was picked up by RM and will be delivered to the TGC sometime next week.

RM met with Martin Ferries to discuss replacing the winter green at the 6<sup>th</sup>. The costs is approx £280.00 per day for 3 days work. In addition, we will need drainage and turf. The cost will be in excess of £1000.00. It was agreed by the committee the 6<sup>th</sup> green will be left until next year and the remainder of the winter course improvements will be completed this year. **RM/NB/PW** and Jockie will meet next week to prepare a plan for the Sept and Oct programme.

The committee requested the rubber stoppers in the cups to be removed from the flag poles. **WN** will ask Jockie to remove.

#### **Match Secretary**

Harry Shepherd Trophy will be played at Stonehaven on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October

Torphins lost the handicap semi final at Aboyne 3.5 to 1.5

JY contacted the ladies to ask availability for The Ladies vs Gent on the 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Awaiting a response to establish if the competition will go ahead.

#### **Handicap Secretary**

The Learney Cup – Doug Anderson won and Paul Wilson came second. Nigel Bennett won the repechage.

The Morrison Trophy and Lesley Shield will be played in pairs as a Medal/Stableford off the Yellow Tees. WN will send out a Golf Bites during 1<sup>st</sup> week in October to advertise both competitions.

#### **Seniors**

No report

#### **Ladies**

Neither the C.C. Scratch nor The Mortimers Folly will be played on Finals Day.

#### **Juniors**

No Report

#### **Clubhouse**

RM suggested the outside of the clubhouse be painted a more modern colour. Resurfacing and tidying the car park is required - filling in the holes, spreading quarry dust and relaying slabs. Work party required in the early spring.

#### **FootGolf**

It was agreed that we would run the FootGolf during the October holidays. **SA** to display the banner and **WU** will advertise on FB.

#### **AOCB**

Drew was granted permission to park his buggy in the trolley area.

**Next meeting will be held 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm**