

CGPC AGM - 24 September 2022

Draft Minutes

Agenda Item and Content & Actions

1. Introductions

Meeting started at 14:30 with introductions from the Committee:
SM Scott Morley, General Manager. MC Mark Charteress, Club Captain. GO Gerry O'Donnell, Treasurer.
SP Samish Patel, Chair of Greens. SJ Stuart Jones, Seniors Captain.
Apologies: Ken Lawrie, Club Secretary. Gary Simpson, Chair of General Committee. Oliver Taylor, VC

The presentation used by the Committee will be circulated to all members.

2. Management Report

MC led a review of the club's operation and GO gave a presentation of the club's finances. The club is in a healthy position with a membership of 520, phase I of the of course complete, the club team now in place under the leadership of General Manager Scott, the clubhouse refurbished and flourishing members and juniors' sections.

As always, there is still much to do, and many challenges lay ahead!

- Income generated from membership fees are still not sufficient to cover the costs of running the course, therefore visitor, clubhouse and other revenue streams are key to our ongoing success
- Financials are tight, but we continue to be cash positive.
- Stray balls a constant problem on 10th, 16th, 18th (and even the 1st). Council EH team closely monitoring and advising us accordingly. We need to be legally compliant to remain operational. New tee box and netting for 10th and further discussions needed re the 18th.
- There is a lease break option due 30th Nov 2022 (for May 2023). MC asked the members present should the club trigger the Lease break or remain the same. It was unanimous to stay as is.
- We have a real desire to see a growing Ladies Section.
- The irrigation system is a key issue for the course, requiring careful management and investment.

Overall and on balance, great progress made over the past 2 years to get us to this stage. However, there is much more to do in FY22/23, which will be another very challenging economic year

3. Election of office bearers and Committee members

Committee roles are voluntary posts, elected on rotation and lasting up to three years. Members were invited to apply for three roles this year. By the appointed deadline, nominations were received for two of the roles, one application per post. The AGM therefore confirmed the election of the following with a show of hands:

Role	Nominated	Proposer	Secunder
Clubhouse Committee Chair	Dave Messom	Mark Cotton	James McGaritty
Clubhouse Committee Member	Andrew Bush	Shaun Walpole	Antony Haase

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Vice-Captain

No application was received for the Vice Captain role by the stipulated deadline. However, Alistair Strickland was proposed at the meeting as nominated by Oliver Taylor (2023/4 Captain) and seconded by Gary Simpson (former Captain) for the consideration of the AGM. Unfortunately, Alastair was unable to attend the meeting and had provided a written statement to support his application that SM read out at the meeting. *"I've now been a full member of Collingtree Golf Club for the last two years, prior to that I was a member through NAGS. I've always been an active participant in club competitions and have supported the intermediate team when needed (Very much a support role). I attended the Captain's Tour for the first-time last year, which was a fantastic event put together by Mark Charteress. I've always enjoyed my time and the people at CPGC which is an element I'm keen to continue if appointed Vice Captain".*

Applications were also invited within the room and there being no others present that wanted to stand for the role, those presented agreed with a show of hands to confirm Alastair as Vice-Captain for 2023/24.

4. Looking Forward

MC set out the club's objective to create a long term financially viable members club that has an inclusive environment both on and off the course, delivering an excellent golf experience for members, guests and societies, specifically

- An 18-hole championship standard golf course, renowned as the best in the county.
- The best possible practice facilities given the land restrictions
- Thriving ladies, seniors, and junior sections
- A welcoming and inclusive clubhouse facility for golfers, guests, and residents
- A function room capability that provides revenues and profits to reinvest in the golf club

Key outcomes for the club, clubhouse and the course were outlined for 2022 by MC, SM and SP respectively. It was noted that we are looking to invest for the future in all areas, however we will be cautious due to the economic environment. Ultimately any extra provision and facilities needs to be supported by the revenue we get from members, visitors and societies from golf and the clubhouse.

5. Next Phase of the course changes

SP summarised that no further work was expected until late in 2023. No planning application by BOVIS has been filed as yet relating to phase II.

6. Questions & Answers

The Committee answered the following questions that had been raised by the membership:

- **Are there any plans to introduce a discount on Food and Beverage bought with my levy**
There are - subject to pricing with suppliers with whom discussions are ongoing.
- **Are there any plans to improve the security of the car park, for example entrance barriers**
No plans for gates at the entrances, but we are looking at CCTV in the car park areas and there is an event to help sponsor this next month.
- **Can we have some more car park lighting**
Possibly, if cabling and electrics are connected while CCTV is installed.
- **Are there plans to improve the entrance to the new first**
The plan and design of the 1st tee entrance was circulated to the membership and is currently going through planning.
- **Any plans for a dropped curb to be put in place towards the 1st tee**
There are no plans and BOVIS will not add to planning application.
- **Can we getting distance markers on all of the tees**
Tee signage will be installed in the near future.

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- **Can we have a WHS handicap chart on the first tee**
The original 1st tee signage will be returned once updated and will include the charts.
- **Are there plans to fill in any of the bunkers that are GUR e.g., LHS of 12th and RHS old 13th**
Yes, including the bunker on the 13th.
- **What is the repayment plan for the Loan I made to the club in 2020**
As per the loan agreement which members who supported the club in 2020 received: after the 4th anniversary, if the club can afford it, the member receives a 10% discount on their subscriptions until the loan is repaid.
- **What is the 75p Members Fund cost within the Competitions Fee for**
It was for additional prizes and a raffle at the end of the season for the members who participate in the competitions.
- **When will the coffee machine be available**
Subject to the Lease after November, the club can enter into equipment leases.

SM opened the floor for questions to the panel

- **Will the new 10th tee be made permanent.**
SM, sadly yes and work is underway to construct the new tee.
- **Netting on the 10th tee?**
SM, this is under discussion and subject to planning permission
- **The single share for the company is still in one name.**
To be followed up
- **The public is accessing the course from various points.**
SM responded we engage with many residents and its difficult due to how open the course is.
- **Can the shoe cleaner be maintained.**
SM, yes it will
- **When functions take place in the Redwood room, food for members is not available?**
SM apologised due to limited catering staff availability can be impacted. It's being worked on.
- **Competitions, could we occasionally draw names out of the hat, so we get to play with different members.**
SP, good idea. To be taken forward
- **Ball cleaners on the course?**
SM, to be followed up
- **Clubhouse closing times, example where the clubhouse closed early.**
SM, this should not happen unless the course is closed or due to severe weather.

7. Close

The meeting closed at 4pm with a statement of thanks to the Committee led by George Simpson. It was noted that all the work for the club was carried out by a small group of volunteers to whom we should all give our support and thanks.

Minutes prepared by SM