

TORPHINS GOLF CLUB

Zoom Committee Meeting

1st November 2021

Present Roy Mathers, Paul Wilson, Stewart Adamson, Wilma Nicol, Brian Mathers, Malcolm Riach

Apologies Nigel Bennett, Wilma Urquhart

Accident Book No accidents reported

Matters Arising

WN visited Banks of Dee to enquire about the astro turf. The astro turf/grass was recycled at the same time as the new pitch was laid, therefore none available.

Bread of Life – The Kirk Session sat on Thursday the 28th. Confirmation received today that our application was successful. **WN** will write to Mid Deeside Church thanking them for their support.

Affiliation Fees - No invoice received from SG, so far

WN contacted Raymond Penny to ask if the SG Rating Panel had met. Not so far, was the response.

New brushes and safety notice now installed at the 2nd and 9th by NB.

Secretary/Fundraising

GY provided a P & L report indicating the surplus that potentially could be available at the end of the financial year. **WN** will arrange a meeting with Jockie to discuss his plan from now until the end of the year and into next. The balance will be used as a spending/commitment guide for course and machine maintenance.

Lauwrein our cleaner has finished for the season.

Trophies are ready for engraving. RM will hand back the Ladies vs. Gents. **WN** will contact Lumphanan to confirm they have The Walker Cup in safe keeping.

BRS are currently integrating their system with Golf Genius to allow one database for membership, competitions and handicapping and online tee booking. Zoom demo meeting was arranged for Tuesday, WN postponed due to lack of availability.

FootGolf – 60th Birthday Party. 16 adults played 9 holes followed by cuppa and brownies.

Thank you to Raymond Donald and Margaret Cockburn who hosted the event.

Treasurer

Bank balance as at 31 October 2021 is £2,451. Special account is £30,054.

Membership numbers at 31/10/21 is up 2 to 178 (38 new members, 10 of which are in the 22 -30 category). 29 Resignations. Last year's total 169.

Membership Income to date is £25,191 plus £1,994 paid in advance from previous years = £27,185 (1 person paid in advance (3 years) - £500). Net £26,685. Last year's total £25,445.

100 Club. Winner £100 no 71 Ian Wilson and runner up £50 no 101 Roy Mathers for October.

Green fees at 31/10/21 is £8,897. (End of October 2020 £11,513). Last year's total £12,200. 2021 Budget was £8k.

Footgolf income at 31/10/21 is £1,407. Last year's total was £1,043.

Current estimate on course costs is now nearer £12,000 (Budget £7,000). Total actual costs to date £10,361. 2020 spend was £14,141

Fridge emptied of drinks and switched off. Most are still in date and transferred to store including Mars bars. Only Twix's will be out of date this year – passed over to seniors.

Greens

Copy of Andy Menmuir's October Report

Good to see you again yesterday, back in waterproofs and woolly hats!

The greens are looking very well, with grass coverage throughout the playing surfaces. It's been a very difficult year for you all and a lot of hard work has gone in to the greens to get them back to their current condition.

We are now in a position to pin point individual areas on greens, as I said to Roy and Jockie yesterday, I am now looking for areas to improve and being a little picky, this is a good thing. Left edge of first green, try and keep walk off area to the left of the green protected, still a little thin and we don't want too much pressure on this area.

2nd Green, Leylandii blocking sun light within the copse of silver birch, this would be better taken out rather than taking the top off as it will just look unsightly, this will allow more winter light through to the 2nd green.

2nd and 6th greens, there are a couple of areas where the greens machine is causing wear on the perimeter cut, this is due to softer surfaces and the machine digging in. reduce perimeter cutting by only doing 1 perimeter cut every 3 cuts or so, this will not be noticeable throughout the winter and will allow these areas to recover. Again keep walk on/off traffic away from these areas to benefit recovery.

Aeration, once you have the Groundsman operational commence regular aeration when weather permits, switch between solid and slit tines between every operation, try and get this done every 2 to 3 weeks. Additional aeration will be required on the wet areas on 1st and 4th and the front right area of the 6th. Do not apply any further applications of Top Dressing as there is insufficient growth for this to be absorbed and may result in inducing Fusarium.

There is very little disease and what there has been Jockie has treated. Jockie has a little fungicide left for spot treatments, daily checks must be done to monitor any disease outbreak and treatment done as required. Further to assisting this, I have suggested applications for Magnet Velocite, early November, before Christmas and again late January/early February weather permitting. Roy has asked me to order 2 x 5lt to complement the material in stock.

If there are any questions with regard to the above report, please give me a call or drop me an email. I will plan to have 1 more visit prior to Christmas to see how the aeration programme is advancing.

Equipment:

Ball washer at 1st does not seem to be totally water tight. **NB** will check the seals.

Turf Aerator:

Parts purchased from Double A. **RM/NB** to reassemble.

Winter Course:

Thank you to NB/RM/PW and Jockie for preparing the winter course as per the agreed design. Bracken cleared, mats repositioned, winter greens fed and cut.

Top dressing spreader:

NB is in the process of repairing top dressing spreader.

2nd and 9th Paths:

Given how well the winter mats cleaned up with a good pressure wash, NB suggests having a go at cleaning up the astro on the path to 2nd tee, and if that works, doing the path down from 9th.

Match Secretary

Well done to TGC coming 2nd in The Harry Shepherd Trophy. PW is waiting for the Minutes from The Deeside League AGM and fixtures for next year.

Handicap Secretary

The Leslie Shield is rescheduled for Sunday 8th November. If the course is unplayable the winners from The Morrison Trophy will go through to play in the Daily Mail Foursomes. (Doug Anderson and Derek Whyte)

Seniors

No report

Ladies

The Ladies AGM is scheduled for the 9th November.

Items to consider for growing the number of lady members as part of The Women in Golf Initiative

Work to increase female membership

Encourage young people to become involved in the running the club

Take part in initiatives Get into Golf, Girls Golf Hub and Women and Girls Golf Week

Increasing female and family orientated imagery on the website and social media

Juniors

No Report

Clubhouse

Wasp nest at the gable end of the clubhouse. NB has the necessary equipment to remove

FootGolf

Nothing to report

AOCB

RM asked the members attending the meeting their intention to stand for re election.

The following agreed for their names to be put up for re election – Paul Wilson, Brian Mathers, Malcolm Riach, Stewart Adamson, Wilma Nicol and Roy Mathers.

WN will ask NB and WU if they wish to stand for re election.

WN will send out Fixture Templates to SA/BM, Drew and JY/WU and will arrange a fixture meeting during December, if needed.

WN will contact SG to find out when The Course Rating Panel is sitting and when we can expect out rating certificates.

Presentation Night – Last year's C.C. winners will be invited to attend Presentation Night and asked if they wish to have their photograph taken with the trophy.

Next meeting will be held 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm