

**LOCHEND GOLF CLUB**

**MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.30**

**Present**

Alex Ferguson  
Mandy McBain  
J Brigain  
Stuart Mathie  
Brian Coyle  
Coleen Derighetti

**Apologies**

Craig Daniel  
Stuart McCallum  
Scott Cross  
Andrew McArthur

**1. February 2022 Minutes**

- Proposed – MM
  - Seconded – SM
- No matters arising

**Reports**

**2 Secretary (SMcC)**

a) 194 members still to pay. 3 long standing members have decided not to renew full membership

b) Was raised that a member who paid his fees via debit card at the bar did not have their bar account credited until two weeks later. Given we have increased the cost of membership and somebody with a locker is paying nearly £200 AF considers this is not acceptable and is a poor service to our members. AF is also aware of other member issues surrounding this. As an interim measure the committee agreed that the standard for this should temporarily be no more than 7 days and that the Secretary, Treasurer & Bar staff need to work together to a solution to reduce this to 3 days.

c) The door fob system was not working for new/replacement fobs. Due to issues S McC engaged a new service engineer to resolve the problem which was IT based.

e) Reminder from AF that the committee nomination sheet requires your names for AGM.

d) CD raised an issue from a member that we are still not publishing the minutes of meetings

despite agreeing at a past meeting that we would. Agreed that CD will now publish approved minutes on website in members area. So, for example the February minutes that we have just approved could now be added to website.

3. **Treasurer Report (AMc)**

Bank account balance: £3.,623 in credit and £30,247 in savings account.

4. **Bar Convenor (SM)**

- a) SM now holding regular weekly meetings. Is making gradual changes and implementing actions agreed by committee.
- b) Following an audit of personal licences, we have some actions to take and these are now in place.
- c) As was agreed prior to pandemic SM will now apply for “Public House” licence. Also, the extension of bar hours to ensure we can legally accept bookings and open at times when we need for private functions and tournaments without additional administration.
- d) AF brought up that with the potential removal of covid restrictions from 21<sup>st</sup> March that we will need to make a decision on keeping the screens in front of the bar. Whilst this is a decision for the committee it was agreed that we have a duty of care to our staff and that we will discuss this with them before any decision is made.

5. **Snrs:** 12 seniors played today

6. **Handicap Secretary, Club Competitions & Open Tournaments (SC)**

- a) Testing of on-line payment and applications for opens is going well
- b) Times for our opens and captains’ day are now booked through EL, however there was some confusion surrounding this initially.
- c) Winter league bookings via app continue to cause some issues (and fun!!!)
- d) CD to approach WL captains on opinions for next winter league. Keep current format or revert to all match play in qualifying Leagues?

7. **Ladies Section (CD)**

Unfortunately, the weather won last month!

8. **House Convenor**

- a) JB has completed tasks around the club.
- b) SM pushing forward with front door repair
- c) Still no word from Edinburgh council re lease of changing rooms in car park. MM explained that there are some changes in personnel. This may now take longer than we initially thought. Issues possibly with EL leasing from Edinburgh Council.

- d) Whilst it was previously agreed that we would ring fence the funds held in the savings account for our major refurbishment given the changing timeframe we need a more pragmatic approach.
- e) It was agreed that we will need to consider repairs & refurbishment to maintain the look of the club. As we are at the point where membership fees are being paid then our normal income over the year which is held in the current account could fund this and we can maintain the savings account for the major refurbishment. Given that there are some unknowns here we will possibly need later in the year to consider use of funds from the savings account depending on club income performance over the next 12 months.
- f) Agreed that replacement of floor coverings in members bar and lounge area (in front of lounge bar). Currently not a good look at all. We only require to pay for materials as member is looking to do this free of charge.
- g) BC brought us up to date on H&S. Is arranging fire alarms and full fire evacuation drill.
- h) BC perusing fire risk assessment
- i) Confirmation that “Hard Wire” electrical test required. This to be completed over next two weeks along with emergency light test, PAC testing, general electrical repairs including replacement of light bulbs & covers where required.

**9. Entertainments**

- a) Discussion on arranging live entertainment. JB to have a look at this AF has a contact from the venue JB mentioned and will speak to him.
- b) AF spoke to member who whilst happy to help out with club would not wish to formally commit to being in charge of entertainments.

**10. AOB**

- a) New Members information booklet: Whilst we did some work on this prior to the pandemic it requires updating before we can publish to new members. The secretary is generally the first point of contact for new members so AF will speak to SMcC.
- b) No further communication from Edinburgh Council Re the lease. Agreed we need to take legal opinion on this and possibly involve Harrison GC who are experiencing the same issues.
- c) AF raised the issue that it is disappointing that no new faces have noted their names as wanting to join the committee. Based on conversations this is unlikely to change. As discussed at last month’s meeting AF considers this a risk and the new committee must consider some of the ideas, we discussed last month in either considering paid administration support or a “Club Manager” role. Adding to the workload of current members is not a long-term answer.

Meeting closed 7.30pm. Next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 6.30PM