



Argyll and Bute
Golf Union

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Minutes of AGM 2009 Argyll Hotel Inveraray Saturday 28th November 2009

Meeting convened at 11-00am at the Argyll Hotel Inveraray, with President Murray Sim in the chair.

Present:- President M. Sim, J. Weir, L. Pirie, G. Bolton, C. McKirdy, R. Biggart, G. Morrison, D. McNeil.

Apologies:- J. Innes, J. McKinley.

Minutes:- Last year's minutes were read and approved : Proposed J. Weir, Seconded G. Morrison.

Matters arising:- None.

President's report:-

Murray Sim read his report, a full version of this is available.

The main points are:

Thanks to the clubs within the area for granting courtesy of their courses, often at the loss of visitor revenue. This sacrifice allows the county executive to run our tournaments.

Thanks to executive members who liaise with clubs for available dates and run the competitions on the day.

All our competitions were completed successfully and participant numbers were encouraging. We are also indebted to clubs who clearly display posters and entry forms for our events and therefore promote them.

The Scottish Area Team Championship enters a new era next season, due to the S.G.U. cutting grants to the areas and therefore forcing through an alternative event to be played over one weekend in May, instead of the current three weekends, then the finals in October.

Many areas including Argyll & Bute are strongly opposed to this change, but feel forced to comply.

My thanks to Team Manager Callum McKirdy for his efforts this season, report to follow.



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Thanks also to our coaching convenor and boy's team manager Les Pirie, report to follow.

Thanks to our outgoing secretary Richard Biggart for his contribution to the smooth running of our county's affairs, and to our financial wizard, treasurer Graham Bolton.

Special thanks to our S.G.U. rep John Weir, our voice at national level. In carrying out his duties, he travels many miles from his home in Mull on our behalf.

Thanks to all executive members for their co-operation as a team to promote golf throughout Argyll & Bute.

Secretary's report:-

Last year the Executive decided to move all competitions to the earlier part of the season. As a result, all competitions were completed on time and with no major concerns about the weather conditions. I feel this is an arrangement that should remain in place since the weather deteriorated during the second part of the season and would have resulted in similar problems as the previous year.

I would like on behalf of the Executive, to thank the clubs of Argyll & Bute for their continued support and willingness to host our events, in particular the various greens staff who managed to prepare their respective courses to a high standard. I sincerely hope this will continue in 2010.

It is now with regret that I have to inform you that I will be stepping down from the position of Secretary. I have held this position for the past 3 years and thoroughly enjoyed it, but feel it is now time to let someone else take over. I wish the new Secretary all the very best for the future.

Thank you very much

Richard Biggart



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AREA TREASURER REPORT:- Attached

TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:-

A disappointing season for the Area with the team finishing the season pointless, results as follows:

RENFREWSHIRE 6.5 V A&B 2.5 at Renfrew

A&B 2.5 V CLACKMANANSHIRE 6.5 at Millport

A&B 3 V FIFE 6 at Machrihanish

COACHING CONVENORS REPORT:-

We currently have 8 boys in our winter coaching programme at the World of Golf Clydebank under the tutelage of head coach Colin Fisher. In addition, 2 of our younger boys have been offered coaching at National level and as a County the Executive will fund any shortfall in funding for their instruction.

Following on from the disappointing season experienced by our full Area team, our boys fared no better, finishing 16th out of the 16 areas at this years Boys Area team Championships in Dundee. Another poor performance followed at this years Glasgow Youths Championships at Ralston, on this occasion our cause was not helped by only 2 of our 3 man team turning up.

Finishing on some high notes:

Our current team is very young and will gain experience over the coming years. Mark Turnbull from Millport finished 7th in the Scottish under 14's at Largs. Bob Willan from Carradale finished 20th in the European under 10's at Gullane. Finally Robert McIntyre from Glencruitten is currently involved with the S.G.U. under 16 Winter Tour and after just 2 events he has recorded a joint 1st finish in 1 event

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S.G.U. REP'S REPORT:-

Due to work commitments I only attended 2 out of 4 meetings. To outline all the activities that the S.G.U. are involved in or are discussed at council meetings would take forever and be mostly of little or no interest.

The main points this year have been the ongoing financial restraints placed upon all organisations due to the current and the forecast economic outlook. The budget is constantly reviewed and to date, it looks as though the accounts will break even this year.

Cuts have been made across the board but most notably as far as A & B is concerned, was the change to the Area Team Championship which, in essence, was changed to suit non-financial reasons, but conveniently accommodated financial reasons to achieve the change. The Area will have a much reduced budget for this event, actual amount not known at this date. The new format will start in 2010 and to date, no venue has been selected, but an announcement is due soon.

Per capita level for the next three years has been set at: £8 in 2010, £9 in 2011, and £10 in 2012.

Competition winners:-

MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:- (Machrihanish) George Reynolds (Rothesay)

SPRING MEETING:- (Millport) Callum McKirdy (Rothesay)

TEAM TROPHY:- (Taynuilt) Taynuilt

SENIORS TROPHY:- (Glencruitten) John Jones (Glencruitten)

BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP:- (Inveraray) u16 + u18 Craig Pirie (Millport)

STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:- (Cowal) Chris Carson (Innellan)

Secretary: L.R. Pirie ,54 Banchory Avenue, Inchinnan, Renfrewshire, PA4 9PZ Irprie@aol.com



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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:-

PRESIDENT:- Murray Sim. Proposed by G. Bolton, seconded by R. Biggart.

V. PRESIDENT:- Les Pirie. Proposed by J. Weir, seconded by C. McKirdy.

SECRETARY:- Les Pirie. Proposed by R. Biggart, seconded by G. Bolton.

TREASURER:- Graham Bolton. Proposed by J. Weir, seconded by L. Pirie.

EXECUTIVE:-

George Morrison. Proposed by R. Biggart, seconded by M. Sim.

John Weir. Proposed by G. Bolton, seconded by C. McKirdy.

Richard Biggart. Proposed by L. Pirie, seconded by J. Weir.

Callum McKirdy. Proposed by G. Bolton, seconded by R. Biggart.

Donald McNeil. Proposed by L. Pirie, seconded by C. McKirdy.

Jim Innes. Proposed by D. McNeil, seconded by M. Sim.

John McKinlay. Proposed by M. Sim, seconded by D. McNeil.



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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING ARGYLL HOTEL INVERARAY SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2009

Meeting followed the AGM, with President Murray Sim in the chair and the same Executive members present as at 11:00

MINUTES of 25th OCTOBER 2009:-

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Proposed by G.Bolton, seconded by M. Sim.

MATTERS ARISING:-

No matters arising.

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SGU REP
J. WEIR

PROPOSED
R. BIGGART

SECONDED
G. BOLTON

TEAM MANAGER
C. McKIRDY

M. SIM

G. BOLTON

COACHING CONVENOR
L. PIRIE

G. BOLTON

C.McKIRDY

PRESS OFFICER
G. BOLTON

R. BIGGART

L. PIRIE

FIXTURE LIST 2010

Next seasons fixture dates and venues were discussed.
The full list should be on the website early February.



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AREA SUBS 2010

Due to the current economic climate, the Executive felt it appropriate not to increase the subs and maintain the 2009 per capita figure at £2.70.

SGU AGM 24TH JANUARY 2010

Murray Sim, John Weir and Les Pirie will attend.

A.O.C.B.

Purchase of new laptop required, cost approx £300 - £400. Passed unanimously.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:20.

NEXT MEETING 7TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 11:00 IN THE ARGYLL HOTEL.

Les Pirie (Area Secretary)