# **COUNTY AGM DRAFT MINUTES**

## AGM on Wednesday 9th November 2022 Cheese & Wine @ 6.30pm followed by AGM starting 7.20pm

### <u>Welcome</u>

Jackie Welcomed everyone to Monifieth Golf Club. It's nice to see so many of you joining us for some complimentary cheese and wine as a thank you and a goodbye to our friend COVID! 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 lady that is very sadly no longer with us. Hilary Wallace passed away in October of this year. Hilary was 61 years old and had been a member of Panmure Barry golf club where she played golf as well as turning her hand to golf administration. Originally from Lancashire, moved to Bridlington, Yorkshire at a very early age. Hilary met Jim her husband in Yorkshire at a function. After a year's marriage they then moved up to Scotland and joined the ladies' section at Panmure Barry in 1998. I believe she had a purple patch and several wins in 2017. I have personally known Hilary for many years as she played hockey for Dundee High School FP where we locked horns on several occasions. Hilary was always a lively character, full of fun and laughed a lot and she will be very sadly missed. If we can just take a minute to pay our respects please, 2 minutes of silence followed. Thank you.

You will 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.

I 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.

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

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### **Apologies**

Lorraine McNicoll, Alice Leiper, Fiona Fielder, Debbie Mitchell, Sarah Chapman, Fran Millar, Ann Ramsay, Freida Soutar, Claire Curnin, Wilma McGregor, Christine Orr, Jan Petrie, Marilyn Laing, Alison Cowan, Pat Campbell, Catriona Blake, Jane Tough, Sarah Tough, Heather Jolly, Helen Brownhill, Sakuna Ramsay, Mary Summers, Lis Husband, Wendy Smith, Ashley Smith, Claire Anderson, Ann Chree, Ann McMillan.

### Attendees of AGM 2022

Rona A Stewart (Royal Montrose Mercantile) Virginia Jamieson (Royal Montrose Mercantile) Edna J Wallwork (Royal Montrose Mercantile) Angela Evans (Downfield) Lauren Evans (Downfield) Margaret Chalmers (Downfield) Lynn Gray (Downfield) Fiona Hay (Grange & Broughty) Ann MacKinnon (Grange & Broughty) Dawn Darling (Kirriemuir) Julie Taylor (Edzell) Frances Martin (Kirriemuir) Vicky Peterkin (Kirriemuir) Jan Ritchie (Arbroath) Anne Caird (Arbroath) Deirdre Moffat (Arbroath) Carol Littlewood (Montrose Caledonia) Eileen Fullarton (Montrose Caledonia) Doreen Leask (Royal Montrose Mercantile) Anne Keddie (Panmure Barry) Laura Rosbottom (Panmure Barry) Agnes Freeman (Panmure Barry) Isobel Chapman (Forfar) Angela Campbell (Panmure Barry) Jan Ord (Forfar) Sheila Bradley (Kirriemuir) Jackie Brown (Monifieth) Ann B Ramsay (Kirriemuir) Jane Grubb (Edzell) Angela Scott (Caledonia Carnoustie) Anne Hainey (Carnoustie) Pauline Stewart (Carnoustie) Claire Penman (Carnoustie Caledonia) Susan Sneddon (Forfar) Total 34

### Minutes of AGM 2021

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

Proposed by Angela Campbell Seconded by Agnes Freeman

### Matters Arising from 2021 Minute

No matters arising

### Captains Report, Jackie Brown

This year's fixture list ran fairly smoothly apart from those playing in the evening of the Carnoustie meeting in June who let's just say got rather wet and perhaps completed 1 hole if that and also the Brechin meeting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather but at least we were able to cancel before anyone hit a ball.

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 2022 and the Handicap Champion Doreen Leask, very well done to both.

Following the first few County events in April, May and early June, Inverness GC hosted the Northern Division Counties Jamboree. This jamboree had very different playing conditions as the greens were all diseased, so it was like putting on rolled mud with tufts of grass all over the greens – both frustrating and highly amusing at times as if you hit the wrong tuft your ball immediately went offline and in Angus's case never in the hole! Aberdeenshire won the event and we ended up 4th however the margin of defeat was very small as these events always are, so again, we are definitely a WIP at the moment in relation to competing to win.

It was very pleasing that we had some new members join us at most of our fixtures this season, hopefully now that the automatic membership is now embedded, the Reps can give their ladies a nudge in the right direction to increase participation for next season.

There are a few thank you's, 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 as keeping things ticking over, so thanks to Jane, Fran, Ann, Ashley 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 the meetings are held 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 didn't have to answer this year, but clearly Ann Ramsay

did) 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. Thank you.

### Treasurers Report, Mrs Ann B Ramsay

This year again we received a grant of £1.500 from Scottish Golf. This amount being used to pay for the Jamboree costs, accommodation, meals and uniforms where needed. As shown in the accounts the costs of playing away at Inverness incurs greater costs than the previous year when we played at home in Monifieth.

Our committee worked over many months to finalise the affiliation of every lady in the county becoming members of the Angus Ladies Golfing Association. The clubs in general were very happy to accommodate this process, unfortunately not all the club returned their forms, so we do not know exactly how many ladies and juniors there are playing in the County Clubs. This information is vital if the County is to move forward and grow.

We need to encourage as many ladies as possible to join us in the monthly meetings as the numbers are going down. Here is a breakdown of numbers for this year.

April – Commonwealth Spoons	26 pairs
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May – Montrose (Championship) 39

June – Buddon, Carnoustie 22

July – Kirriemuir 30

August – Brechin 20 Game not played this year due to bad weather

September – Piperdam, Greensomes – 11 pairs

Fundraiser cancelled due to lack of support.

Income from Monthly Meetings in 2022 £1,010 - in 2021 £1,124

Thank you to the ladies who donated their entry money for games cancelled.

Subscriptions (Affiliation Fees) 2022 £2,240 as opposed to Subscriptions in 2021 £920 This year Ladies Tops were purchased by members at a cost of £30 each, 24 were bought by lady members.

Thank you to Angela Campbell for her support in finalising the accounts for 2022.

Proposed by Sheila Bradley Seconded by Fiona Hay

### Junior Report, Ashley Smith

Ashley was unavailable to attend so Jackie read out the report.

Good evening everyone and apologies for my absence tonight. The junior calendar this year has had 2 junior competitions with a Spring Meeting and an Autumn meeting. The winner of the Spring meeting over the Ashludie was Rebecca Evans with 44 stableford points. Lauren Evans was second with 42 points and Heather Strathdee was third with 39.

Our Autumn meeting and junior championship was held at Kirriemuir where Lauren Evans won the junior championship this year with a net 76. A very respectable score over a tough course. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances I won't be able to continue in the role of Junior Secretary next year, however I will be able to support anyone who wishes to take it on.

### Club Reps 2023

Jane Grubb ran through names, changes to a few clubs as below.

Ballumbie: Susan May

Carnoustie: Debbie Mitchell

Carnoustie Caledonia: Claire Anderson Carnoustie Ladies: Louise Graham Downfield: Lynn Gray Edzell: Julie Taylor Forfar: Jan Ord Grange & Broughty: Fiona Hay Kirriemuir: Anne B Ramsay Ladies Panmure Barry: Laura Rosbottom Ladies Panmure Monifieth: Ann McMillan Monifieth: Lorraine McNicoll Montrose Caledonia: Carol Littlewood Royal Montrose Mercantile: Edna J Wallwork

### Fixture List for 2023

Jane Grubb read out the fixtures for 2023 and reported that fixture list will be posted online once complete.

### <u>A.O.C.B.</u>

### **Office Bearers**

Jackie stated she would like to step down as she had done 3 years, 1 extra year due to COVID. After some discussion there was names put forward for various positions and positions filled as follows.

Election of office bearers.

Claire Penman proposed Isobel Chapman as President, Susan Sneddon was a seconder to this, Isobel was duly elected as President.

Frances Millar proposed as Captain by Jackie Brown and seconded by Ann Ramsay, Frances was duly elected as Captain

Sheila Bradley offered to take over as Treasurer, this was proposed by Ann Ramsay and seconded by Frances Martin, Sheila was duly elected Treasurer

Ann Ramsay agreed to go on as Vice-Captain but made it clear she would not stand as Captain when the time came. Ann was proposed by Jackie Brown and seconded by Jane Grubb, Ann was duly elected as Vice-Captain

Match, Handicap and Secretary role has been a dual role between Jane Grubb and Frances Millar, Jane Grubb stepped down after 12 years, Anne Hainey agreed to take over as Secretary, proposed by Angela Scott and seconded by Jan Ord, Ann was duly elected Secretary

Ashley Smith is stepping down as Junior Secretary, Angela Evans agreed to take over and was proposed by Margaret Chalmers and seconded by Claire Penman, Angela was duly elected as Junior Secretary, Lynn Gray to assist

President: Isabol Chapman

Captain: Frances Millar

Vice-Captain: Ann B Ramsay

Secretary: Ann Hainey

Junior Secretary: Angela Evans

Claire Penman agreed to assist with website and social media posts.

### Scottish AGM

Jackie advised that it is still to be confirmed as 6 March 2023, Edinburgh. More information will come out from SG

### **Competition Fees for 2023**

Jackie informed everyone that at the last Reps' meeting it had been discussed to increase competition fees for 2023 from £5.00 to £10 and for a 2 ball £10.00 each for Commonwealth Spoons and Greensomes. Jackie duly proposed this but also asked for any counter proposals.

There was a discussion among the ladies about the increase in costs, Frances Martin saying she felt it was still good value for money.

Some ladies thought it too much of a jump at once.

Angela asking where the increase funds were going? Many clubs are now asking for more money at the meetings so more money possibly needed for clubs in the near future.

Fiona Hay said as paying no subs the increase was fine.

It was suggested ladies may struggle with the increase and with the difficulty in getting ladies to play in the County the increase may not help.

Jackie also stated more money will be given in prizes.

Susan Sneddon was talking a percentage going to clubs as was Agnes Freeman.,

After much discussion the proposal was put by Jackie to increase the costs, Ann Ramsay seconded it and a vote was put to the floor, the majority voted in favour so costs increasing next year in 2023.

### **Champion of Champions date**

Jackie advised that the County had had correspondence from a club regarding the date of our Champion of Champions as it clashes with club final days. There was some discussion with the ladies whether to keep September or move to May. It was decided to keep September and Jackie had been in contact with three clubs, Ballumbie, Monifieth and Montrose Caledonia to advise that the County are moving the date to the last Sunday in September from now on to assist these clubs and would they please in future have finals days away from this date, Jackie had heard from Ballumbie and Montrose Caledonia who are moving their finals days.

### Order of Merit (OOM)

Jackie asked the ladies if they had any thoughts around adding any Competition as the Munross and Mackie Bowl are no longer played. No thoughts forthcoming so the OOM will stay as is with 6 events. The Information on the County website needs updating.

Any changes such as the Munross returning would be included in the OOM

### Winter Coaching

Jackie has secured dates at Monifieth on the medal – 4 times booked from 12.06pm – dates as follows

Sunday 27 November 2022 – 12.06pm Sunday 29 January 2023 – 12.06pm

### Sunday 26 February 2023 – 12.06pm

Jackie issuing email to Reps to advise of the U12 handicaps within their club – names/email addresses.

### Jamboree (Muckhart GC, Perthshire 2023)10-12 June 2023

Jackie advised the dates for the Jamboree, would welcome any spectators or caddies and would be nice to see some Angus ladies supporting.

Ann advised that accommodation has been booked and suggested we may look to carry out a fund raiser next year as this year's one had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries.

If there is no more AOCB, may I suggest a quick comfort break and then we will finish with the presentation of prizes and some pictures. Meeting closed at 20.32

Thanks,

Jackie Brown

Presentation of prizes took place and finished at 20.58