

LANARK GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2019

PRESENT

Stuart Gillon, Neil Carmichael, Alistair Scott, Colin Bingham, John Glen, Martin Webb, Alex Johnston, Adrian O'Neill and Eddie Poyner

NEW CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

Captain Stuart Gillon welcomed all to his first Council Meeting as Captain, with a special welcome to new Council Members, Eddie Poyner and Adrian O'Neill

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Immediate Past Captain Neil proposed, Martin Webb seconded

2019 Conveners & Sub-Committees

Captain Stuart announced his conveners and sub-committees for the 2019 season, as follows

Match & Handicap	Greens	Junior	Social
John Glen (Convener)	Colin Bingham (Convener)	Alex Johnston (Convener)	Martin Webb (Convener)
Alistair Scott	Eddie Poyner	Adrian O'Neill	Neil Carmichael
Eddie Poyner	Neil Carmichael	Martin Webb	Alex Johnston
Brian McAuley (ex Officio)	Brian McAuley (ex officio)		Brian McAuley (ex officio)
	Alan White (ex officio)		Paul Duffy (ex officio)

The social committee will also have input to the social media output from the club.

Council Meeting Dates

Captain Stuart explained he felt a Full Council meeting every 6-weeks was adequate, with the bulk of the work being carried out by the sub-committees. The Management Team will meet every quarter.

The dates for the Council Meeting are;

Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 10th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 14th October 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019

Monday 13th January 2020

Monday 24th February 2020 (Finance Meeting)

Monday 16th March 2020 (following AGM)

“AOCB” POINTS FROM AGM

1. *Proposal by Past Captain Alan Forrest, seconded by David Strowes that the discount in annual subscription afforded to Life Members is fixed at a level of 50% from 2020 onwards.*

David Strowes spoke eloquently about the proposal to guarantee the discount level of 50% for Life Members. The Chairman acknowledged the proposal and responded with the Council's position to maintain the planned reduction in discount levels, allowing David an opportunity to address the points the Chairman raised. The Chairman moved to a vote on the proposal, where the proposal was defeated 51 to 37.

No further discussion at Council meeting required

2. *John Higgison raised a point about booking 2 tee times, that this should not have been changed without consulting the membership.*

The Chairman responded to John's points, then agreed to raise this at the next Council meeting.

Council discussed points raised by John, it was felt (as we are reverting back to 2 casual tee time bookings from now) no further discussion was required at this point. Council will discuss any future changes required closer to the end of the season.

The Council did decide to try and ensure each member playing must “sign-in” at the pro shop (when open) every time they play. This will assist with health and safety, with the club knowing who is out on the course in the case of an emergency. When booking a casual game of golf, the names of ALL members playing must be included on the booking sheet. Club Manager to send email to members advising of this update.

3. *Andrew Deane raised a point questioning the reasons for moving to the winter layout, as this was traditionally only done at times when the condition of the course dictated it was required. The 2019 fixture diary states that the club will put in place the winter layout from Monday 7th October, which is contrary to only putting the winter layout in place when required. He also stated that this could be detrimental to visitors and guests playing the course.*

The Chairman responded to Andrew's points. Margaret Pearson and Willie Russell both spoke in support of the winter layout that it was beneficial for a number of reasons, with Past Captain Jim Boyd speaking in support of Andrew Deane's comments. The Chairman agreed that he would take this to the Council for discussion.

The Council discussed Andrew's point and felt it had some merit, the general consensus was that it is good to have the change to winter layout scheduled and not adhoc, ensuring there is less chance of confusion. The Council decided, for the 2019/2020 close season, the winter layout and mats will be in play from 1st December 2019 to 28th February 2020. We will continue to monitor the course condition and make any amendments to this decision as is deemed necessary.

4. *John McDonald raised the issue about irresponsible dog walkers*

The Chairman accepted this is a problem the Council are aware of and will continue to try and encourage dog walkers to be responsible.

The Council agree that irresponsible dog walkers continue to be a problem. Club Manager to contact the South Lanarkshire Liaison Officer to discuss what options are available to the club.

5. *Paul McCafferty asked why the Wednesday Handicap sweep didn't start before 10am. If it could be started earlier, this would allow more members with different shift patterns to be able to play.*

The Chairman responded that the reason was to allow time for course preparation and commented he would take this to the next Council meeting for discussion.

The Council discussed Paul's point. The additional work of starting another medal each week earlier in the morning would have too much impact on the program of work for the Greens team. The Council did agree that a 9am start for the Thursday medal once a month, would not impact too severely on the program of work. Competition Tee times will continue to be reserved from 11am to 3pm only. The Club Manager will update all members of this change.

6. *Past Captain Alan Forrest asked what the rules are in relation to social membership, could a list be provided and if they could sign in guests.*

The Chairman advised they could not sign in guests and would investigate the possibility of a list being made available. He also confirmed that any social member must be proposed for membership by a full member.

After a brief discussion, the Council agreed that there should be no change to the requirement of being proposed by a full member of the club to obtain a social membership. However, it was also agreed that a social member should be able to sign-in guests for lunch or enjoying a coffee or drink in the clubhouse.

7. *The Chairman made the draw for free membership for a year or an iPad for those who completed the membership survey.*

Lesley McSporran was winner of the draw.

Club Manager will notify Lesley.

AOCB

Council and Past Captain's match Vs Bathgate on Saturday 6th April
John Glen to advise team of Past Captains, Stuart Gillon to co-opt team members to add to himself, Alex Johnston and Martin Webb to represent the Council.

New Members Meeting schedule for 25th March, Stuart, Martin, Alistair and Colin to attend with Club Manager

The Council discussed winter competitions, it was agreed this could be addressed later in the season, the Council will consider allowing some of the Pro Shop's Winter Sweep competitions to be played for handicap purposes.

Council agreed to host a Race Night on the Cancer Research Charity Day. Immediate Past Captain, Neil will liaise with the Social Committee and John Glen to arrange.

Lanarkshire Juniors meeting at Drumpellier GC on 27th March – Vice Captain, Alex will liaise with Juniors committee to ensure Lanark is represented.

Joker Competition – Neil will discuss with Social Committee and advise Council whether or not they plan to run with it.

Council discussed trying to get minutes approved sooner after a meeting and have them available to members sooner than the next meeting, which is currently the procedure. It was agreed that the Club Manager would complete the minutes shortly after each Council meeting and email them to the Council for approval, with the view to having them available for the membership (in the documents section of the Members Hub App) with 1 week of the Council meeting.

Close & Thanks

Captain Stuart closed the meeting after thanking the Council for their support during his first meeting

Next meeting Monday 29th April

ONGOING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

New Boilers for Flats

New CCTV

Donation of branded towels for ball washers ongoing

9-hole course sponsorship ongoing - Investigate possibility of 9-hole course sponsorship from LGA

Halfway house – longer term further investigation required, ongoing project

Management Committee structure and purpose discussed. Captain Neil suggested moving to a quarterly meeting moving forward. The "Way Forward" document to be looked at and updated by Management Committee.

Membership Management, Handicapping, Competition, EPOS, Website and Member App Systems Project ongoing – good progress made, website will be live mid-March.

Practise Putting Green issue (with part of it being built on old Pro Shop foundation) will be reviewed early 2019