

**MINUTE OF THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF
THE DALHOUSIE GOLF CLUB HELD IN THE CARNOUSTIE
GOLF HOTEL ON TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 8pm.**

Present. The Captain and 17 members.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Captain asked members to join him in a minute's silence to remember members and past members who had died this year, namely, Pat Toal, Peggy Tanner, Ron Hamilton, and Douglas McKay.

1. The Captain welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies. Apologies had been received from 24 members.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 24th February 2015.

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: D L Hood; Seconded by: A D Sawers.

4. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Captain's Report.

"Good evening gentlemen,

The 2015 season is drawing rapidly to a close and almost all our competitions are now completed. Looking back, I think it will be remembered as a successful season for the club for a number of reasons, despite one of the worst summers any of us can remember. Hopefully our current Indian Summer will continue and we will have a mild winter. Despite conditions, participation in most competitions has been high and we have witnessed a number of notable performances, both by individuals and teams.

In May the Webster Baillie Trophy was regained for the sixth time by past Captain Angus Hay, defeating Jim Wallace one-up in a very hard-fought match in the typically difficult conditions we experienced this spring.

In club matches, Dalhousie proved to be formidable home performers, defeating Downfield, Scotsraig and Turnberry and losing only to Edzell in a close match. Our Seniors, under the superb stewardship of John Mitchell, fared even better, winning all their home matches against Panmure, Blairgowrie, Edzell & St Andrews New, while defeating Forfar away from home. Even more impressively, all four matches played home and away were won on the overall score. A very successful year indeed and superceded perhaps only by our team in the Thornton Trophy. In this year's competition, Dalhousie comfortably defeated Carnoustie in the semi-final, before going on to win a tense and tight final against the defending champions, New Taymouth, by just 2 holes. This is the first time Dalhousie has won Carnoustie's only inter-club match-play competition since 2007 and I am sure that you will join me in applauding the efforts of Angus Hay, Sandy Reid, Derek Cavellini, Gordon Wilson, Brian Mckay, John MacDougall, Bob Geddes, Joe Duncan and David Ashford.

Whether you were a winner or whether you were not this season, I hope that you enjoyed participating, because it is the game that matters, ultimately - and we are blessed with the opportunity to play on some of the finest courses in the world, every week; a privilege that we should not forget or take for granted. Once again, on behalf of the Club, could I offer my thanks for all the hard work that those involved in the management and maintenance of these courses have put in in what has been a difficult year.

Could I also take this opportunity to pay tribute on behalf of the members to all those who have worked so selflessly on the Club's Council to manage the club's affairs and make it possible for our members to play each week?

To conclude, 2015 has been a good year for Dalhousie Golf Club. Our membership has risen and now stands at 119, sixteen more than when I gave my first Captain's address 14 years ago. All our activities have been well-supported and we have a dedicated team on the Council who have worked selflessly on the Club's behalf. As we shall see in a moment, the Club's finances are in rude health. What is more, the 150th Committee, that was put in place a year ago to organise our 150th celebrations, has gone about its task with great enthusiasm and has put together an exciting program of events for all our members to participate in. Their work has been outstanding and highlights the rich seam of talented individuals that the Club has been able to draw on for so many years. Our Club, which is steeped in the history in the game in Carnoustie and far beyond, will be celebrated in a manner thoroughly befitting its stature and integrity. Finally, my thanks go out to all who have participated and supported the Club this year - I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Club Dinner on Friday 6th November – and may you all enjoy the last of this summer's wine and may the birdies flow for you in the Winter Eclectic! ”

6. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2015.

Copies of the accounts had been made available to members. The attention of members was drawn to the following points:

Income:

Membership, and therefore Subscription income, has held up well. Interest received has fallen due to the low rates available.

Expenditure:

Costs had been held to expected levels.

The resultant Deficit of £200 was slightly lower than originally forecast.

Other:

Stock. This is ties, which you may buy for £15.

Debtors. This is interest due.

Creditors. This is money due for fees to governing bodies.

Bank. Current balances stand at £173,000.

There were no additional questions and the Captain thanked the Treasurer for his efforts throughout the year.

The accounts were approved. Proposed by D Ashford; Seconded by A Baird.

7. Appointment of Auditors.

It was agreed that FourM should be re-appointed as the Club's Auditors.

Proposed by: I Wilson; Seconded by A McColgan.

8. Election of a Director and Trustee of CGLMC Ltd.

The nomination of Graeme Paton as a Director of CGLMC Ltd for a period of 3 years from January 2016 was approved.

Proposed by A Baird; Seconded by M Sinclair.

9. Report from CGL Representatives.

Accounts. FY 2014/15 had delivered a pre-depreciation surplus of £820K. The Pro Shop had added a further £106K.

Winter Works. An extensive works program was scheduled subject to the weather. Temporary arrangements would apply when works were in play, but there should be no major impact on the playability of the courses. Winter course closures would be: Championship 2-13 Nov; Buddon 15-17 Nov; Burnside 29 Nov – 11 Dec. Mats will be required from 2nd November.

Golf Centre. After the meeting had been updated on the progress of the proposals, there was a long and wide-ranging discussion of the proposals and the handling of

the development. Topics covered included: processes employed, financial projections, provision of clubrooms, assessment of running costs, and the consideration of options.

[**Afternote:** as a result of these discussions, the Secretary wrote to CGLMC Ltd outlining these concerns and a copy of that letter is attached.]

10. Any Other Business.

Hotel Refurbishment. Members were advised that areas of the Hotel would be undergoing a c£2M refurbishment before the Open. This would include the bar area so some temporary inconvenience might be experienced.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Attendees:

G J Adam	D Cavellini	M Lowe	G W Paton	J R Wallace
D Ashford	J Duncan	G Lumsdaine	W F Ruark	
A Baird	A Hay	A McColgan	A D Sawers	
S Braid	D L Hood	B Morton	M Sinclair	

Apologies:

D Bell	D Ford	D Keith	J Mitchell
B Carr	D G Forman	H Kennedy	P J Robb
A Coleman	I G Forman	J W Lindquist	C Sinclair snr
G W Ellis	R Geddes	G R MacCallum	B T Welch
G Forbes snr	S Grant	C McLeod	G W Wilson
G Forbes jnr	C Innes	D J Mitchell	N Yates

Afternote referred to in Minute 9 of the HYGM of 29th September 2015.

Copy of the contents of a letter of 8th October 2015 to CGLMC Ltd re the Golf Centre development.

“At the Club’s Half Yearly General Meeting last month, the re-development of the Golf Centre was discussed and a number of comments and concerns were raised.

In particular, the Club would wish the Board to take cognisance of the following points:

- the re-development was, generally, agreed to be a good thing.
- the outline plans make no provision for a club room or rooms and the meeting felt that this/these should be provided, at the very least as a members’/season ticket holders’ only room(s); it was noted that the outline plans did not appear to build on top of the locker rooms and it was felt that this might be an appropriate space.
- if club/members’ space is provided, provision of lockers (rentable) should also be considered.
- there was concern that the fiscal implications had not been fully reviewed and that it was not clear how the re-development was to be funded and sustained.
- the minutes of meetings did not make it clear, publicly, what options had been considered and/or evaluated; from the outside, there was an impression that the proposal as circulated had been pulled miraculously from a hat.
- while acknowledging that a fairly tight schedule was required to allow completion before 2018, the move to a planning application when the final external design, the choice of architect, and the internal layout had not yet been agreed, was premature.
- the Club would wish to see how the bar/restaurant development was to be sustained financially, although, having agreed that it should take place, it would be prepared to accept a modest annual deficit in order to ensure the correct level of customer service. “Modest” is heavily underscored!

In summary, therefore, the Club believes that re-developing the Golf Centre to enhance the visitor experience is a worthwhile objective. At the same time it should include separate provision for club members/season ticket holders. The Club believes that the process of arriving at the current proposal is less than transparent, and, at the very least, there should be a minute somewhere that says “after considering a number of alternatives and their financial implications, it was agreed to recommend ...”. The Club hopes that, before any irrevocable decisions are made, the Board takes sufficient time to ensure that an acceptable design both externally and internally, with adequate financial provision, is reached.

Should you or any Board member wish to discuss these points further, please do not hesitate to contact me.”