

TORPHINS GOLF CLUB

Committee Meeting Zoom

9th October 2023

Present Roy Mathers, Stewart Adamson, Wilma Nicol, Brian Mathers, Nigel Bennett,
Mike Scott, Paul Wilson, Dom Fearnley and Maria Giblin

Apologies None

Accident Book No accidents reported.

Matters Arising

Painter and Decorator - Planning to complete by the end of October, weather permitting.

SumUp Credit Card Machine - All verified and in working order. A Risk Assessment needs to be carried out on the new insurance policy. Bread of Life Application submitted before the deadline of 30th September. Awaiting response.

Secretary/Fundraising

Presentation Night on Saturday 18th November followed by social. Trophies requested to be returned by 15th October. Presentation lists sent to SA/BM JY and DR to be completed with winners

Face to Face meeting in the Clubhouse to refresh the fixture list on Thursday 9th November at 11.30am for 2024, taking into account cancellations of events, the reduced number of players and interest. Approx 5 – 10% of the membership. Roy and Wilma have prepared a schedule detailing holidays, working hours for Jockie for the end of the year. Awaiting a response.

The Gents and Senior Gents Open and the Open 2 Ball Scramble proved very successful both in numbers, profit and enjoyment. Five Finals were played on Finals Day followed by bacon rolls, cake and hot drinks. All Finals were played by the 15th September. Unfortunately, The Walker Cup and The Ladies vs Gents were cancelled due to lack of numbers. Lauwrein our cleaner has resigned due to ill health and family commitments. Pam Auckland provided details of a possible replacement. WN to meet with potential replacement in the near future. An increased donation of £150.00 was received from Ruth and Rosemary Bowman for maintaining the bench at the 13th tee, brings total to £225. Diesel will be delivered on Monday 9th October and the water meter will be upgraded on Monday 16th October- Jockie informed.

Treasurer

Income - Bank balance as at 30 September 2023 is £12,478. Special account is now £30,834– this month's interest - £101. Membership Income to 30/9/23 is £29,433 plus £1,710 paid in advance from previous years less £2,180 paid in advance for future years = £28,963. Last year's total £27,500. Membership number at 30/9/23 is up to 178. 5 new members with discount offer. Last year's total 176. Green fees at 30/9/23 are £11,059. Passed budget of £10,000 and also passed last year's total (Year end 22 £10,455). Footgolf income at 30/9/23 is £2,127. (end Sep 22 £2,193). 100 Club. September winner of £50 Number 25 Wilma Nicol.

Expenditure - Course costs forecast is now nearer £12,000 (Budget £10,500). Additional fuel delivery plus winter mats. Total actual costs to date £9,531. 2022 spend was £12,294. Annual Insurance renewal 29 August – last year cost £2,445 (12 months). Quote from BlueFinSport (current provider) was £2,812. Quote from SG via EvaLee is £2,377. Went with EvaLee. Documents to be reviewed for risk assessment, etc.

Overall Income - £46,000 Expenditure £33,000. Should have a profit at the year end and this will be placed in our Special Account.

Greens

Course - Jockie has been scarifying and top dressing the greens, some received seed. No spiking this year. Verticutter heads were borrowed from Banchory and all the greens were done with a neutral height setting. A Groundsman tining/hollow tining machine was booked for using on some of the greens, but this was later cancelled. Stone removal has started again, with the 8th fairway and around the green being tackled first. Will move onto the 3rd hole next. Our thanks as always to the help received from Brian M. and Martin A.

Winter - Plan to lift turf from 7th tee and re-level the ground prior to re-laying the turf. Hopefully this will be successful, and we can move on to do the same thing for the 8th tee. 10 new hole cups have been procured. these will be deployed where appropriate to ensure that the pins are standing straight, and not loose/floppy in the cup. Some pins might require new ferrules. **Equipment** - Looking into what machinery may require some

TLC over the winter. Mule and tractor are due a service. Some issues with the lift arms on the greens mower. One has been repaired, but another seems to have developed an issue.

Match Secretary Harry Shepherd Trophy – the mens' team were 4th at Peterculter on 1 October. Deeside League AGM – on Thursday 12 October in Banchory. The Walker Cup against Lumphanan and the Ladies versus Gents were cancelled. This will be discussed as part of a review of the fixture card.

Handicap Secretary Chapman Trophy moved to the 21st October. Two more competitions to go and the season is completed.

Seniors Good attendance on Wednesdays. Match against Banchory EGGS at home. TGC won 3 1/2 to 1 1/2. Very enjoyable match, with excellent catering. Outing to Inch canceled by the club due to bit of a mix up. They were due to be coring the greens the day we were going to be there. Seniors Charity Day raised £300 that was donated to the Parish Pantries. Drew has passed on a list of the Seniors' winners.

Ladies Tarland outing went well. Maria/Wilma Urquhart represented at Strathmore. A number of ladies are participating in the Wear it pink event at Inchmarlo on the 24th October. The new group of ladies will be in touch when ready for support.

Juniors – Nothing to report.

Clubhouse

Dishwasher power issue was tracked down to the fused spur on the wall. Seems that one leg of the switch was defective. New spur installed, and all working fine again. Upper immersion was not working. Removed cover and pushed the reset button, which seems to have done the trick. CCTV repairs ongoing. One camera not working - cable/camera issue, possibly due to water ingress. One has broken neck. Installed new camera to replace the broken neck one, and have hopefully created one good camera out of the two broken ones. New cable on order, and will be installed. While investigating CCTV cabling, discovered leak in roof over porch, Sarking and felt completely gone under a section of tiles over the porch at the front door. Needs to be repaired to prevent further wood from rotting.

FootGolf Footgolf guidelines discussed. Clarifications of some statements is required.

No FootGolf during the October school holidays. Enquiry for the 28th October – quote sent. New Footgolf administrator required.

Systems Systems reconciled - Membership, BRS, V1 and SG. Complete MS

AOCB

Paul, Brian, Roy, Stewart, Maria, Mike, Require a vice captain. Nigel stepping down as Greens convenor but will remain on Committee. Wilma, 11 years on the Committee. One more year as captain.

Membership cards – Some members have not picked up their memberships cards. Brian to provide Wilma with names.

Redacted minutes to be published on Members Page on the website.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 27th November – Zoom - 7pm