

AGM November 2020



AGM / Virtual meeting by Zoom, Monday 9th November 2020, 7pm

Welcome

Jackie welcomed Members to the very first Zoom AGM, this format being due to the current COVID situation. Thanks to all who have taken the time to join in and listen to the various updates that we have for you this evening.

Before going any further with this year's AGM, I would like to pay tribute to Pat Roy, who as you will all know passed away earlier this year. Pat was ladies Captain at Forfar and also more recently, was part of the winning team in the Shepherd's Quaich with Forfar on more than one occasion. On a personal note, I have known Pat for about 40 years – met her when I was 13 and played Ladies hockey so we had a few tussles on the hockey pitch during the Grove v DHS FP matches, however afterwards always enjoyed a nice cuppy, a sandwich and of course back then the traditional cake to finish of Match Teas! Pat is a sad loss to us all; however, I am sure we all have your own memories that will never leave us.

This year's AGM will hopefully only last 30-40mins as that's roughly all the Zoom call allows, so if I get cut off then I have talked to much!

You all have the agenda, last year's minutes, the Accounts and next season's fixture lists – all of which will be covered as we continue.

Fran will already have collated an attendance via the e-mail links, however if there are any apologies, can I ask that you e-mail Jane Grubb rather than everyone calling out on the call as Jane is minuting this evening's meeting.

Attendees

Fran Millar, Jackie Brown, Jane Grubb, Lorraine McNicoll, Anne Keddie, Jen Petrie, Edna Wallwork, Thelma McInroy, Wendy Smith, Fiona Hay, Angela Campbell, Ann Ramsay, Sheila Bradley, Laura Rosbottom, Debbie Mitchell, Jan Ord, Jean Clarke, Louise Graham, Agnes Freeman, Mary Summers

Apologies

Ann McMillan, Freida Soutar, Claire Curnin, Susan Sneddon, Sarah Chapman, Donna Copland, Ashley Smith

Minutes of AGM 2019

Jackie went through minutes and Jan Ord picked up on Page 4 about costs of a Junior Program at Carnoustie being zero cost, committee would check and get back to Jan.

Proposed by Jen Petrie

Seconded by Ann Ramsay

Matters Arising from Minutes 2019

No matters arising except as above with Jan Ord asking about costs for a Junior Program at Carnoustie.

Correspondence

No correspondence

Captain's Report, Jackie Brown

Well, I didn't expect my first season as County Captain to have to go through anything like a world pandemic and I am sure no one else did either!

With no County golf this year due to lockdown and other government restrictions, I am sure you will agree we all turned our hand to shiny new homes, spotless cars, gardens to die for and DIY! These appear to be partly the only things we could do until around May when Scottish Golf got the go ahead to open up the golf courses again.

I tried to keep everyone updated as best I could with the 4-6 weekly updates just to say hello, let you know the Committee and I were still here and that we could be contacted if need be and to encourage you all to keep in contact during these tough times. I hope you found the updates useful, however possibly not as interesting as Fran's archive information. I am sure they would have jogged a few memories.

Although there were no County events held this year, I do believe there were some Angus club championships and other match play competitions played, so congratulations to all the winners and fingers crossed we can hold our Champion of Champions event next year.

I won't take up any more time but do hope that we can fulfil our fixture list next season once the restrictions are eased.

Treasurer's Report

Jackie advised due to Coronavirus there had not been much activity on accounts, no highlights but the County did receive £1,500.00 from Scottish Golf and this will probably be the last due to other funding that may take priority.

You will see there is £34 of raffle money and as you are aware, we agreed that there would be no raffle as of last year, however this money was actually a carry forward of the previous year that was uncovered shall we say.

The engraving costs - £167 has been paid out of the current year for 2019 engraving.

Jackie gave thanks to Angela Campbell for assisting in the final accounts

Proposed by Sheila Bradley
Seconded by Wendy Smith

Junior Report, Ashley Smith

Nothing to report due to Coronavirus

Election of Office Bearers

Jackie advised that there had been no President for a few years and asked for nominations for President, none were forthcoming, further discussions to be made with the committee.

Jackie advised no change to current positions as only need to be elected every 2 years at the AGM

President: no nominations at present.

Captain: Jackie Brown

Vice-Captain: no nominations at present:

Treasurer: Ann B Ramsay, elected at 2019 AGM

Secretary: Frances Millar and Jane Grubb to continue sharing this role.

Match/Handicap Secretary: Frances Millar

Junior Secretary: Ashley Smith is prepared to stay on as Junior Secretary with additional help from county members

Club Reps for 2021

Jackie asked if there was any change to Reps for 2021

Only change discussed was Claire Curnin will retire and Doreen Leask will step in in the interim until Royal Montrose Mercantile can find a replacement for Claire. All other Reps to stay the same for 2021

Carnoustie: Debbie Mitchell

Carnoustie Caledonia: Frances Millar

Carnoustie Ladies: Louise Graham

Downfield: Freida Souter

Edzell: Julie Taylor

Forfar: Jan Ord

Grange: Fiona Hay

Kirriemuir: Anne B Ramsay

Ladies Panmure Barry: Laura Rosbottom

Ladies Panmure Monifieth: Ann McMillan

Monifieth: Wendy Smith

Montrose Caledonia: Carol Littlewood

Royal Montrose: Doreen Leask

Fixture List for 2021

Jane advised it was complete and fixtures will be posted online. Jane to check Panmure Barry fixture does not clash with Ladies Open at Edzell.

A.O.C.B.

Jackie moved onto AOCB and asked any member to please contribute at any point

Office Bearers – I am still looking for a President and a Vice Captain – all nominations will be gratefully accepted if anyone wants to join our very small committee? Rather than go through each one. Everyone currently in position is willing to stand and if the membership are happy with that can I have a proposer and a seconder please?

Proposed by Jan Ord

Seconded by Edna Wallwork

Automatic Membership – following on from last year's AGM when the automatic enrolment of all lady members in Angus was agreed. The committee and I are going to finalise the detail around this. I have a couple of letters from other organisations that were in a similar situation and am now in receipt of how the gents manage this via a template for finance. I will update you on this in due course.

WHS Update – We will be utilising the Virtual Management System via an IPAD from Scottish Golf. More information will be available prior to the season beginning and instructions on how to join the competition will also be made available. Some of you will be used to joining your club comps via Howdido, if so, it will be very similar to this however on the SG App.

General talk was on its impact on the County and how it will work out, Jackie assured the members that all is being done to assist the County, Scottish Golf is helping with systems as is Fran who is doing a great job in the membership areas. A Guide will be issued on how members will join competitions

Updated Constitution – this was agreed at last year's AGM that we would review, and an updated version is posted on the website. This is on-going at present due to changes needed with virtual meetings.

Winter Coaching – I tried to get Dec-Feb Monifieth so potential team members could practise on the course, however Monifieth is not available as not allowing visitors during this period, therefore I will be trying to secure another course – possibly Forfar and information to those with a handicap/handicap index perhaps now is the correct terminology of 12 and under to attend. Fitness and golf.

Due to coronavirus and social distancing fitness and yoga prior to golf may not be possible.

Jamboree – just a reminder that the Jamboree for 2021 will be held at Monifieth from the 12-14 June 2021. Anyone wishing to put their name down to caddy/trolley push please let us know, if not, it would be great to see as many of you in your purple County tops cheering on the team as it makes such a difference to see local and friendly faces when you are playing on home turf.

Jackie asked the ladies if there was any other AOCB, Ann Ramsay brought up about automatic membership, Jackie explained that it will be the same for 2021 but the committee is working on this for 2022 where the County hopes each club will pay £3.00 instead of ladies paying £20.00 to join the county.

If there is no more AOCB, can I firstly thank my committee this year for all their hard work in ensuring everyone was kept as up to date as possible. Finally, may I wish you all a very merry xmas – I know this is early, however not so far away and enjoy golfing while we still can. Roll on Season and the year 2021! Thank you.

Meeting finished 7.35pm