



Argyll and Bute
Golf Union

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Minutes of AGM

Sunday 22nd November 2020 at 10.00
Via Zoom

The meeting convened at 10:00 via Zoom with Zoom host and Secretary Graham Bolton in the chair.

Present:- T. Mundie, G. Morrison, M. Sim, S Ellis, G. Bolton, C. McKirdy, , W.McAdam, E.Speirs, & Bruce MacNab

Apologies: - Donald Standaloft (Port Bannatyne) , I Shaw & C MacMillan

Minutes:- The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved:
Proposed by T.Mundie , and Seconded by W. McAdam.

Matters arising:- None.

President's report:-

2020 has been a very challenging year for golf throughout the UK never mind Scotland with course closures being in place at different times, although at this current time we are still able to play in Scotland unlike the rest of the UK. When allowed to play clubs have been operating under very strict rules regarding who, what, where and when the game can take place and I have to say that I believe all our A & B clubs have complied with the ongoing regulations much to their credit.

On the golf front we have not been able to run any events this year, much to our disappointment, and because of this, decisions were taken to not charge member clubs affiliation fees thus impacting on our revenue streams whilst not incurring any costs relating to team events. 2021 will bring in new challenges to all golfers with the implementation of the new WHS system, benefitting me personally with a couple of shots on my handicap, so it will be interesting to see how it all works out.

On the club side we have to welcome the return of Cowal GC in the form of Dunoon Golf Society to the County, having been affiliated to SG. I believe most of the clubs in the county have taken advantage of government grants to assist with financial pressures due to lockdowns and credit must go to our sec, Graham Bolton, for passing on all the relevant information to each club in the Union.

This report is very brief, but thanks have to go to our secretary Graham for his continued hard work in the background, still having to keep up with all the changes and challenges that have

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been taking place throughout the year. The committee has encompassed the modern way of meetings, using zoom, and hopefully will continue with this method in the future.

On a personal note, I have now relocated to Highland and as such would like to say how much I have enjoyed being part of A & B ,both as a player, committee member and as President and wish all members the very best for the future and be in no doubt that I may well turn up at some events to lend support.

Secretary's Report:-

Ladies & Gentlemen

Our first zoom AGM with the blessing of our clubs, who did not object to the executive acting out with the terms of our constitution and trying to host the AGM in this manner

2020 a year with a difference what can I say. The golfing year and indeed our lives have been dominated by one thing Corona Virus.

Arriving the beginning of March, corona virus ensured that golf was suspended until the end of May when social play was initially allowed.

Clubs were advised by the Scottish government ,our governing body and the R&A as to what steps they had to take to ensure safe play. Clubhouses were closed , a modified set of rules were put in place to ensure play could take place. As you know these modified rules are still in place and may well be until a vaccine program has proved successful, who knows when.

Back at the end of March ABGU took the decision to refund club affiliation fees to our member clubs and I believe we were the first area to take such a decision and we were followed by some of the other Areas although not all and I think our actions may have influenced Scottish Golf in offering a reduction in their affiliation fee this year.

At the beginning of August due to a reduction in COVID-19 numbers and lesser community transmission of the virus the holding of open events was then available to clubs. I believe some of our clubs did take advantage of the change in the rules issued by Scottish Golf.

Although initially criticised at the beginning of the pandemic for suspending their calendar of events Scottish Golf have issued decent and clear guidance throughout the pandemic and should be commended as such for that. Their website has provided guidance and help for clubs on many levels throughout the past year, and indeed further guidance has been issued on the playing front just in the last few days, with changes to the Tier system in place.

With every cloud as they say... there is a silver lining with some clubs experiencing a boom in membership due to the prolonged shutdown of other amateur sports. Golf has got off lightly compared to some other sports.

Other big stories this year from an admin point of view has been the launch of the VMS system at last and the Scottish Golf App. I have been involved with several clubs in providing
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assistance where I can ,in how to implement this new application. My impression is that the APP is very good but the back office function of the VMS system is clunky and not very user friendly, Although extensive in the functions it offers it takes a little getting used to, but the assistance from Scottish Golf has been first class.

More recently has been the launch of the WHS which has arrived with multiple teething issues especially in calculating a players Handicap Index. On a personal front my handicap was incorrectly calculated as the new system failed to recognise Scottish Golf run events of all things. I'm sure match secretaries throughout the country are relieved its roll out is in winter and not during a normal playing season.

Looking forward I am hopeful that we can get back to some sort of normality on the playing side area wise, with some events and dates already confirmed for the coming season.

Hopefully a vaccine is one it way and society never mind golf can return to something like before.

Albeit a rather brief secretary report this year but I would like to thank Executive members for their support during this year and wish our outgoing President Steve Ellis best wishes in his new abode in the North of Scotland and thank him for his service over the years and his kind donation of two trophies, which I am sure we will find a use for.

Graham Bolton (Area Secretary)

TEAM MANAGERS REPORT :-

There was no report this year apart to say there gain seems to be an initiative to return the Scottish A.T.C. to its former format of matchplay. Early discussions amongst the Areas have taken place.

COACHING REPORT :-

The Coaching report was submitted after the meeting by convenor Ian Shaw , who has stood down from the executive.

A report from Colin Fisher is enclosed

“Hi Ian,

We've got quite a bit of short game work done now, which was great and starting nice and early has definitely be beneficial in that regard. How the club can be used differently on different lies, fitting the shot and club selection to the scenario faced and encouraging



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exploring, experimentation in practice and reflection on these will allow a wider repertoire of short game shots longer term.

I have also utilised the SAM Puttlab system which you'll have seen on Coach Now. With the data this provides, I have prescribed work the guys can do indoors in the (likely imminent) even of another lockdown or simply just when it's the usual winter weather. Usually just 1 or 2 focus points max until ingrained. They have drills and ways of measuring their improvement which they posted on their spaces too.

Jack has used his 1:1 lesson and has become increasingly engaged and driven over the past 18mths, which is great to see. As far as his handicap, he's been late to mature, but I believe he'll reduce that and his average scoring quite a bit over the coming season in 2021....if there is one! The others should use their 1:1 between now and the re-start, which I've spoken to them several times about. Using it sooner, so they can graft between now and Feb is ideal.

Mark has been a no-show the last 2 sessions and obviously couldn't make the on course session either, so not seen much of him at all.

Ideally the guys will continue to post on Coach Now throughout the winter and I can help monitor them remotely. JJ would usually have a lot more posts with the Performance Academy involvement, but that's been put on hold since April. Same goes for LJ with the Development Academy, but they can and should continue posting relevant stuff (not just pretty pictures- it ain't supposed to be Instagram) regardless.

They can up skill themselves as performers by listening to (and acting upon) some of the info in podcast episodes I drop onto their spaces occasionally. I've not listened to many myself these days as I'm only 5 mins from work and the long lockdown walks, which afforded me to opportunity to consume several podcasts a day have not been happening since the return to work.

If you need any more info, let me know.

Cheers,

Colin.

Treasurers Report:-

AREA TREASURER REPORT 2020

The accounts from the union showed a hefty loss of £3216. This hefty loss was expected due to the current pandemic and was budgeted for at the beginning of the season .The Area had enough reserves to bare the impact of cornona virus. Points to highlight within the accounts are the following.



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ABGU Notes to accounts 2019-20

- 1) The area led the rest of the country by deciding to waive any affiliation fees due to COVID. Although the sums involved were not substantial it was felt that this small gesture would hopefully assist the clubs during this difficult year. We were also unable to deliver any events during the Pandemic. Fees that were received, were refunded around the end of March.
- 2) Two clubs paid their fees and did not wish to be refunded, Glencruitten and Innellan. This has been accounted for as a creditor on the Balance Sheet £951 in total (G £642, I £309) and will be assigned to the coming year.
- 3) Vouchers worth £910 are still outstanding. We will write back the older vouchers next year if not presented.
- 4) A prepayment of £1545 had been accounted for as the coaching invoice for the coming season as was paid earlier than normal.
- 5) Accrual for audit £380
- 6) Accrual for secretarial/ telephone £50.
- 7) Only income were two grants for coaching and Boys Area Team Champs from Scottish golf & bank interest.
- 8) No change in stocks, as per last year £224.00

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet is still very healthy with £12931 in the bank accounts, despite a year of no affiliation fees and creditors consisting of outstanding vouchers still to be honoured of £910 despite no vouchers being issued and other expenses totalling £651.00 including audit fee. We are still in a pretty financially secure state, and can continue at current levels for some time. I propose that a per capita charge of £3.00 be levied to male members within the Area next year,

I am confident that all income & expenses have been accounted for and that these accounts reflect a true and fair view of the County's affairs at 30th September 2020 with our reserves sitting at £12,365.

Graham Bolton
Area Treasurer
31st October 2020



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Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 30th September 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income:</u>				
Subscriptions		-		7,779
Championship entry fees		-		1,230
SGU grants:				-
Area Team Championships		250		-
Coaching grant		1,500		1,500
Sponsorship				
Bank interest		22		36
Back charges refund		-		-
Clothing sales		-		-
		<u>1,772</u>		<u>10,545</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>				
Championship costs	247		3,687	
Team championships	421		1,340	
Teams clothing and ties	-		506	
Meeting expenses	364		558	
Accountancy fee	403		391	
Secretarial expenses:				
Postage & stationery		50		75
Honarium		1,320		1,320
Coaching		1,575		1,579
Software		344		300
Insurance		264		250
		<u>4,988</u>		<u>10,005</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>(3,216)</u>		<u>540</u>



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Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>				
Investment		1		1
		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>Current Assets:</u>				
Prepayments	1,545		228	
Stocks	224		224	
Bank	12,931		17,496	
	<u>14,700</u>		<u>17,948</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>				
Accruals	<u>(2,336)</u>		<u>(2,368)</u>	
		12,364		15,580
		<u>12,365</u>		<u>15,581</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>				
Funds held as at 1 October 2018		15,581		15,041
Surplus for the year		(3,216)		540
		<u>12,365</u>		<u>15,581</u>

In accordance with the engagement letter, we approve the accounts set out on pages 1 to 2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts and for providing Wylie & Bisset LLP with all the information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

Signature:

Name: Graham Bolton (Treasurer)

Date: 20/11/20

The accounts were read and approved:
Proposed by T.Mundie, and Seconded by S. Ellis

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:-

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President(1 year)			

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Vice President			
Secretary	Graham Bolton	Terry Mundie	Murray Sim
Treasurer	Graham Bolton	Terry Mundie	Willie McAdam
Exec Members	Calum McKirdy	Willie McAdam	Terry Mundie
	Bruce MacNab	Murray Sim	Graham Bolton
	Murray Sim	Terry Mundie	George Morrison
	George Morrison	Terry Mundie	Willie McAdam
	Willie McAdam	Murray Sim	Calum McKirdy
	Terry Mundie	Graham Bolton	George Morrison
	Callum MacMillan	Graham Bolton	George Morrison
	Elizabeth Speirs	Graham Bolton	Calum McKirdy

A.O.C.B.

The AGM was closed at 10.40

Graham Bolton (Area Secretary)