



20th April 2020

Dear Member,

I hope that you and all your family are well. Following the decision to extend the lockdown I wanted to give you all a further update on the actions the committee has taken since my last communication.

The committee met as normal on Wednesday 8th April and we used video conferencing to hold the meeting. The focus of the meeting was around our finances and we have modelled where we are and the ongoing impact of us not being able to generate income from the bar. Like all businesses at this time it is difficult to forecast without having a timeframe. You can pay your annual fees via BACS and the account details were provided with your subscription notice. To anybody who does not have access to online banking then please contact the secretary at secretary@lochendgolfclub.co.uk Thank you to those members who have paid their fees since my last letter.

We continue to check the premises on a regular basis. Following reports in the press that golf clubs were being broken into and trophies stolen we took the decision to remove our trophies from the cabinet and we have now stored these in a more secure location. We have also completed an upgrade of our IT systems upgrading the operating software, replacing one computer, and enhancing our security and backup systems. This necessary work was planned in any case before the pandemic. We have also noticed that "Open Reach" is laying fibre optic cables in the area. Once this is completed this will hopefully provide a solution to our Wi-Fi issues in the clubhouse. We have also arranged for Royal Mail to deliver to a committee member as the Edinburgh leisure building is closed.

I know it's not much consolation however the course is looking good, benefiting from the rest and has now dried out from all the weather issues we faced at the start of the year. Whilst we are not facing the problems the SPFL are, we will need to make changes to the fixture list and potentially change some of the tournament formats. We will certainly play for our most important trophies. Yes the "Winter League" final will be played! Changes will be required to the club championship format this year. More on this when we have a timeframe.

We have gone to the expense of posting this letter to members who we don't hold an email to ensure you are kept informed. Please note that all future communications will be via email (during this current situation and in the future). Please email the secretary with your details so we can add you to our records and keep you informed. You can ask us to remove your email details once this is all over if you prefer.

If anybody has any questions then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

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