

Minutes of AGM Mon 7th March 2011 held in the Village Hall, Taynult at 8pm

The captain, Mike Urwin, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present : Mike Urwin, Christine Allen, Fiona McGlynn, Jim Cox, Jeremy Church, Kenny MacGregor, David Condie, Mairead and Murray Sim, Fraser Inglis, and 20 members.

Apologies Robert and Carol MacLarty, David Howie, Davy Thomson, Robert and Marian Montgomery, Jim and Jane Carmichael, Jonny Brown, Hugh Nicolson, Sandra Elliot, Donald Catanach, Donald Harrison, Evelyn Campbell, Carol McDougall, Alastair Macintosh, Ann Urwin, Alice McCalman, June MacLean, and Lesley Dawson.

Acceptance of 2010 Minutes was proposed by Jim Cox, and seconded by Kenny MacGregor.

Matters Arising : the secretary drew attention to the amended constitution and invited members to take a copy.

Captains report.

“This report covers the year from the last AGM and I am sure you will all remember that we had just been through one of the coldest winters on record. The prolonged frost had severely damaged the greens and the first priority was to repair the greens. Fraser was so positive with his advice and he, Joe and up to 15 club members spent many hours forking the greens and then working sand and seed into the holes. By June the greens had recovered and the course was back up to the standard which we are all used to. The purchase of the rough cutter at the end of last season has paid dividends and the rough was also in good condition throughout the season. The semi rough has been cut but is still very yellow and will require the coming growing season to get it into good condition. During this last winter much scrub and a few trees have been removed to let in more light and to tidy the course. Work is on going to improve and enlarge some of the tees.

The open competitions and the social events have been a great success and at this stage I would like to thank Murray and Mairead for all their hard work. There are many others also who should be thanked. I do hope that the council will involve more club members to help out with these very important club events. I would like to thank Carol McLarty for organising the mixed social/fundraising events. Several hundred pounds was raised to support charities. Also to thank Murray and Carol for obtaining sponsorship from local business to help support our open events.

Lesley Dawson has maintained a very active web site and I hope all our members continue to visit the site to be informed about club activities. The site has been a great way to keep members informed about the progress of the club house. It has also been instrumental in getting more than 30 new members this year with the on line application form. Jill Stewart is to assist Lesley in the management of the website.

The club house is progressing well and it has been supported over the period of the build by many members. There is still a lot to do and I would encourage those members who have not yet been involved to come forward and help with the finishing stages. I hope by the end of March that we will be ready to start painting and that the project will be finished by the summer. We will have a wonderful facility and it is planned that the changing rooms and toilets will be open to members and visitors at all times. The club room facilities will be staffed by club members on a voluntary occasional basis.

The prize giving was held in the Taynult village hall for the third year and again was a great success however after the event the council decided that next year it will be held in our club house where we will present prizes and have a dinner only thus keeping costs to a minimum.

Finally I would like to thank members who gave me the opportunity to represent them as captain. I would like to thank council members who have been so supportive and our secretary and treasurer who have run the club in such a positive manner.

I would now in advance of the elections like to wish Mairead all the best during the period of her captaincy.”

Treasurer

David Condie gave a very detailed and clear report pointing out that both the membership and accounts were in a healthy position. Members were reassured that to date all costs associated with the club house development had been met from funds raised by donation, grants and fund raising events. Should the general fund be required to meet any future shortfall fundraising would continue until that transfer be redressed. The treasurer proposed that in order to keep ahead of increasing costs the club needed to raise an extra £5000 annually.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Murray Sim and seconded by Fiona McGlynn
Simmers & Co were reappointed as Accountants by general consent for the coming year.

The basis for the honorarium for the Treasurer and Secretary was clarified and it was agreed that it should be based on twice the full annual subscription for each of them.

Subscriptions

It was recommended by Council that the subscriptions be increased by £5 in all categories except Juniors and non playing members. Full members to £200. Over 65 on 16th March 2009 to £158. Under 16 remain at £38. Under 18 remain at £58 Country Membership to £127, Junior playing as Senior to remain at £79 and non playing member remaining at £26. In order to meet increased costs it was proposed by the treasurer that the Green Fee be increased to £20 for a full day and that the 9 hole Fee should be reintroduced at £12. These fees would be reduced by a half for Juniors and clubs with reciprocal arrangements.

Acceptance of these increases was proposed by Allan Hill and seconded by John Blaxter. Accepted unanimously.

Review of the Constitution.

A condition of acceptance of the grant from Sports Scotland was the inclusion of a Dissolution Clause in the Club Constitution. Acceptance was proposed by Allan Hill and seconded by John Blaxter. The constitution has subsequently been amended.

Life Membership.

The principle of a new category of Life Membership was proposed by the Council for discussion by members. It was agreed that more detail was required and the proposal would be reviewed at a later date.

AOCB

A discussion took place regarding the funding and costings of the clubhouse. Some concern was expressed over the lack of information and it was agreed that more regular updates on progress and the finance would be available on the website.

Election of Office Bearers and Council Members

The following were elected.:

Captain	Mairead Sim
Vice Captain	Jim Cox
Treasurer	David Condie
Secretary	Jeremy Church
Past Captain	Mike Urwin
Gents Match Secretary	Murray Sim
Ladies Match Secretary	Mairead Sim
Junior Convenor	Hugh Nicolson
7 Council Members:	Fraser Inglis, Christine Allen, Kenny MacGregor, Jill Stewart, Fiona McGlynn, Davy Thomson, Marian Montgomery.

Mairead Sim then thanked Mike Urwin for his very successful period as Captain and also those who had contributed so much to the development of the club over the past year.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.