Barnard Castle Golf Club.

**Management Meeting.**

**Wednesday 23rd March 2022.**

**Attendees:** Colin MacLeod, Phill Clarke, Doug Dinwiddie, Sue Blaeford, David Bainbridge, Yvonne Mee, Caz Smith, and Lisa MacLeod

1. Apologies
   * + Joy Pallister, Tim Wellock
2. Minutes of last meeting.

* Proposed by Caz Smith and seconded by Doug Dinwiddie.

1. Welfare
   * + Update from Joy Pallister received and reviewed. Further actions identified related to an ongoing issue. **(Joy / Lisa)**
2. Admin Update
   * + Update on actions list communicated.
     + First Aid course booked for 20-Apr on site for up to 12 participants. 5 spaces still available. Participants to be finalised. **(Lisa)**
     + Fire Safety System currently being installed.
     + Procedure to be published covering fire alarm activation. **(Lisa)**
3. Greens Review

March activities completed: -

* All bunkers edged.
* Greens had AIR2G2 air injection once.
* Greens slit once - did not require more as so many slits existing.
* Bunkers on 4th greenside, left of 5th greenside and all four bunkers on 11th excavated, drainage repaired or added and awaiting sand to back fill.
* Drainage added to front of 2nd green into rough.
* First possible mow on tees and greens mown weekly.
* Greens, tees, approached, fairways, semi rough and surrounds being mowed this week and next now the course has dried sufficiently.
* New bunker rakes have been added to every bunker and old one's removed.
* New hazard stakes added to all ditches and pond and OOB posts added to driving range, 15th and 17th plus around sheds.
* Brash removed from behind 14th tee to reveal beautiful views behind and improve area.
* All ditches have had dangerous overhangs removed and started filling the 17th wash out ditch with spoil.
* Fence added to rear of 2nd for H&S reasons.
* All Toro machinery has returned after servicing from Lloyd Ltd and cylinders sharpened.
* All tee and bunker banks flymoed with correct mowers and will continue bi-weekly to improve appearance and standard.
* Chipping area bunker edged and had two full cuts to outfield - ongoing improvements required.
* Driving Range area fully cut out and will be lowered to fairway height steadily in next month or so.
* Ongoing shed tidy and improvements to staff welfare conditions.
* Old fairway yardage discs removed and holes divotted out.
* 13th greenside small bunker on left removed and left as slight grass bunker.
* Fertiliser and chemical plans organised and ordered.
* Visit to Harrogate Greenkeeper show Wednesday 23rd March to look at range nets / tee mats / artificial tees for winter as well as new machinery on the market and educational seminars.

1. Competitions
   * + Proposal for a new members / single Golfers rollup for Saturdays and Sundays submitted and accepted by Committee.
       - 11:30 – 12:00 Saturdays and Sundays to be blocked off in BRS under “Single Players’ Roll-up” **(Phil)**
       - E-mail to all members advising of aforementioned **(Lisa)**
       - Review participation through next month or so to determine viability. **(Phil)**
     + Men’s club competitions to be closed off 30 mins after dusk (in line with the closure of the locker rooms). Cards will be removed from score box, inspected and subsequently the competition will be closed off. **(Phil to engage A. Steel)**
       - Access to closing off competitions to be given to A. Steel **(Phil)**
2. Treasurer’s report.

* Finances remain positive.
* Membership numbers stand at 333 Full/Academy members, 13 five day, 9 nine hole, 30 country, 3 CASC, 49 Intermediate (19-28), 24 Octogenarian, 4 Winter, 33 juniors and 12 Pay & play.
* As anticipated for this period of the year, Green fee income and buggy hire have reduced.
* 7 day letters sent to several members in arrears with payments.
* Annual fertilizer and pesticide programme (budget), determined upon receipt and review of the agronomists report.

1. Ladies (Caz)

* The ladies committee have undertaken a review of the Red Book (ladies manual) and updated it with current WHS & other information to reflect current practice.
* The ladies winter competitions have completed, culminating in a win for Maureen Raw in both the Tuesday winter league event and the weekend stableford competition.
* Maureen Raw & Vicky Oliver have qualified to play in Daily Mail Regional knockouts, they received a bye in the first round and have been drawn at home to Appleby in the second round.
* The ladies await the details of their opponents for the Annodata knockout first round. Draw to take place on 27th March.
* The ladies have moved their opening tea to Sunday 3rd April to allow catering to open for a full session on Mothering Sunday 27th March.

1. Matters Arising
   * + None.
2. Correspondence
   * + Updated reciprocal agreement with Thirsk and Northallerton approved and ready for signature **(Colin)**
       - Update members on reciprocal agreement **(Lisa)**
     + E-mail received concerning the removal of Holly Bushes on the walk between the 10th and 11th tee. Matter discussed and response to be sent **(Colin)**
     + Enquiry from Northern Golfer concerning advertising. Decision taken to not pursue. Feedback to be given **(Tim)**
3. AOB

* Whilst proving difficult, activities to find a replacement for the Club Professional continue.
* Contingency plan is to staff the pro shop with temporary paid resource.
  + Communication e-mail to be sent to all members seeking applications **(Sue / Lisa)**
* Notice of Special General Meeting, 06-Apr-22 to be sent to all members via e-mail, the purpose being to review and approve the club’s revised constitution **(Lisa / Colin)**
  + For logistical reasons and ease of communication, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Questions from members concerning the revised constitution to be submitted 1 week prior to the SGM. Information concerning participation in the meeting and how to submit questions to be included in the communication **(Lisa / Colin).**
  + Hard copy of revised Constitution to be posted on the notice board along with the highlighted changes to the previous version **(Lisa / Colin)**
* Web site redesign agreed **(Doug)**
* Communications procedure – All Newsletter, Social Media, Member Updates and Press releases to be approved via Committee prior to release **(Tim)**
* Confirmation from committee on Country membership criteria, namely: -
  + Must reside outside 20 miles radius.
  + Permitted to participate in club competitions.
  + Cannot sign in guests on the course at members rates.

The next management committee meeting will take place, Wednesday 20th April @ 18:30.

Colin MacLeod