

**SOUTH OF SCOTLAND GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 26 JUNE 2018**

Held at the Selkirk Arms Hotel, Kirkcudbright at 7.15 pm

Present:

Tony Clark, President, in the Chair; J Forrest; S Kingston; G Sharp; D Moore; P Strain; R McKnight; B Duguid and I Robin, Secretary.

Apologies:

A Millar: W. Tyrrell and P Watson

In Attendance:

G Miller, Lady Captain and E Coppola, Vice-Captain Lockerbie Golf Club.

President's Welcome:

The President welcomed the members and in particular the two ladies from Lockerbie Executive Meeting 15 May 2018

The Minutes were approved by Stephen Kingston, seconded by Jean Forrest

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report:

Iain Robin reported that invitations had been sent to Lockerbie, Brighouse, Castle Douglas, Sanquhar and Moffat Golf Clubs to attend this Committee Meeting. Castle Douglas had sent their apologies as Brian Duguid would represent them.

All correspondence with SGL had concerned the setting up of the Regional Forums and had been distributed to all members

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the Summary of Accounts up to 12 June 2018 was as follows:-

Income		Expenditure	
In bank 1/9/17	7,979.66	Matches	1,110.45
Comps	380.00	Vouchers	2,295.00
IMT	370.00	ATC	1,985.21
Sponsor	400.00	NCF	1,161.70
Sundries	24.00	Sundries	558.17
Subscriptions	16,121.25	Coaching	1,124.80
SGL	<u>1,525.00</u>	In bank	<u>18,013.63</u>
	26,799.91		26,799.91

Subscriptions have not been paid by Crichton and Sanquhar. Reminders had been sent.

Disclosure Scotland

As the consultation document contained 94 pages it was agreed that the Secretary would complete it on behalf of the Association.

Scottish Golf Regional Forums

Jean Forrest reported that the South Forum will hold its first meeting of Monday 9th July at Dumfries and County GC from 6.30 till 8.30. The South will be represented by Jean Forrest, SOSGA, Jim Burns, Stranraer GC, Robert Kennedy, Southernness GC, Pete Haslam, Gatehouse GC, Eileen Scott, Dumfriesshire Ladies, and Fiona Hunter, Galloway Ladies. To date the Borders have only put forward 2 representatives - Jack Keeney and Denise Richards. Karin Sharp, Corporate Services Director Scottish Golf, has sent a message to both representatives offering the assistance of their RCDO in identifying a willing club volunteer. The agenda is not yet available for the meeting, nor the name of the chair who will be one of the President Team, nor the minute secretary who will be from Scottish Golf.

The South Forum is the only one which is undersubscribed. The 3 others are oversubscribed.

The Message from Scottish Golf to Forum participants is - “With these being the first meetings of their kind, we will be adaptive in approach and take feedback onboard to ensure we are providing an appropriate platform for information discussion and dialogue over the course of the next number of meetings and the early meetings will be very much about shaping the content and structure of these to be positive forums where two way feedback is key.”

Although the agenda had not yet been agreed consideration should be given to including discussion on Affiliation Fees and Amalgamation.

Lewis Cheetham

It was agreed that the letter received from SGL was not conclusive and did not clarify the situation. However, hopefully it would now put the matter to bed.

CONVENORS REPORTS

Championships 2018

Graeme Sharp reported that nineteen pairs took part in the Gillespie Classic. Seventeen pairs were members of Brighthouse Bay and £380 was donated from the entry fees towards Junior development. Graeme thank Jim Dougal, the Gillespie family and Alastair Millar for competing and presenting the prizes. The winners were Mark Edley and David Tilling (Brighthouse) with a nett 63.

Coaching Convenor

In the absence of the Coaching Convenor the Secretary reported that plans were being made for shorter winter sessions with smaller numbers. Some of these sessions would be held in the different Counties but there would also be a couple of squad days to get everyone together to foster team spirit.

Senior Team Manager

Graeme Sharp reported that once the Order of Merit table had been compiled after a few events he would assess those playing well for selection to the Area Team for the championship at Cawder in September.

Junior Team Manager

Iain Robin reported that in the Scottish Boys Area Team Championships at Eastwood GC on Sunday 3 June the four boys, Taylor Kerr, Mitchell Cowie, Finlay Copland and Cameron Gray excelled themselves and won the silver medal by finishing second. This was an excellent performance and although the boys were happy with the result all they could talk about on the way home was the mistakes and dropped shots which had deprived them of being champions. The icing on the cake was Taylor Kerr winning the Niagara Cup for the best singles round with a 68, two under par. Mitchell Cowie tied for third with a 70.

The donation of £100 from the organisers of the Scottish Junior Tour Event at Southernness has been used to purchase new shirts for the ATC team. Thanks are due to Chris Robinson who donated the four jerseys.

The Peat Salver was reinstated this year and held at Castle Douglas GC on Saturday 16 June. Dumfriesshire took the honours on a wet and breezy day.

The Junior team played their second NCL match against Cumbria at Cockermouth on Sunday 24 June. Kaleb Johnston was playing well and was 1 up after ten holes when an unfortunate accident put paid to his chances. When lining up his second shot to the eleventh green he was hit on the back of the head by a tee shot from the blind eleventh tee. After picking himself up he decided to continue. A South official walked with him for his final eight holes but unfortunately he lost by one hole on the eighteenth green. He was taken to A & E at Dumfries and declared fit to travel home to Stranraer. He did not attend school on the Monday but played golf in the afternoon. By Tuesday he said he was back to normal. The team lost by 7 games to 5.

Some juniors had been competing well in events outside the Area. Cameron Gray (Kirkcudbright) finished tied 18 with 73, 79 = 152 and Mitchell Cowie (D&C) missed the cut in the Stephen Gallacher at Cardrona on 9 and 10 June. In the Scottish Schoolboys at Murrayshall on 11 June, Taylor Kerr (Thornhill) was tied 5 with 73, 71 = 144 and Jamie

Marchbank (D&G) had scores of 82, 69 = 151. Taylor Kerr was third with 64, 73 = 137 and Cameron Gray was fifth with 69, 70 = 139 in the Junior Tour Event at Monifieth on 17 June. Taylor Kerr is now 15th and Cameron Gray 30th in the Scottish Boys OOM.

Six boys, Taylor Kerr, Finlay Copland, Jamie Marchbank, Mitchell Cowie, Glen Irvine and Callum McMillan, are making the long journey north to compete in the Scottish Boys Championship at Lossiemouth from 3 July. The Executive wished them well.

Duncan Moore offered to donate £100 towards another 4 shirts for the Junior team. This generous gift was gratefully received

Course Rating

Robert McKnight reported that St Medan and Wigtown & Bladnoch will be rated off the Ladies Tees on Thursday 5 July. Unfortunately Pat Magill cannot attend on that date but she hopes to be available when Glenluce and Stranraer are rated later in the year.

The Gents Medal Tees only at the Crichton will be rated on Tuesday 31 July. The Ladies rated it fairly recently in 2014.

D & G Golf Partnership

Jean Forrest reported that 12 clubs now had the database of e-mails collected at the Golf Show. The Cairndale Hotel plans to have a stand at the 2019 Show and is keen for the Partnership to again make this a joint venture.

The Partnership flyers have been distributed to clubs in the North of England, the Borders and Edinburgh by Jeff Sutcliffe. There is also a supply at Gretna Tourist Information Outlet delivered by Colin Shields. Hopefully, once Wave returns from holiday it will be possible to have a meeting with the volunteers from the April meeting at CD, to discuss any changes to be made to the flyers before ordering more.

VisitScotland are planning videoing at Stranraer, Southernness and Thornhill GCs in August/September in preparation for their VS golf promotion in the autumn. The plan at the moment seems to be that the videoing will be followed by an Influencer visiting the Clubs.

Webmaster and Fixtures Secretary

In the absence of Wave Tyrell there was nothing to report

Child Protection

Duncan Moore offered to take on this onerous position. His offer was gratefully accepted.

Dumfriesshire

The President reported that Dumfries & County required one point from their final match against Lochmaben to win the Dumfriesshire League.

In the Dumfriesshire Championships at Lochmaben Neil Hamilton won the Stroke Play and Michael Grunwell the Match Play

Kirkcudbrightshire

Brian Duguid reported that Craig Smith (Dalbeattie) won the Kirkcudbrightshire Championship at Dalbeattie.

Southernness beat Kirkcudbright in the Team Championship with the final held at Colvend.

Craig Smith plays Douglas Borland in the final of the Matchplay at Dalbeattie.

Wesley Blayney won the Solway Cup and Ross Murray the Solway Bowl at Gatehouse

4 Clubs have taken up the coaching offer which Ross Murdoch will organise.

The Kirkcudbrightshire President William Watson has secured three sponsorships for the Association

New Galloway and Castle Douglas have entered into a trial reciprocal arrangement from July to end of September where members of each club can play each other's clubs on a courtesy basis.

Wigtownshire

Stephen Kingston reported that the last rounds of the two leagues would be held on Thursday 28 June. Newton Stewart play Portpatrick at Portpatrick and the winners will be crowned champions. In the “B” league there are 3 Clubs in contention.

In the Wigtownshire Championship at Newton Stewart 60 competitors took part in the 3 competitions. Colin Hamilton (Stranraer) was crowned champion and Fraser Hughes (Newton Stewart) won the Match Play.

In the Dalrymple Cup at Stranraer, Stranraer beat Newton Stewart in the final – a reverse of last year.

Coaching has not started yet but arrangements are in place for during the school summer holidays.

Club Representatives

Both ladies expressed their thanks for the invitation. They had found the meeting interesting and informative.

A O C B

Craig Chalmers had attended a Club Forum at Castle Douglas which was poorly attended by the members.

The Executive congratulated Liam Johnston on winning the Nine Hole Match Play title and Conor Syme for his second place finish in the Austrian Open

There being no further business the President thanked the members and visitors for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 28 August 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Selkirk Arms Hotel Kirkcudbright.