

**LAUDER GOLF CLUB**

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**THE MEETING WAS OPENED AT 7.30PM BY RONNIE MALCOLM**

**APOLOGIES – W.Bryson, R.Lovejoy, A.Holton, M.Rennie and L.Blues**

**MINUTES OF 2019 AGM (Viewed on website from October 2019) and circulated were approved as a correct record of that meeting.**

**Proposed by Ian Scott                      Seconded by Obie Sharp**

**Matters Arising :- There were no matters arising.**

**Treasurers Report:**

**Expenditure :- The club made an operating loss of £9520.30p, this was due to the purchase of a semi-rough machine costing £34200.00 of which the VAT element of £5700.00 was paid in the form of a grant from the Common Good Fund.**

**Course upkeep increased by around £1400.00 on previous year due mainly to small repairs to machinery and also the increased cost of chemicals , the chemicals now being used on the greens for Fusarium only check the disease not stop it so therefore has to be applied more often.**

**Generally expenditure is similar to last year.**

**Income :- Memberships were up by £2637.00, Visitors up around £1000.00, Sponsorship up by £1500.00 and a contribution from the Ladies Section of over £700.00 was a great achievement considering how few Ladies actually compete in competitions.**

**Dot and Iain Robinson once again excelled on Common Riding Saturday with the sale of the bacon rolls and bringing over £400.00 into the club was a tremendous effort.**

**All in All with the clubhouse loan now repaid the club is in a stable condition financially and provided we can continue to put money aside into a Machinery Replacement Fund and keep getting the voluntary help on the course the future looks bright.**

**There were no questions raised.**

**Proposed by Mary Fallas                      Seconded by Craig Forrest**

**Club Report:**

**The club would once again like to thank all the sponsors for their continued support and as you have heard in the Treasurers Report the Club is in a healthy position financially. We have some excellent machines in the shed which hopefully means we will not have to replace any soon, we are in the enviable position of now having Louis Scott on board and his 41years experience with Sherriffs working on heavy machinery is definitely a bonus for the club. Louis was brought in to cut the greens but with his wealth of**

**experience is now....**

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experience is now servicing and maintaining the machines and during the winter months he has been working on all the machines and getting them ready for the new season, he is a great asset to the club.

The course this year has been in very good condition and we have a similar schedule in place for this season. On many occasions we have said that the condition of the course is down to the input we have had from Stevie Dixon who was head greenkeeper at Kingsknowe G.C. and he kept us right. Stevie had confirmed that the programme we have in place is ideal but sadly after a short illness, Stevie lost a battle with cancer and he will be sorely missed by Lauder Golf Club.

Congratulations to all our Trophy Winners last season and hopefully you will all be back to defend your titles this year.

The Subscriptions for the coming year are once again £250 which includes the affiliation fees to Scottish Golf, Borders Golfers Association and the Border Ladies Golf Association. They are due to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March as the new fixtures commence in April.

Jack Keeney along with Bob Towers and various volunteers must be congratulated on a very successful Junior Season. They had their best turnout of youngsters for years and having the putting green and practice areas available to them was a huge bonus. We will continue to work on these areas and get them up to scratch.

In July we had our 1<sup>st</sup> outing to the club in years and 24 from Musselburgh Honest Lads Association who came along and played 9 holes in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon. They had coffee and bacon rolls to start with and we organised a caterer in for their lunch. Obie Sharp was a tremendous help on that day doing the bacon rolls and making sure we had enough drink for this thirsty group.

We received a lovely email from them which reads :-

""Ronnie, just a note to say a massive thanks to you, Obie, Ian and Lauder Golf Club for hosting our day, the catering for breakfast and lunch was excellent and hit the spot, the course is a great challenge and while we left a few balls out there everyone loved it.

The service you guys gave us was second to none and every last man thanks you.

Without hesitation we would love to come back to Lauder in the future and would highly recommend it, if these golf days are not a frequent occurrence please be assured that you have all the components in place and are very capable when putting them all together.

Again on behalf of Musselburgh Honest Lads Association we thank you so much for making it a wonderful experience.""

This is something we would like to promote a bit more and hopefully we can get a few more outings to the club.

We have in fact been asked to host the BGLA Lawrie Quaich in September this year which is an open competition for mixed teams of 4 and is another step in the right direction for Lauder Golf Club.

David Dickson after 32 years....

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David Dickson after 32 years as a member, 30 of which he has been on the committee has indicated that he will not be joining the club this year. This is a huge loss to Lauder Golf Club as David has been doing a superb job in looking after the Finances amongst a host of other tasks for years, he has been instrumental in keeping the club in a healthy financial position.

David has said that he will look after the financial side of the club this year in the form of bookkeeper and is also assisting with the website, he is also a huge help with the new Scottish Golf software and helping make sure everything goes smoothly for the new World Handicap System due out in November.

Hopefully Liz Bain as Captain of the Ladies and Les Mitchell in charge of the Leggs will have a successful season.

#### Ladies Captain Report ( Liz Bain):

We started our season last year with the Captain v Vice Captain with Obie stepping in for Liz who was unable to attend and coming out as winning team on the day

We then journeyed to Minto in early May for our annual friendly match where I am happy to say our Ladies were victor's and thanks to all who attended on the day.

Obie and Liz played in the Vets Greensomes at St. Boswells and were victorious.

We held a Ladies invitational in July although not a large entry we had a very enjoyable day with Obie and Trish winning the trophy. Jane and Amy won the coronation foursomes but were unsuccessful in the next round

Carolyn and myself travelled to Milnathort for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 9 hole challenge where we had a very warm welcome from everyone at the club and we can thoroughly recommend it for an outing, unfortunately we did not progress any further.

We had some lovely weather last season for our Wednesday and Saturday competitions and I would like to congratulate all medal winners, championship winners and runners up along with all other trophy winners.

A big thanks to Dot and Iain for organizing selling the bacon rolls, tea and coffee with your helpers Obie, Carolyn and myself on Common Riding morning. £400 was raised and given to the club.

We had a new sponsor, The Black Bull Lauder, for the mixed open which was held on a beautiful day with quite a good entry, Venetia Scott and Robbie Hardie winning the scratch prize.

For our outing we jumped on board the Prosecco mini bus and headed to Mortonhall on another glorious day with Jane winning the Wilkinson Trophy. All travelling together is an enjoyable experience and we must thank Dot for organizing the outing for us.

I would like to thank....

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I would like to thank Ian, Ronnie and Louis on the condition of the course, it is certainly one if not the best in the Borders

I would like to thank the sponsors , The Lauderdale Hotel, Alan Thomson, The Black Bull and the Sharp Family, for their continued support. Dot and Iain Robinson have kindly offered to take over the sponsorship of the Bells Texas Scramble.

Lastly a big thank you to my committee for their support.

#### Election of Committee Members :-

There was no election of committee members as there was nobody stepping down.

Ian Scott has 1 year left as Greens Convenor

Bob Towers had indicated he will carry on for 1 more year

Ronnie Malcolm will continue as Handicap / Competition Secretary

Dougie Bain was again co-opted on to the committee and will be responsible for Clubhouse Maintenance

Jack Keeney will continue as Junior Organizer

David Dickson although no longer a member has indicated that he will continue for this year looking after the finances as a bookkeeper and assist with the webpage.

A.O.C.B. There were no submissions

The next AGM will be 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse

Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting was closed at 7.46 pm.

After the meeting Ronnie discussed with everyone present that from 2<sup>nd</sup> November Scottish Golf Ltd. Will be introducing the World Handicap System and as things stand just now we have to use their new software for handicapping purposes as the independent software vendors of which there are 11 will no longer be able to access the database, he also said that David Dickson and himself had been testing the new software over the last few weeks and are finding quite a few teething problems with it. Ronnie has said that both himself and David will continue to test the new software and will keep everyone up to speed as they progress.

Ronnie also said that....

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**Ronnie also said that the committee had been discussing forming a Management Committee**

**The reasoning behind this was that we did not have a Vice Captain going forward and Shane indicated that he did not have one as nobody was interested in doing it , we know that any change could mean a change to the constitution and everyone will be informed if the committee deem a change necessary, we will have to discuss a treasurer to take over from David and we also need a child protection officer as Bob will be finishing after this year.It was stressed that finding replacements was crucial.**

**Jack Keeney has said that he would replace Bob as child protection officer.**

**Les Mitchell asked about the outcome of discussions the committee had been having regarding a Defibrillator at the clubhouse and was notified that the committee had discussed it at several meetings and decided that as the clubhouse was unmanned and nobody on hand qualified to use it and with there being 3 in Lauder within 5 minutes of the course at this time did not feel it necessary.**