



11th May 2020

Dear Member,

I hope you are well

We held our committee meeting as normal via Zoom on Wednesday 6th May. What is important to us at this time is to ensure that we have a robust financial plan in place to ensure that the club survives. Just being allowed to play golf again soon will not alter the financial situation. In recent years our bar sales from private functions has provided the income the club needs to survive. This has obviously stopped and we do not expect to be holding any private functions for some time even after the bar may be open in some limited way. This year we will rely on member's subscription fees to survive. Unfortunately we have no idea when or what services we will be able to offer members this year.

Not knowing when we can open again and the fact that 33% of members still have not renewed their membership is challenging. If the bar remains closed until the end of July then we will have lost at least £45,000 in takings. Whilst we have done everything we can to reduce or defer our costs we still face making some difficult decisions. I would ask that you either pay your membership fees if you can, or let the club know that you will not be re-joining. This will allow us to plan accordingly and build a financial solution to see us through this. If anybody has any questions on your membership then please email the secretary on secretary@lochendgolfclub.co.uk

We continue to look after the Club and have tidied up the immediate surrounding areas. The course is in good condition and the committee is ready to organise golf as soon as we can, however that decision is dependent on the authorities and Edinburgh Leisure. We are also continuing to consider our club tournaments even though competitive golf may be some way off. We are in regular contact with our staff that are currently furloughed keeping them informed.

A question has been asked about our AGM. We will hold that as soon as we are able and it is safe to do so.

Finally I would like to wish all those members some of whom have been in ICU for a number of weeks a quick recovery from coronavirus.

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

Regards

Alex Ferguson
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