

THE ROYAL PERTH GOLFING SOCIETY AND COUNTY AND CITY CLUB

MINUTE OF MEETING of the COUNCIL of the Club
held on Monday 14th February 2011 at 2 pm
Present Peter Everett, Captain, Bob McGowan,
Vice Captain, Andrew Christie, Golf Secretary, Bill
Beaton, Ian Beattie, John Graham, Cameron Horne,
David MacLehose, and Jim Springford, and Donald P.
McDonald, Secretary.

Apologies There were no apologies.

Minute of Last Meeting.

The Minute of the Meeting held on 13th December, copies of which had been circulated, was approved, and signed by the Captain.

Matters Arising.

Water ingresses. The Secretary and Jim Springford spoke to these matters. (a) At front of building. The cost of the required redecoration in the meeting room and the Kleinmans bedrooms would form a valid insurance claim - estimates are being sought. Decided meantime not to accept an estimate of £648 to install an electrical heat trace system in the lead valley as there was no guarantee that this was the right solution.

(b) At rear of building. Water came through the ceiling of the Ladies toilets in early January. Our insurers have confirmed that redecoration would form a valid insurance claim - estimates are being sought. The cause of the ingress is being investigated by our architect.

Quiz Night. This had been very successful and thanks were accorded to Alastair Cruickshank and Andrew Christie for their organisation.

Meeting of Chairmen. This would take place in the Club on 15th February with the Chairmen of Western Club and Royal Northern & University Club and perhaps of the New Club. After Note. Western and RNUC attended and a constructive meeting was held. They each have a Dinner for Council members and spouses.

Report from Captain

Little to report. The proposal about a pedestrian bridge over the Tay was not totally dead but had gone quiet.

The Oyster lunch would take place on 27th February - over 30 had booked so far. Afternote. About 60 likely to attend.

The annual appraisal meeting had taken place with the Kleinmans and all was satisfactory.

Report from Golf Secretary.

Andrew Christie started his report by apologising for the clash of dates between the Outing to Lahinch and the Spring General Meeting. The Meeting had been moved from 20th to 27th May (by e-mail agreement in January among members of Council). The Pinehurst fixed for 27th May would be moved to 13th May. The draw for the Knock Out had been distributed to the 42 contestants. Members would be circulated with the teams for the matches very soon. There were two new fixtures - an inaugural 4 man match

against Royal Montrose on 10th May, and a match in September against Perth High Constables.

Numbers for Lahinch were down to 23 and Andrew had asked the other Scottish Clubs if they would like to join us, and was looking for more of our members to sign up.

Report from Secretary.

The Secretary reported that membership was 208. There had been 17 resignations and one death - Edward de Plumpton Hunter. There were 6 outstanding subscriptions. Our bank balances were £62,252 and our portfolio was worth £48,000. Our Building had been valued for insurance purposes at £3m which had increased our annual insurance premium to £6,509. The Christmas Fund had produced £4,160 which was slightly down on the previous year. The Trading statistics for 2010 prepared by the Managers were distributed and noted as were the statistics for January. The January figures showed a significant increase in the numbers attending Club functions and Members functions compared with last year with a consequent increase in gross profit.

The newly designed letter paper was displayed. Our website continued to receive about 8 unique hits per day. About half the membership had given the name of their wife/partner so far for insertion into the List of Members.

A Vice Captain and 2 Council members require to be elected in May. This matter was discussed. Afternote. Jim Springford is to stand down from Council in May so 3 Council members are required. Draft Annual Accounts to 31st December were produced and discussed. They showed a surplus of £5,735 (finally adjusted by the Accountants from £6,638 stated in the draft). It was agreed that income from Accommodation be shown as a separate item of income. The Secretary was asked to discuss with the Accountant the desirability of showing the actual value of our premises in the balance sheet, rather than the current low historic figure. After Note. Peter Young advised against a change because inter alia it would require a professional valuation now and every three years.

Report from Marketing Committee

The Captain thanked David MacLehose, Andrew Christie and Cameron Horne for preparing and circulating an updated Marketing Report, copy of which is attached to the principal Minute. David spoke to the Report and after a wide ranging discussion the recommendations were dealt with as follows:-

1. Publication of a quarterly Newsletter.

Secretary to seek an Editor for a Newsletter by Notice on the noticeboard and by emailing the membership. Afternote. David Begbie has volunteered.

2. Place membership details and application form on website.

Secretary to action. Afternote. Details now on website.

3. Evening opening of the Club mid week.

David to action by drafting email to members.

4. Receptions to promote club.

Vice Captain to pursue by seeking an Events convener.

5. Introduction of trading name of the Perthshire Club.

Not agreed as "Royal Perth" was the usual abbreviation. Webmaster to be asked to change website address and e-mail address to "royalperth". Afternote. In hand

6. Recognition for introduction of new members.

Vice Captain and new Council to investigate alternative ways of welcoming new members.

7. Open membership to Ladies, Corporate and Societies.

The Rules would only require to be changed for Corporate or Society members as the Club is already dual gender. The Captain is to make mention of this matter at the Spring General Meeting.

8. Increased events and reduced cost of bedroom accommodation.

To be the responsibility of the proposed Events convener.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 9th May at 2 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 4.10 pm