

Perth & Kinross CGU - AGM and Prize Giving 2018

Sunday 25th November 2018 at Craigie Hill G.C. 3:00pm



Minutes

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>The President welcomed the attendees to the AGM and asked all present to ensure their mobile phones were off and clarified the housekeeping and fire safety arrangements. He then asked the Secretary to explain the format of the meeting. The Secretary explained the Agenda for the meeting and attendees asked to fill in the attendance record being passed round and to tick “yes” if they had voting rights for their Clubs. The Secretary introduced the Top Table namely Stuart Graham (Junior Convenor), President Scott Michie, Past President Charlie Gallagher. The Secretary noted the support from our Main Sponsors – Stephen Gardiner Construction and the Blue Group (Austin Carey) and the newly formed Barrie Douglas Foundation.</p>
<p>Apologies</p>	<p>The President asked for the apologies. The Secretary read the list of known apologies: Alyth GC, Comrie GC, Austin Carey, Stephen Gardiner, Neil Wilkie, Brian Martin, Mark McDowell, Willy Hutton, George Brown, Craig Brown, Crawford Conochie, Chris Turlik, Glenn Campbell, Mike Page (Dun Whinny), Jeph Hamilton, David Ramsay. Apologies from the floor included: Mark Rose, David Mitchell, Thomas White, Martin Rogalski.</p>
<p>2017 Minutes</p>	<p>The Secretary explained that the Minutes of the 2017 AGM had been circulated to all the clubs in advance of the meeting. He asked if there were any matters arising from these minutes – and as there were none - could be adopted for the record and this was agreed on the proposal of Fraser Craig and seconding of Douglas Rae.</p>
<p>President's Report</p>	<p>The Full Presidents Report will be part of the pack issued to all clubs with copies of the AGM minutes, presentations et al. The minutes reflects a summary of the key points.</p> <p>President Scott Michie began his report by bringing the sad news of the passing of Graham Lawson who had represented both Perth and Kinross County Golf, was a full international player with Scotland and was also a former Scottish Champion. “He was a big help to me when I first started in the team as a raw 22 year old but one of the stories I can tell was when Kinross were playing Auchterarder in the final of the Coronation Trophy, with the match at 1-1 and his game the only match on the course at all square going down 17 on the Kings course his partner had put him in a whin bush down the right and I was thinking well that's us one up then, but Lumpy (as he was affectionately known) had other ideas, out came the 7 iron and then with a whack and no bush left the ball somehow came to rest on the green, he won the hole and the match. A big-time player with a big heart, but sadly will be missed”.</p> <p>Scott explained that he had had conversations with Graham's brother Colin and the County have put up a new Trophy in Graham's memory. Unfortunately, Colin is unable to be here personally – so we have asked Frank Thomson to present this later at our Prize Giving.</p> <p>Scott thanked our main sponsors – Stephen Gardiner Construction (Gents & Seniors) and Blue Group for the Juniors. Austin Carey of the Blue Group has been a fantastic sponsor of our Junior section for the last 3 years and it is sad that this has now come to an end. However, the proof of the investment and support that Austin has given the Junior section will be made clear later during the Prize Giving. Scott also paid tribute to the other local sponsors that continue to support our efforts across the whole set up.</p> <p>Scott then highlighted all of the clubs that provide courtesy for our events. Without the support of all our local clubs we would not be able to host our events and provide competitive venues for our matches. Scott hopes that this can continue so we are able to host our fixtures and finals, team events and our Junior programme.</p> <p>Teams and Player development and participation at events locally, Nationally and Internationally has been a highlight for SM and he hopes this continues – he highlighted the work of Stuart Graham and the team behind the Junior programme which made history this year by winning the Scottish Boys Area Team Championships for the 1st time in our history. Special recognition to Team Manager Rodney Neil, Coach Stuart Graham and the 4 players: Cormac Sharpe, Gregor Graham, Fraser Matthews and Alex Simpson for making history!</p> <p>Our Senior Team also earned special praise as they won the Seniors Area Team Championships for the 1st time as well. Well done to Captain Stuart McKendrick and his team of</p>

	<p>Dave Logie, Tom McLevy, Norman Dyce, Mark Williamson and Scott Michie.</p> <p>A full breakdown of all the successes highlighted by SM – in what has been a remarkable season for Perth & Kinross - is available within his report.</p> <p>SM paid a special tribute to Kinross Golf Club for all their achievements this year as they won the Ochil League, Coronation Trophy, Scratch League, Bell Trophy, Seniors Matchplay and the P&K Masters. They also had players representing P&K in winning the Invitational, Midlands Team and Scottish Seniors – perhaps his 1st year as President has been the inspiration?</p> <p>SM closed by wishing all clubs, societies, affiliates and members the best of luck for season 2019, to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - and urged everyone to continue to support P&K Golf and attract new sponsors.</p> <p>SM concluded his report by presenting the Past President Medal to Charlie Gallagher and thanked him for all his years of service to golf in P&K – but was delighted that Charlie would continue to serve as an Exec member in the future.</p> <p>SM's full report is available on file. There were no questions.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>The Secretary advised that the Finance Section within the presentation was an “interim summary” only – but highlighted the main areas of income and expenditure. The changeover and timescales are such that the new Auditor wanted to ensure that professional clearance was all in place. Additionally, we have been advised that the honorarium paid to the Secretary needs to be completed through proper PAYE payroll and that P&K will be liable for NI contributions on this as the position is deemed to be “an employed” position for revenue purposes from HMRC.</p> <p>The Secretary made personal comments on this matter and suggested that the HMRC may be better suited to targeting large, well known tax avoiding companies rather than small, voluntary type organisation's such as charities, church groups and ourselves. The Secretary has estimated that this additional effort and slight increase in costs will result in the County incurring NI costs of approx. £250 per annum – not exactly earth shattering – but still income that would be better spent on player and team development.</p> <p>The total income was down approx. £14k. Subs income was down by £1,400 (488 members) vs last year. We have lost some sponsorship income (£1.5k) – but the significant part of this reduction is due to the cyclical nature of our sponsors income vs the accounting periods. We posted a large amount for sponsor income in 2017 and this will be reflected in lower amounts in this and next years figures (unless we generated more, new sponsors income).</p> <p>The total expenditure is also down approx. £12k. Clothing costs, catering, travel, accommodation etc were all significantly less this year compared to last year. We had less venue costs and our coaching through last winter did not take place. There has also been significant savings in all admin related costs – mainly due to the change in communication being predominantly “electronic” over printed, paper and posted costs.</p> <p>The full audited accounts will be sent out in December.</p> <p>The Secretary asked if there were any questions relating to Finance in the room, there were none.</p> <p>The Secretary made special thanks to Neil Morrison of Campbell Dallas for all his assistance with the HRMC changeover and asked that Campbell Dallas be re-appointed as auditor for 2018/19.</p> <p>This was seconded by Charlie Gallagher.</p>
<p>Election of Office Bearers & Executive</p>	<p>The secretary led the meeting through the election of office bearers.</p> <p>Charlie Gallagher moves from Past President to Executive Member. Proposed by Scott Michie and seconded by Alan Cargill.</p> <p>Alan Cargill to be re-appointed as Secretary/Treasurer by Scott Michie and seconded by Craig Hay.</p> <p>Retirals from P&KCGU: Jeph Hamilton, David Ramsay. The secretary thanked both JH & DR for their efforts and</p>

	<p>support over the years and wanted the minutes to show this in their absence.</p> <p>Re-Appointments: All other members are within their terms of service and remain in post.</p> <p>New Appointments: We have 1 x vacancy and this was opened up to proposals from the floor. There were none forthcoming from the floor – however, the exec had already approached Norman Dyce from Strathmore to join.</p> <p>This was proposed by Scott Michie and seconded by Tom McLevy.</p> <p>Norman is current captain of Strathmore and will be a welcome addition to our team. It will also increase the coverage of club representation on our Exec Team – and Strathmore will host the Barrie Douglas Foundation Junior Masters this year, so it is great to have Norman on board.</p>
<p>Junior Report</p>	<p>The Junior Report was given by Stuart Graham (Junior Convenor) at the start of the Prize Giving ceremony – so that as many of the parents and guests joining the meeting at 4pm would be able to share in our celebration of some remarkable successes this year.</p> <p>The Full Report will be part of the pack sent out to all clubs and be available on the website.</p> <p>New Coaching Pathway</p> <p>The Secretary explained that a new coaching pathway was being developed in line with Scottish Golf – following a meeting with Clare Queen (Performance Director) and Gillian Paton (Performance Manager). This will be co-ordinated by Doug Thornton (Andrews Dad) to assist Stuart Graham and will be delivered by Spencer Henderson (National Boys Coach and also BDF Trustee) and Niall McGill and his team.</p> <p>We will have a Performance Squad of 8 (picked on Handicap & Age) and a Development Squad that will be made up of all remaining Juniors with a handicap of 20 or less. Players will be invited by email and clubs asked to nominate any young players that are “not on our radar”.</p> <p>We will have 3 group sessions over the winter – that will end up in a Coaching Event being held that includes everyone who participates in this coaching. It will replace the U14 coaching medal event as numbers have been falling and will be held towards the end of March 2019. This is being supported by the Barrie Douglas Foundation and will have Scratch and Handicap Sections across U14, U16 and U18 levels.</p> <p>This will really demonstrate the “pathway” young players have available to them. It extends what is available to them from their clubs. It will help us develop our P&K squads and provide opportunities for our players to advance to SGL based Development and Performance levels – because we will be “mirroring” what is being done at National level – but locally.</p> <p>Race To Series We are delighted to announce that our very successful “Race to” series has a new host venue and sponsor for the next 3 years.</p> <p>We will hold the finals event at The Castle Course in St Andrews and this will be sponsored by Graham Environmental Services.</p> <p>We will need to ask clubs for some assistance to move some fixtures around – because the congestion of fixtures throughout the school holidays is having an impact on the numbers playing in our local Club Opens, versus national and international events. We want to see as many of our young players support local club opens in the Race to be the “King or Queen” of the Castle.</p>
<p>Team Captains Report</p>	<p>The Team Captains report will be part of the pack sent out to all clubs and be available on the website.</p> <p>Scott Michie highlighted some key performances during the Gents/Senior Prize Giving including the award to David Simpson as the team player of the year.</p>

<p>P&KCGU – Proposed increase in Levy</p>	<p>The Secretary outlined a proposal to increase the levy paid to P&KCGU by members.</p> <p>The last increase was back in 2010 (from £2.85 to £3.00).</p> <p>The proposal has 2 options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A straight 50p (pence) increase from £3.00 to £3.50 Or 2) A 10% increase each year for 3 years (£3.30, £3.63, £3.99) <p>The Option passed would take effect during 2019 for collection in 2020 (and fixed in line with the new SGL levy increase to 2022).</p> <p>This enables clubs to calculate their budgets based on the numbers of members they submit to SGL in Sept 2019 (because this process is done in arrears).</p> <p>Based on running Club Subscriptions and having discussions with a number of current position holders – the Secretary believes that most Managers/Secretaries would prefer the 1st option as it is easier to plan and administer.</p> <p>The Options were put to the vote and the 1st option was adopted by a clear majority so that the P&K Levy will be increased from £3.00 to £3.50 to take effect in 2019 for 1st collection in 2020.</p> <p>The Exec Team are thankful to the members for approving this increase – as it will help us continue to develop and expand our participation and success going forward.</p>
<p>AOCB & Close</p>	<p>The Secretary asked if there were any other matters of business. There were none submitted in advance of the meeting and there were none from the floor.</p> <p>The Secretary did mention that a number of queries had come in relating to the adoption of the New Rules in 2019 – with particular reference made to the adoption of the “local rule” surrounding “Stroke & Distance”.</p> <p>P&K approached Charles Dornie to clarify and will send out a “positioning” piece as guidance for all clubs. However, it was noted that CONGU will not recognise competitions played with this local rule in place (so it is expected that most clubs will not adopt).</p> <p>The Secretary then handed back to Scott Michie to close the meeting.</p> <p>Scott thanked everyone for their attendance and support then duly closed the AGM at 3:45pm.</p> <p>There would be a 15 min comfort break – before the Presentation of Prizes.</p>
<p>List of Attendees</p>	<p>A full list of all those attending the 2018 AGM is available in hard copy within the file.</p>

Alan Cargill
Secretary, P&KCGU
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