

**SOUTH OF SCOTLAND GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 8 July 2014**  
Held at the Selkirk Arms Hotel, Kirkcudbright at 7.15 pm.

**Present:**

Neville Wright, President, in the Chair; D Moore, G. Sharp; J Burns; P Watson : R McKnight; B Duguid and I Robin, Secretary.

**Apologies:**

A Millar ; A Learmonth and I McWhirter;

**President's Welcome:**

The President welcomed the members to the July Meeting and Pam Watson to her first Meeting as Coaching Convenor

**Executive Meeting 20 May 2014**

The Minutes were approved, proposed by Graeme Sharp and seconded by Jim Burns. Jim added that the CDH had issues with registering in some cases.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that the website continues to evolve. News items are continuously being added. Please continue to visit the site and let him know of any errors or suggestions for improvements.

Amalgamation: A Meeting was held on Tuesday 10 June at Cally Palace Hotel, Gatehouse with Affiliated Clubs and SGU to discuss the implications of the Consultation document. There was a poor turnout from the Clubs with only 7 Clubs present. The notes from the Meeting had been sent to all Clubs and Executive Members.

Pam Watson, Kirkcudbright, had agreed to accept the post of Coaching Convenor. She took up her duties on 25 May.

The CDH Member Cards were presently being distributed by the Clubs to all their members

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the summary of accounts up to 25 June as follows:-

Income		Expenditure	
In Bank at 1/9/13	14,677.20	Vouchers	1,420.00
IMT	1,298.00	Acc/meals	507.76
Sponsorship	840.00	ATC	2,013.72
Areas	761.73	Travel	406.10
Subs	15,978.00	Sundries	914.84
Sundries	10.00	Coaching	1,868.90
D&G Partnership	7,500.00	NCF	1,037.45
Comps	<u>512.00</u>	Matches	996.50
		D&G Partnership	12,500.00
		Areas	2,589.50
		in Bank 25/6/14	<u>17,322.16</u>
	41,576.93		41,576.93

The Treasurer reported that all 23 Clubs in the Association had submitted their affiliation fees for the year.

The total number of individual members is down 298 but if the Pines is not included membership is down 121. The list of Clubs is attached for information.

Armstrong Watson, have advised that they expected the names of the companies to come from the Area Team members as they were the ones benefiting financially from the sponsorship. The policy of the Executive is for the team costs to be met by the Area with no contribution from individual team members. In fact of the six team members 2 were full-time amateurs, 3 were Council staff and one was a schoolboy. It had been noticed in the match against Cumbria they were also sponsored by Armstrong Watson but it was not known if they had conditions attached to their sponsorship. The Secretary was asked to find out the next time they met.

## **D & G Golf Partnership**

Duncan Moore reported that at the Meeting last Thursday (3 July) discussions were protracted for a while with a lack of progress but eventually normality was restored. Roger Bailey has taken charge of photography for the website. The next meeting of the sub-group is on 31 July.

The D & G Group will eventually become a sub-committee of the Executive dealing solely with acquiring visitors for Clubs in the Area.. It was reported that a member with a guest house in Wigtown had written a letter some time ago and was still awaiting a reply. The main advertising push was planned for October/November but the booklets would not be ready till March/April. The structure to achieve this timetable was in place with all photography ready.

## **Convenor's Reports**

### **SGU DELEGATE**

Jim Burns reported on the successes of Connor Syme (D&C) reaching the semi-finals of the British Amateur and of Matthew McCulloch (Portpatrick) winning the Scottish Schools Championships and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Scottish Boys U16 Championships. The secretary was asked to write to both players to congratulate them on their achievements. All the Amalgamation Consultation Meetings with the Areas had now been completed and responses had to be returned to SGU by 31 July. Membership showed a decline of 2.84% (ie 2.400 members) with 20 Clubs still outstanding.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

Graeme Sharp reported that there was a poor entry of only 20 for the Junior Championships starting on Thursday. As it was being held at Newton Stewart it was expected there would be more from Wigtownshire. It was agreed that from next year a handicap competition over 18 holes would be run in conjunction with the 36 hole championship.

The first tee off in the South Championship at Stranraer was scheduled for 7.30 am. Jim Burns offered to take the early shift.

The Gillespie Classic had had a poor entry this year. The date clashed with the Kirkcudbright Tassie. Alastair Millar had represented the Executive at the event as both the President and Secretary were with the Boys team at Machrihanish Dunes. It was agreed the Executive would take back the running of the competition and change the date for next year

### **COACHING CONVENOR**

Pam Watson reported that she had attended a few of the South NCF matches and some local Junior opens and now had a better idea on what was required from the winter coaching programme. She had no doubt that the boys in the South were every bit as good as their peers from the other regions. However their knowledge of course management, decision making and green reading appear to fall short of their counterparts. In terms of match play games the boys are more than able to hold their own in the afternoon single matches but often have too much ground to make up after the morning foursomes.

Pam said she had spoken to some of the Junior Organisers at the local Clubs and there is a huge difference in the amount of coaching and counting rounds that Juniors receive. Junior opens are on the whole poorly attended. The knock on effect is that boys selected to play for the South may not have played on some of our courses selected for matches.

Her next steps are to speak to James Erskine to arrange dates for the Performance Coaching. She would like to have coaching on:-

Course management

How to get the most from a practice round

Green reading

How to play foursomes

Pam also intended to send out questionnaires to the current squad of boys to find out what they would like in terms of coaching and support from the Executive. To learn their strengths and weaknesses to enable all to work together and to help them reach their potential.

She would liaise with James Erskine to have an Assessment Day towards the end of the season before confirming the Performance and Development Squads for the winter.

### **SENIOR TEAM MANAGER**

Graeme Sharp reported that the match against Perth and Kinross had been cancelled this year due to a clash of dates with an Open Competition in Perth offering large financial prizes.

#### JUNIOR TEAM MANAGER

Iain Robin reported that the Boys Area Team Championships, a NCF match against Cumbria and the NCF Championships had been held since the last Meeting. Detailed reports on all competitions had been e-mailed to Executive Members and posted on the website.

The Boys Area Team Championship had been played on Sunday 8 June at Machrihanish Dunes. The South team of Duncan McNeill, Rory Brunton, Matthew McCulloch and Alex Chalk all played well in difficult weather conditions and finished a creditable sixth.

The NCF match against Cumbria had been played at Thornhill on Sunday 22 June and resulted in a defeat for the South by 7 games to 5

The NCF Championships had been held at Dumfries and County on Sunday 29 June. The South team finished last but were lying second after the first round.

It is getting increasingly difficult to get the elite layers to represent the South in NCF matches and he was considering turning to the younger players to give them experience for the future.

July is a busy month for the boys with 3 NCF matches, South Championships, Peat Salver and the 3 Counties.

Ian Howarth, President of the SGU, was trying to get a triangular tournament early in the season at the venue for the Boys Area Team Championships for Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire and the South.

Iain was indebted to the members of the Executive for their support and assistance at all the Boy' events. It was much appreciated.

It was agreed that the Boys OOM would be from the same open competitions as last year.

#### COURSE RATING

Robert McKnight reported that survey forms from the day at Sanquhar had been sent to Bill Mitchell. The team are going to survey Portpatrick on Monday

#### DUMFRIESSHIRE

Duncan Moore advised that he had been asked to present the prizes at the Dumfriesshire Ladies Championships at Powfoot.

#### KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE

Brian Duguid reported that the Ladies at Castle Douglas were upset when they misinterpreted the rules regarding preferred lies resulting in a competition being declared null and void.

For the first time all 8 Clubs competed in the Team Championships. Dalbeattie emerged victorious. Rory Thompson (Dalbeattie) won the scratch section and Ian Brown (New Galloway) The handicap section.

The Kirkcudbrightshire Championships were won by Rory Thompson (Dalbeattie), and the Matchplay by Alex Chalk (Castle Douglas)

Wave Tyrrell is now back from his extended holiday and the website will be brought up to date.

Articles and information have been passed to [scottishgolfview.com](http://scottishgolfview.com) and been published.

There had been a good entry at Brighouse Bay for the Solway Bowl which was won by Graham Finlay.

Kirkcudbright, Dalbeattie and Castle Douglas were running Junior coaching sessions over the summer and New Galloway were getting involved with ClubGolf

RovingPro funding had been secured for Castle Douglas. Dalbeattie and Kirkcudbright had also applied

Kirkcudbrightshire were investigating getting involved with coaching at Dalry and Gatehouse schools.

#### WIGTOWNSHIRE

Robert McKnight reported the following results from their competitions:-  
The Scratch and Handicap Leagues were won by Newton Stewart.

The Wigtownshire Championship at Newton Stewart was won by Kyle McClung with rounds of 67 + 70 = 137 - David Brodie was runner up with 68 + 72 = 140.

The Dalrymple Cup (Club Foursomes) played at Wigtown was also won by the home club with Portpatrick runners up.

The Wigtownship Handicap was won by I. Bell (St Medan) .

The Wigtownshire Match-Play Champion is Jamie Telfer (Wigtown) who beat David McCreadie (NS) at the 20th hole.

**A.O.C.B.**

Iain Thomson and Clark Riddick were thanked for their work on the Order of Merit/

It was agreed to have no further involvement in the Facebook account

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

The next Meeting was arranged for 7.15 pm on Tuesday 19 August 2014 at the Selkirk Arms Hotel, Kirkcudbright.