

**MINUTE OF THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE DALHOUSIE GOLF CLUB HELD IN THE CARNOUSTIE  
GOLF HOTEL ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 8pm.**

**Present.** The Captain and 18 members.

**1.** The Captain welcomed members to the meeting.

**2. Apologies.** Apologies had been received from 31 members.

**3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: N A Howie; Seconded by: D G Forman.

**4. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**5. Captain's Report.**

"Good evening gentlemen,

The 2016 season is drawing rapidly to a close & 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 some of the worst spring and early summer weather any of us can remember. Hopefully our current fine autumn will continue and we will have a mild winter. Despite conditions, participation in most competitions has been significantly higher than in recent years & we have witnessed a number of notable performances, both by individuals & teams.

In May the Webster Baillie Trophy was won for the first time by Sandy Reid, defeating George Finlay two and one in a very hard-fought and high quality match in the typically breezy conditions we experienced this spring. Indeed given how poor the weather has been in May over the past decade, Council has taken a decision to move our most prestigious competition to August, beginning in 2017.

In club matches, Dalhousie had a disappointing season, losing overall against Downfield, Edzell and Scotsraig. Our Seniors, under the excellent stewardship of John Mitchell, fared better, winning 5 and losing 4 of their fixtures. John is standing down as Seniors' Convenor after 4 years' sterling service and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the members for all his efforts. In terms of club competitions, I have left the best till last. In the Thornton Trophy this year, Dalhousie comfortably defeated Caley in the semi-final, before going on to win a tense and tight final against a perennially strong New Taymouth, by just one hole. This is the first time in the 48 year history of Carnoustie's only inter-club match-play competition that Dalhousie has won on consecutive years and I am sure that you will join me in applauding the efforts of all who played for our team.

Whether you were a winner or whether you were not this season, I hope that you enjoyed participating, because in the end it is the game that matters 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 have been challenging conditions.

I now find myself coming towards the end of my second stint, and fifth year as Captain of Dalhousie Golf Club. Since 2001 I have witnessed many changes and have seen the club face numerous challenges. I am pleased to say that despite this, the Club remains in rude health. Despite historically low rates of interest, our financial position remains robust and while sadly some of our older members have hung up their clubs for the last time, in the last 15 months we have attracted no fewer than 28 new members. All our activities have been well-supported and our teams have been competitive. We even managed to hold a very successful Race Night in April, which raised almost £2000, to which considerable thanks must go to Gair Forbes for all his organisation, hard work and initiative.

We now stand on the cusp of our 150<sup>th</sup> year as a club and in a few moments I will ask Donald Ford to outline the exciting programme of events that our 150<sup>th</sup> sub-committee has been working so diligently on over the last 2 years. However, before I do so, could I point out one essential knock-on effect of this? Traditionally, our Annual Dinner has taken place in November, however, given that we are going to have additional dinners in 2018, it has been decided that we will append our 2017 prize-giving to the March 2018 founding celebration – 4 dinners in 12 months may have led to some fatigue amongst our members!

Finally, my thanks go out to all who have participated & supported the Club this year - I hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's Club Dinner on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – and may you all enjoy the last of this season & may the birdies flow for you in the Winter Eclectic! ”

The Captain then invited Donald Ford to outline the proposals for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

“While some of the proposals have still to be finalized, the format of what we wish to achieve has been prepared. The plans include the following:

- Celebratory golf on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, followed by dinner and the presentation of the 2017 trophies in the Hotel.
- The use of an appropriate room in hotel for displaying memorabilia (timings to be decided).
- Celebratory golf tournament on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 on the Championship Course sixty invitees playing with forty DGC members (twenty for each of the outward and inward halves), followed by a celebration dinner in the Hotel.
- Publication of a DGC celebratory calendar (2019).
- Publication of a celebratory book on the history of DGC from 1868 to 2018.
- Inauguration of trophy for Carnoustie's most promising “Junior of the Year”. To be judged by Colin Sinclair and his staff.
- A new members' trophy for the best cumulative score on all three courses using selected medals/sweeps from the scheduled programme.
- Gifting to CGLMC Ltd of an appropriately marked new water fountain (16<sup>th</sup> tee?).
- Selection of appropriately inscribed golf accessories to be gifted and for sale.”

## **6. Accounts for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

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

### **Income:**

Subscription income has been maintained. Interest rates remain low.

### **Expenditure:**

Due to Government policy changes, the Club now had a tax bill. Apart from that, Costs had been held to expected levels.

The resultant Deficit of £462 was slightly lower than originally forecast.

### **Other:**

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

The accounts remain in a healthy state.

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

The accounts were approved. Proposed: by A Baird; Seconded by: N A Howie.

## **7. Appointment of Auditors.**

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

Proposed by: I Wilson; Seconded by D Cavellini.

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

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

Proposed by D Ashford; Seconded by Adrian Arthur.

## 9. Report from LMC Directors.

**Accounts.** The current surplus is predicted to be in the region of £200K. New protocols have been put in place which are more appropriate for the size of the business. There will be a new wages review system to ensure fairness across the board and to allow tighter control of our major expenditure. It is planned to establish a “price point” to assist in determining future levels for green fees and season tickets.

**Winter Works.** In addition to routine works, the major undertakings of this winter are:

Championship:

the re-design of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway,  
new watering on the 6<sup>th</sup>,  
adjustment to the mounding between the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> tee,  
raising the left-hand bridge at the 10<sup>th</sup>,  
creating more useable space behind the 15<sup>th</sup> Hogan tee.

Burnside:

adjusting the 15<sup>th</sup> green to give more pin options,  
completing the new 16<sup>th</sup> hole,  
building a new 17<sup>th</sup> tee.

Buddon:

extending the 9<sup>th</sup> green at the rear,  
re-contouring the 14<sup>th</sup> green and removing the right-hand greenside bunker,  
reed removal in the ponds.

Other:

re-modelling the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> on the Buddon to create a new practice facility for major championships,  
levelling the old 1<sup>st</sup> green of the Buddon,  
re-contouring beyond the 17<sup>th</sup> green on the Buddon,  
replacing the vehicle bridge to the left of the 18<sup>th</sup> Championship (OOB).

**Golf Centre.** The contract is scheduled to be signed by December and preparations for moving the Pro Shop and Golf Services will begin before that. Temporary buildings will be erected between the Black Slab and the practice putting green to accommodate the Pro Shop, Golf Services and the Caddiemaster for the duration of 2017.

**Governance.** There have been a number of “facilitator” led workshops looking at how CGLMC Ltd is controlled and operated for the future. The business continues to expand and become more complex and it is important to have a clear vision of the way ahead and a robust structure in which to operate. The aim will be to establish more appropriate controls and to expect greater involvement by Conveners.

## 10. Any Other Business.

**150<sup>th</sup>.** N A Howie asked about the projected date for having all arrangements in place and for firming costings. It was expected that the invitations for the two main events would go out by mid-2017 with everything else agreed and firmed-up by this time next year. D Cavellini explained that a costing had been done and a budget of £20K agreed, not including any sponsorship which might be available (eg for drinks). Merchandising allowed £30 per head.

**Golf Centre.** A D Sawers asked if the layout had been finalised. The basic internal concept was agreed; some of the detail might need adjusting, but the advice given had been to proceed to the contract and adjust later if necessary. S S Gearty queried the need for a 96 seat restaurant. The plan had always been to create a food

and beverage facility; the figure of 96 came from what could comfortably be fitted into the space available.

**Medals.** G Forbes noted that medals on the Buddon were no longer played exclusively from the white tees. At the last rating, both the Burnside and the Buddon had been given SSS from both sets of tees (this had not previously been the case). After discussion, Council had agreed to use the boxes as set to avoid confusion. A D Sawers noted that this was not the case for the Championship. Again, this had been discussed and it had been agreed to continue the existing system which is that on the Championship we will always use the Yellow Tees except for the Spring and Autumn Meetings and the Club Championship. There was a feeling that the Yellow Course was fairer for all standards of the Club's golfers.

**Annual Dinner.** The Captain reminded everyone that the Annual Dinner was on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and urged members to sign-up for it. The price had been held, again, at £30.

Past Captain A Arthur thanked the officials for their work on behalf of the Club and, in particular, the Captain for control of the meeting.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

**Attendees:**

G J Adam	D Cavellini	G Forbes jnr	A McColgan	M Sinclair
D Ashford	J Duncan	S S Gearty	P McColgan	J R Wallace
A Arthur	D C C Ford	R Geddes	G W Paton	
A Baird	D G Forman	N A Howie	A D Sawers	

**Apologies:**

G Begg	J Fullerton	J Kennedy	W F Ruark
D Bell	I G Forman	R M Kydd	C Sinclair snr
B Carr	P Gall	J W Lindquist	P J Robb
A Clark	J Gray	M Lowe	B T Welch
A Coleman	A Hay	G Lumsdaine	G W Wilson
A Dewar	D L Hood	G R MacCallum	R S Wilson
G W Ellis	W Jackson	D J Mitchell	N Yates
R Fraser	D Keith	J Mitchell	