

**##SOUTH OF SCOTLAND GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 6 FEBRUARY 2014**  
Held at the Selkirk Arms Hotel, Kirkcudbright at 7.15 pm.

**Present:**

N. Wright, President, in the Chair; D Moore; J Burns; W Lumsden; A Learmonth; A Millar; I McWhirter; B Haining and I Robin, Secretary.

**Apologies:**

G. Sharp; R McKnight; B Duguid and J Erskine

**President's Welcome:**

The President welcomed the eight members to this special Meeting. He explained that the purpose of the Meeting was to discuss the three papers prepared by the Coaching Convenor. These concerned a Coaching Update, a South of Scotland Golf Academy and proposals for the Junior Order of Merit. The papers are attached to this Minute as a reference

**Coaching Update**

The Coaching Convenor explained that unfortunately the first two Performance Days had had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. There would be no payment to the coaches. The only indoor facilities available were limited to rooms for lectures. It was agreed that in future years Performance Days should be held in October/November and March so that better weather conditions were available.

He then outlined the definition of Performance Coaching. As most of the boys have their own personal coach the emphasis would be to improve their short game skill levels by testing their putting, pitching, chipping and bunker play. The coaches would provide individual programmes including targets, improvement of performance and awareness. Letters would be sent to parents and coaches and a meeting held with boys, parents and coaches to discuss the aims and progress. There were some concerns over the level of support shown to the Area by certain individual PGA Professionals. The President offered to contact Ron Wallace (PGA) for assistance in this matter.

**South of Scotland Golf Academy**

The South Coaching Policy was now being implemented and Willie outlined proposals for the policy to be extended to establish a South of Scotland Golf Academy. Timings on selection, assessment dates and weekend camps had still to be finalised but the Golf Academy was agreed in principle with associated costs to be determined later.

**Junior Order of Merit**

After a long discussion the two proposals were rejected as they would have produced a Champion of Champions and not an Order of Merit winner. The President and Jim Burns agreed to consult and bring forward proposals based on the comments from the discussion.

**Peat Salver**

Concern was expressed that the boys were not getting sufficient experience and practice in playing foursomes golf and it was proposed to reinstate the original format for playing the Peat Salver. Each County was asked to produce costs for playing the competition next year on a home and away basis with a six man team.

There being no other business the President closed the Meeting by thanking Willie for preparing the papers which had proved very beneficial to the discussions.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm