



FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE GOLF CLUB



VOLUNTEERS MEETING ON MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 4.30PM

Attending:	C Skelton (Captain), R Carey (Vice-Captain), Mike MacDonald (Club Secretary), John Donaldson (Greens Convener), Alistair Tait, David Kelman, Ian Belford, Jim Marshall, Mrs Meryl Marshall, Bruce Armour and Steve Ryder.
Apologies:	Douglas Simpson, Jimmy Smith & Mike Morrison
Introduction	<p>R Carey opened the meeting by referring to last Autumn's consultation exercise which had highlighted (amongst other things) an appetite on the part of members to offer their services to the Club on a voluntary basis. The meeting was being held to discuss the kinds of voluntary activity that might be undertaken and to produce a programme of work for the new season. R Carey emphasised that it was not the intention to ask volunteers to do work which was routine or clearly the remit of the greens staff but to provide ad hoc help to improve the course and its environs.</p> <p>The Club Council have already received a submission and presentation from A Tait and he was invited to summarise this for the benefit of those present.</p>
Presentation by Alistair Tait	<p>A Tait highlighted various jobs that needed done to improve the course and its environs, and these are listed as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SIGNAGE</u> – A Tait had already provided new directional signs on the course which were much appreciated. Additional work in this area would be undertaken by A Tait himself. • <u>POTHOLE REPAIRS (CAR PARK)</u> – A Tait had already actioned minor repairs in the car park with Jimmy Smith this morning and this would be monitored (action AT and JS). • <u>MARKER POSTS</u> (Black & White Stakes) – These need to be re-painted and fixed straight into the ground (action by Volunteers). • <u>FENCING</u> – A fencing contractor has been engaged to review and repair the fencing around the 5th green area, 9th hole and practice area (action by JD). • <u>TEE DISTANCE MARKERS</u> – After discussions it was agreed that these need to be replaced. M MacDonald would liaise with the Head Greenkeeper to put a plan of action into place. • <u>SEATING ON THE COURSE</u> – A Tait pointed out that seating was being damaged by strimming and that concrete bases and protective covers were required to improve their solidity and for general tidiness. John Jack (builder) has agreed to carry out the necessary work on six seats which have been prioritised (action by AT and JJ). • <u>BINS</u> – A replacement of all on-course bins is in hand. The suggestion was made to attach bins to new posts beside the tee. J Donaldson advised those present that this was in hand (action JD). • <u>WOODEN FENCE BESIDE THE PUTTING GREEN</u> – A Tait advised those present that needs to be cleaned first of all and then wood preservative would need to be applied. This is potentially a job for the volunteers (action RC). • <u>RED HAZARD POSTS</u> – Most, if not all the posts need to be cleaned, painted or replaced to bring them up to the standards we would expect. J Donaldson to speak to the Head Greenkeeper although it was suggested that this work could take place simultaneously with the contractor putting in the new fencing (action JD).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>17TH GREEN MARKER POLE (BACK OF GREEN)</u> – A Tait advised those present that the post needs to be replaced or fixed and then re-painted. J Donaldson agreed to pursue this with a local blacksmith (action JD). • <u>GENERAL TIDINESS AROUND CLUBHOUSE</u> – It was agreed that this was a routine matter for the greens staff. J Donaldson to re-inforce as necessary (action JD). • <u>TEE ADVERTISING/SPONSOR SIGNS</u> – These signs need to be cleaned up with wood preservative also needing to be applied. This could be a job for the volunteers (action RC). • <u>SHED BEHIND THE 13TH GREEN</u> – This needs to be cleared out with a skip being hired where possible for scrap. It was also noted that we would need a large tractor for pulling out old dated heavy equipment which is currently in storage in this shed (action JD). • <u>WHITE STONES ALONG THE 4TH FAIRWAY</u> – It was agreed that these need cleaned and re-painted. This could also be a potential job for our volunteers (action RC).
Volunteer Activities	After discussion, it was agreed that the main volunteer activities required before the start of the new season were a divot replacement exercise and a litter collection throughout the course. R Carey agreed to act as the ‘Volunteers Co-Ordinator’ (with assistance from M MacDonald) and draw up a programme of activities for the coming weeks.
Meeting Closure	The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to A Tait on behalf of Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club for his sterling work so far in improving aspects of the golf course and for highlighting where further action was required.