

AGM November 2021



AGM - Wednesday 10th November 2021, 7.15pm, Monifieth Golf Club

Welcome

Captain, Jackie Brown thanked Monifieth Golf Club for hosting.

Jackie welcomed everyone and said it's nice to see everyone in person rather than through a computer, an I-pad, or via a phone. 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 us to pay our respects to a couple of ladies that are very sadly no longer with us, however have been instrumental in County activities and the promotion and support of ALCGA. They are Sheena Hay and more recently on Monday of this week, we lost Ann Gall, who was a G&B member, a County Rep and a very special lady, always full of fun and very positive on her outlook in life.

If we can just take a minute to pay our respects please.....

Thank you.

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.

Jane has collated the apologies and will take a minute of this evening's meeting.

Am proposing that we follow the Agenda, get all the business completed and the AOCB then deal with the most important part of the evening – the presentation of prizes which will be a little different this year as rather than me handing them to you, I ask that you collect your prize from the table to avoid too much contact.

If everyone is in agreement with tonight's agenda, we will continue

Attendees

Jackie Brown, Ann Ramsay, Jane Grubb, Claire Penman, Isobel Chapman, Freida Soutar, Lynn Gray, Mary Summers, Jen Petrie, Ashley Williams, Agnes Freeman, Margaret Chalmers, Fiona Hay, Laura Rosbottom, Thelma McInroy, Angela Campbell, Ann McMillan, Wendy Smith, Jan Ord, Carol Littlewood (Total of 20)

Apologies

Margaret Brown, Jacqueline Sneddon, Annie Hainey, Lis Husband, Anne Keddie, Lorraine McNicoll, Deborah Mitchell, Edna Wallwork, Doreen Leask, Claire Curnin, Margaret Thurston, Frances Millar, Ann MacKinnon, Alison Conway, Marilyn Laing, Sarah Chapman, Avril Neilson, Jody Taylor, Ann Ramsay, Ann Chree, Louise Graham (Total of 21)

Minutes of AGM 2020

Jackie Brown went through minutes asking for any comments, none were made from the floor

Proposed by Fiona Hay

Seconded by Wendy Smith

Matters Arising from Minutes 2020

No matters arising

Correspondence

No correspondence

Captain's Report, Jackie Brown

Well, for the first time in 2 seasons, we ran a full fixture list with some normality having returned for County golf, following the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.

Congratulations go to all our winners of all the lovely trophies that will be presented later on in the evening, with special mention to Claire Penman our County Champion for 2021 and the Handicap Champion Susan Sneddon, very well done to both.

Following the first couple of County events in April, May and early June, Monifieth Golf Links hosted the Northern Division Counties Jamboree. This was a great success, considering there were still some restrictions in place and caution from everyone involved, however both the Monifieth Golf Club and the Grange & Broughty provided catering to all 4 teams, which allowed us to host the event due to the capacity restrictions within clubhouses. My thanks go to MGL, both clubs and everyone else that volunteered in some way to cover admin, scores, and starting duties – all help was gratefully received. In relation to the overall outcome, P&K won the event and we ended up 3rd, however the margin of defeat was very small as these events always are, so we are a WIP at the moment.

The County fixtures continued every month and there were no major issues in relation to any COVID issues, which I was extremely pleased about.

The committee have had their work cut out for them this season due to the introduction of the Automatic Membership proposal which also allowed us to review our current Constitution.

Automatic membership information went out to the clubs in August and I am delighted to report that there has not been any major kickback from anyone or club, therefore as of Season 2022, all female ladies and juniors playing golf in Angus Clubs will automatically become a member of the county. I will

talk a little and explain this process under AOCB. In order for us to initiate this exercise, we had to review our Constitution as it was an accompanying document, which we did and there is an updated copy on the website. This has also been reviewed by the County reps (as this was an action from the AGM of 2 years ago when the membership gave approval for the committee to modernise and update the Constitution) therefore I can now confirm that this has been actioned and if no one has any issues with the updated version, that this is approved at tonight's meeting – on the Agenda later.

There are a few thank yous I would like to say – firstly my committee and the County Reps – they work tirelessly behind the scenes, throughout the season to ensure our fixtures are fulfilled as well and keep things ticking over, so thanks to Jane, Fran and Ann and the County Reps for keeping the membership updated within their clubs and assisting with any consultation and decision making that we require and of course running the county comps when they are at their clubs.

My final thank you is to Angela Campbell. Every year she reviews the financial activity, asks lots of questions (which thankfully I can answer, well most of them anyway) and produces our annual accounts. Thank you very much Angela for this, it is very much appreciated.

That's really all I want to cover in this year's report which will avoid repetition as we go through the Agenda.

Treasurer's Report, Ann B Ramsay

Jackie read the report, she advised that there is not a huge amount of financial activity within our annual accounts, however here are a few highlights of the accounts in front of you, to ease understanding of how things have been recorded -

- a) We have received a further £1500 from Scottish Golf. This grant is being utilised to pay for the Jamboree Costs including team uniform. The two Scottish Golf Grants of £1500 received in previous years are being utilised for training, including junior when the expenditure is incurred. This year £100 was training for the Jamboree and £120 junior coaching. The balance of £1963 remains in the Coaching Fund shown in reserves in the balance sheet. A point to note here is that if we did not receive this £1500 from SG, there would be a deficit of £500 from our bank account.
- b) Scottish Golf Grant received this year being utilised to pay for the Jamboree Costs including team uniform. The 2 Scottish Golf Grants of £1500 received in previous years are being utilised for training, including junior when the expenditure is incurred. This year £100 was training for the Jamboree and £120 junior coaching. The balance of £1963 remains in the Coaching Fund shown in reserves in the balance sheet.
- c) Subscriptions – due to COVID and some of our ladies paying in 2020 and some making very kind donations, I have shown just one figure under subscriptions rather than splitting it up into different categories, therefore the figure shown is actual subscriptions for this year.

Jackie Brown gave her thanks to Angela Campbell for her continued support with the County Accounts

Proposed by Jan Ord

Seconded by Mary Summers

Junior Report, Ashley Smith

There were several competitions held this year, the first was in Kirriemuir with 19 girls playing in total.

2 played 18 holes
9 played 9 holes
8 played 6 holes

Winner of 18 holes was Rebecca Evans
Winner of 9 was Lauren Evans
Winner of 6 holes was Natasha Franchi

Despite the pouring rain they all had fun.

Montrose September
6 played
18 hole winner Heather Strathdee
9 hole winner Freya Dolan

Ashludie October
6 players 2 played 18
18 hole winner and top qualifier Rebecca Evans gross 86
Runner up Holly Thomson
9 hole winner Natalie Shaw

At the Kingsbarns event Rebecca Evans and Sarah Tough played with professional Gabrielle McDonald and won. A fantastic day out was had by the girls and great representation for Angus County.

The junior final will be held this coming Sunday (14th November) at Arbroath 1:25pm. It would be great to see some ladies down to watch.

Fixture 2022
April 17th spring meeting tbc hopefully Monifieth
July 14th summer comp Arbroath
Sunday 25th September champ qual Kirriemuir
Saturday 1st October semi finals
Sunday 2nd October final

Coaching to continue next year as has happened this year, which has been well attended. We will continue to charge £2 per session and per event.

Jackie Brown thanked Ashley for the hard work she has put in through the season but did reiterate that it has been difficult so any help from members would be appreciated. Jane Grubb asked, if any members were to volunteer would they need any formal guidance / Training / PVG Scheme with regards to Child protection and Safe Guarding.

Claire Penman said she would send a template. Carol Littlewood talked about the PVG scheme in that it can now be completed online.

Lynn Gray said she had worked on this at her previous Club / County and would assist where needed.

Election of Office Bearers

Jackie Brown 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 no new nominations had been made. Jackie asked for any nominations from the floor, none were forthcoming.

President:

Captain: Jackie advised she was happy to stand for a further year due to Covid restrictions on golf. She did ask for nominations from the floor, none were forthcoming so Jackie was duly elected Captain for a further one year

Proposed by Jan Ord
Seconded by Claire Penman

Vice-Captain: No nominations from the floor for Vice Captain

Treasurer: Ann Ramsay duly elected for a further one year

Proposed by Jackie Brown
Seconded by Agnes Freeman

Secretary: Frances Millar and Jane Grubb to continue sharing this role and were both duly elected. Jane Grubb advised she will continue for a further one year only

Proposed by Ann Ramsay
Seconded by Julie Taylor

Match/Handicap Secretary: Frances Millar

Junior Secretary: Ashley Smith to stay on as Junior Secretary with additional help from County members

Proposed by Carol Littlewood
Seconded by Claire Penman

Agnes Freeman handed back the president's badge so Jackie has this along with the Captain and Vice Captain badges.

Club Reps for 2022

Jane Grubb ran through names and no changes made and no changes received prior to the AGM

Arbroath: Deirdre Moffat

Carnoustie: Debbie Mitchell

Carnoustie Caledonia: Frances Millar

Carnoustie Ladies: Louise Graham

Downfield: Freida Soutar

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 Mercantile: Edna Wallwork

Fixture List for 2022

Jane Grubb read out the fixtures for 2022 and reported that fixture list will be posted online

A.O.C.B.

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

Jackie started the AOCB by talking about Automatic Membership

Automatic Membership – Jackie stated, following on from last year's AGM when the automatic enrolment of all lady members in Angus was agreed. The paperwork was issued to all clubs in Angus that have lady members. The paperwork was a letter from myself, giving some background and context as to how and why, a copy of our Constitution, a copy of our fixture list and a copy of the invoicing template that is required to be completed. There was little to no kickback from any of the clubs – I received a couple of e-mails but nothing that I could not respond to and mainly clarification points. Therefore, next year as explained in the letter to clubs, they will receive an invoice template to be completed along with either a cheque or preferably bank transfer for all Home club only lady members that they have registered on their books from 01 April 2021-31 October 2021inc. So it will be a retrospective payment. Current fee is £3.00 per lady member, payable for home club members only.

Carol Littlewood asked if it would be sensible to use the same dates as Scottish Golf do which is member numbers up to 30th September, invoicing in January. Jackie advised she would have a think and chat to committee.

Jackie did advise that information would be given to all Reps to post in clubs advising of this new automatic membership along with updates posted on the County website.

It is hoped that by doing this it will increase member participation, take away elitist attitude, financially not a huge benefit but a benefit to have all lady members as County members.

Isobel Chapman asked about tee times for monthly meetings, if there is an increase in membership we may need additional times for County meetings.

Agnes Freeman asked about a ballot system

Jackie replied that this would be the last option available, she would rather go and ask each club for additional tee times to accommodate any increase as we don't want to restrict any ladies from playing.

Ashley Smith asked if Juniors should pay to play? Jackie advised they get free membership so a minimal fee of £2.00 should be charged for entry into a meeting.

Fiona Hay agreed with the minimal charge as did majority of ladies from the floor.

I am delighted that we have managed to get this through and keeping everything crossed that our fixture list participation will have increased numbers next season. I am sure all of our County Reps will update their ladies sections and keep reminding them that they can play in them all or even just one if they wanted to.

Updated Constitution – Jackie stated, as briefly mentioned in my report, this was agreed in principal at last year's AGM that we would review and an updated version and it is now on the website. Can I have a proposer and a seconder in order that we can adopt this as our current version please?

Approved by Mary Summers

Seconded by Jen Petrie

A copy will be posted to the website

Winter Coaching – I have had no luck trying to secure a venue for a monthly winter coaching get together possibly Forfar as not tried there yet. Information will be e-mailed out to those with a handicap index of 12 and under to attend. Depending on Sarah Chapman's availability and also if there is a venue, whether some light fitness and flexibility may be available as well as golf

She is in contact with Sarah Chapman regarding fitness sessions throughout the winter.

Jamboree – Jackie advised that this is taking place at Kings Course, Inverness June 2022 and that Jane has secured accommodation.

County Reps meeting – Jackie will be sending out dates for February and September 2022

Prize Money – Jackie would like to propose that the following winner categories should all be equal monetary values (County Championship – Bronze winner and runner up and Scratch winner and runner up) and to replace golf balls for Shepherds Quaich with vouchers. Ladies from the floor were in agreement.

Proposed by Jackie Brown

Seconded by Carol Littlewood

Jackie asked if there was any other business

Ashley asked about a County Fundraiser, Jackie said this would be discussed and something would be booked for 2022

Claire Penman asked about purchasing some of the County Uniform, Jackie has spoken to the company who supplies the uniform and would get pictures on the website for members to see and buy if they would like.

Jackie to action this

Fiona Hay said she thinks this would be good, especially when out in support of the County team

Meeting finished 8.30pm

Jen Petrie gave a vote of thanks

Presentation of prizes to take place.