

Minutes of the CGLMC Greens Sub-Committee Meeting held in the CGLMC Ltd Office at 20 Links Parade on Monday 15th September 2014

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convenor), I Frier, G Paton, P Sawers, L Gordon,
C Yule, W Thompson

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent), K Stott
(Head Greenkeeper, Burnside)

Meeting began 1900 hours

Apologies

A. McArtney

2. Links Superintendent Report

J Gilbert congratulated A Reid on the excellent condition of the three courses and asked this be passed onto the staff.

J Gilbert advised that questions on the Crows Nest Tassie were a matter for the Tournament sub-committee and should be referred to the next meeting of that committee.

J Gilbert asked A Reid to make a proposal about the 1st tee area. A Reid said he would bring suggestions forward.

J Gilbert asked G Duncan to speak with the Head Professional to see if there are any complaints about tee options and bring it back to the committee in due course.

W Thompson enquired about the stripes on the 7th green Championship. A Reid said extra fertiliser had been introduced to encourage growth following a previous problem and the lines will soon fade.

3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert agreed that thinning out of rough is a good idea.

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A Reid advised that the Tassie and Dunhill are closer together this year which makes it difficult to carry out overseeding during this period. The proposal therefore is to carry out this work in mid-October.

W Thompson enquired about bunker repairs and whether this was just wear and tear or someone damaging the faces. A Reid advised this was just wear and tear.

Burnside

K Stott advised of the maintenance that he proposed on the greens.

J Gilbert asked K Stott if he could have a look at rough beside 18th on the right hand side.

Buddon Links

J Gilbert advised that environmental maintenance for the ponds is scheduled for late October/early November. A Reid advised he would like to actually start earlier, if possible in late September, and this was agreed.

W Thompson enquired if we can put posters up to let the members know what maintenance is going ahead, why and how long this will be for. The committee agreed this would be a positive step, along with keeping the website up to date.

All work detailed in the maintenance forecasts for each of the courses was approved.

4. Winter Work Proposals

P Sawers asked that some of the works need more explanation so the committee understand the reasons for the works which are going to take place. A Reid advised these explanations will be in place for the full committee meeting. G Paton said he would like it recorded that he did not support the proposed changes to the burns or the removing of the bunker on the 9th hole Championship.

Championship

All works were recommended for approval, with the proviso that the explanations were agreed.

Burnside

As for the Championship.

Buddon Links

W Thompson enquired if we could get a graphic image of the re-contouring of the 10th so the committee could have a clear picture of what it would look like. J Gilbert advises he would rather just arrange an on site meeting for anyone who wishes to see it.

A Reid advised the reason for re-contouring the 12th is mostly green keeping reasons as it is not possible to get a pin on right hand side, and the left hand side work is just to manage the wear. These are simple jobs to undertake.

All works were recommended for approval, with the proviso that the explanations were agreed.

W Thompson advised that the organisation was in a strong position financially. He asked A Reid if there were any additional winter works that he would like to include, but had held back due to finance. W Thompson said money would be made available if this was the case. J Gilbert queried why the winter works budget had been reduced to £50,000. P Sawers said the winter works costs was a nominal figure put in the budget, but that the works were always confirmed at this time of year and whatever finance is required would be provided.

5. Energy Saving Report.

G Duncan advised that all on site observations in the Energy Savings report have been attended to, and that A Reid has recruited an energy broker who is saving us cost and also reducing consumption. G Duncan continued to say that the Golf Centre is costly and inefficient in terms of energy use and has a very complicated system installed. Preventative maintenance is very expensive and it would be cheaper to hire a maintenance man but we would have to make sure there was a full time requirement for this to happen. W Thompson suggested an early retired person with experience, who would not necessarily want to work full-time, would be ideal.

J Gilbert enquired if the usage and cost figures that have been reduced could be brought to the next Environmental sub-committee meeting.

5. Any Other Competent Business

G Paton enquired about what is happening with the fire extinguishers that are at the Greenkeeping sheds. A Reid said these were the property of Glasgow2014 (Commonwealth Games) and he would contact them.

J Gilbert asked A Reid to ensure that, if bunkers were being worked on, that GUR signs were put in place.

J Gilbert queried the pricing structure in the tea hut and said he felt uncomfortable that there was different pricing for staff, locals and visitors.

P Sawers replied that it was a business. They needed to be able to set their own prices, and the policy adopted was the same as CGLMC Ltd used in the Pro shop.

J Gilbert said that, with all due respect, he did not feel the Chairman and General Manager had negotiated a very good tea hut contract.

Meeting closed 2040pm