

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

Apologies: Roy Mathers

Accident Book - no accidents reported this month

Matters Arising / Secretary

All trophies are accounted for and are with Trophies International for engraving.

On Finals Day 5 matches were played on that date, and the seven others were all completed by the end of September. Congratulations to the following winners: Gents Scratch - Malcolm Riach Gents H/cap - Steve Burnett Ladies Scratch - Maria Giblin Ladies H/Cap - Pam Auckland Seniors Gents Scratch - Nigel Bennett Seniors Gents H/Cap - Les Coats.

Presentation Night scheduled on Saturday 1st November followed by a quiz set by Paul Wilson.

V1, SG, Membership and BRS all reconciled before affiliation report was sent to Scottish Golf which was completed by GY. Affiliation fees this year are £17.50 per person.

WN agreed with IONOS a discounted contract for Data Storage for the next 12 months then rolling contract.

Scottish Golf has requested all clubs carry out an annual review of the Handicap Indexes. A report can be downloaded from the SG website showing variances and if action is required. SA/BM/JY.

The green keeper's seasonal contract will expire at the end of October and will revert to an ad hoc agreement.

We received positive feedback on the course condition and the hospitality from the outings. Excellent feedback on Trip Advisor and emails received.

Scott Findlater, our cleaner, will finish on 31st October and will come back next season. He enjoys the friendly atmosphere and doing his role at the club.

The Volunteers Lunch will be held on Sunday 16th November. Invitations sent out to 36 volunteers - 25 replied - 8 No - 17 yes, so far. Stuart Donald will provide the food and TGC to supply the drinks.

Treasurer

Bank balance as at 19 Oct 2025 is **£9,728** (includes estimated greenkeepers invoice for October). Special account is **£45,777**.

Membership numbers at 19/10/25 is **182** (G 131 L 19 J 32). **52** new members (**16** at winter rates). **40**

Resignations to date. Budget was **155**. Last year's total **171**

Income - Membership Income is £31,248 plus £2,340 paid in advance from previous years, less £1,650 paid in advance for future years = **£31,938**. Last year's total was **£29,813**. Green fees to 19 October are **£15,675** (end Oct 2024 **£9,861**). Budget was **£9,000**. Footgolf income to 19 October is **£1,934**. (end Oct 2024 **£1,416**).

Budget was **£1,200**.

Expenditure - Course actual costs for 2025 are **£14,788**. Budget was **£15,000**. Forecast is now around **£18,000**.

Last year's total was **£13,389**. Estimated Greenkeeper costs of **£14,000** for season which includes volunteer lunch and munchies. (Budget was **£18,400**).

Scottish Golf annual return completed. Costs to be paid in March 2026 are **£1,960** (up from **£1,890**). Cost per person remained at £17.50.

Miscellaneous - Reclaimed £116 from HMRC re overpayment of PAYE (Martin Grimmer). 100 Club - October winner of £100 and runner up of £50 not yet drawn. Estimated profit for year is now around £14k before depreciation.

Greens

Autumn and Winter programme – Greens completed, dressing bedded in. One Autumn feed to go. Winter greens have been laid out and are now GUR. Winter tees ready to go after tomorrow. The Mule has a slow puncture – two new front tyres required within the next week or two. Looking at different options. Tractor – front right axle leak – hopefully fix over the winter. One quote to remove trees on the 4th tee: will be taken down once the club are on the winter course.

Pelle will cut fairways and greens this week. He is happy to help when required. Alan Maclean has been dismantling the structure behind the reservoir. Will investigate where the structure may go in the future. Plan to work on tees to level them. Investigate the 1st and then work on the 7th.

Match Secretary - The Harry Shepherd trophy was held at Tarland in windy conditions. Torphins finished 7th. Next year Torphins will host this event on October 5th 2026.

Deeside League AGM was held last Thursday. Colin Smith has retired as League Secretary and Grant Tierney will replace him. The schedule for Deeside League Matches in 2026 has been released, four home and four away matches to be played.

Hamish Wilson phoned to ask if TGC were interested in pursuing a Joint Open as discussed by Paul W and the Captain of Lumphanan GC, Peter Gent. WN said yes. Dates and information were sent by HW to WN. Paul to contact Peter to pursue options as a mixed open stableford format, max handicap of 36, possibly held during the week or a July weekend.

Handicap Secretary - Last Stableford this weekend. Winter Golf being considered by the gents, ladies going ahead with their usual format. Annual Review of handicapping to take place.

Seniors - nothing to report

Ladies - AGM tomorrow.

Juniors - 6 Juniors participated in a session this afternoon and are looking forward to Friday's session. Friday afternoon is a possibility for a junior session as Aboyne Academy pupils stop school at 1pm. It was agreed that all juniors be set up on SG and allocated a SGID/CDH.

Clubhouse - Soap dispenser in ladies toilet is sticking and the soap dispenser in the kitchen is also dripping. The under-counter cooler in the kitchen is broken. Potentially £500 to replace. NB to inspect and gauge if we need to replace or repair.

FootGolf - October holiday Monday – three and two users. End of Footgolf for the season

Digital Presence – More regular posts on Facebook. Website refreshed. TripAdvisor - feedback received from 3 users. Targetted marketing – 9-hole course which is friendly, enjoyable and beautiful. Winter course promotion on Facebook - £10 winter golf.

AOCB - Nigel is encouraging others to join him at the Scottish Golf Forums. Next one likely to be in a March evening. Torphins Paths group are organising a Forestry first aid course on 5th November – few spaces may be available for our volunteers.

Whisky night – Wilma to ask Greg if he is available to do a question-and-answer session – Friday or Saturday in March 2026.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 19th November online.

Fixture meeting to be held on Thursday 20th November 10.30 am in the Clubhouse.