## ALNMOUTH VILLAGE GOLF CLUB

***MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING***

***HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2023***

***Present:*** Ian Simpson, John Graham, Chris Payne, Eleanor Morgan, Colin Reid, Derrick Longhawn, Adam Scott, Jamie Jobson, Steve Yeadon, Clive Wilson

**Apologies:** Allan Wall, Vivian Gough, MJ Campbell:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 18.30.

The Chairman ran through the minutes of the June committee meeting:

**Matters arising**:

1. Ian Simpson informed the committee that Seve Lockley had agreed to join the committee as our IT representative. This would initially be in a non-voting capacity. Hopefully joining us at the October meeting.
2. **Finance:**
3. John Graham gave an overview of the accounts for July 2023. Balance on 31st August 2023 £128.954.53 The buggy shed was yet to be paid for.
4. John Graham proposed a 10p increase on all spirits and wines to maintain our margins. The Committee agreed to this.

**House:**

1. Derrick Longhawn proposed the club hold a wine tasting night for members, with a view to changing the house wines. The committee agreed this would be a good idea. Adam Scott agreed to contact Lance Struther and try and organise this.
2. Ian Simpson informed the committee that Liam (new bar staff) had indicated that he would like to organize a pub quiz night, perhaps once a month through the winter. The committee thought this was a good idea, but to check first what night of the month the Hindmarsh Hall held there’s and avoid this date.
3. Eleanor Morgan brought to the attention of the committee that our PAT testing of electrical appliances was out of date. John Grham agreed to organise new PAT testing of all appliances.
4. Derrick Longhawn told the committee that he thought that there was little if any continuity in the way the bar staff worked. The buggy shed is often being left unlocked overnight and the out-side tables often left with empty glasses on. He also suggested the bar staff, if not busy inside, should actively work the outside tables, taking orders. Ian Simpson agreed to hold a Staff meeting as soon as possible and address all the issues.
5. The bar opening hours we discussed. John Graham informed the committee that we were taking very little if any money between 6pm – 7pm. It was agreed to close the bar at 6pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Sweep nights Monday & Friday would remain at 9pm closing. This change would take place from Sunday 1st October. The next change would be when the clocks change on Sunday 29th October when we would revert to winter opening times, closing the bar at 4pm

**Greens**

1. John Scurfiled (head greenkeeper) asked that the committee be made aware of his current health and safety concerns when cutting the sides of the 6th green and the hill up to the 6th fairway. The current use of the tractor, he feels, has a high probability of tipping with a possible risk to life. The option available would be to buy a rough cutter which has a much lower center of gravity. The estimated cost of a good second-hand rough cutter would be circa £6000. The committee accepted this was an unacceptable risk and asked if john could organise for a rep to call out and advise. Ian Simpson to organise.
2. John Scurfiled requested we have a course appraisal in October. This would consist of a maximum of 10 members from various sections of the club (Men’s, Ladies and Seniors, with various handicaps) walking the course with him and discussing what the members felt they wanted. Ian Simpson to arrange a date and organise.

**Any other business:**

1. Ian Simpson proposed that all paid staff of AVGC be given free playing membership from 2024 as a gesture of goodwill and thanks for all their hard work. This would also align the club with all other clubs in the area. The committee agreed unanimously to this proposal.
2. Ian Simpson had a request from RAF Boulmer for a corporate membership at AVGC for about 40 golfers, from 24th April for 12 months. This was discussed by the committee, and it was thought more information was needed and a meeting might be a good idea. Ian Simpon agreed to try and organize the meeting and report back at the next meeting.
3. Ian Simpson asked the committee if they were sure they were all happy for the club to switch from collecting membership by Standing Order to using a company (Club Wise) to collect on our behalf by Direct Debit. The committee agreed for Ian to proceed with this change. They asked all members to be informed, by email, that this would be happening for the 2024 renewals.
4. Ian Simpson informed the committee that all the staff contracts of employment had now been completed and he would get them to all staff ASAP for signature, then put them on file.
5. Clive Wilson informed the committee that the guttering to the rear of the new buggy shed had not been finished and that the buggy shed was being left open with buggies not on charge, on many occasions. Chris Payne agreed to speak to Jamie Saunders about finishing the guttering off and Ian Simpson agreed to speak to the staff about including the buggy shed in their locking up and ask Ryan frost to install some PIR lighting so the area would be lit, as staff walked round on the dark nights.
6. Colin Reid brought to the attention of the committee that, despite being told, Members guests were still playing without the member in their group. Ian Simpson agreed to send out a reminder email to all members explaining that a member must play with their guests If the guests are to receive the members guest rate.
7. Steve Yeadon informed the committee that Alnwick GC had changed their NNL home fixture date at very short notice, this prevented AVGC being able to field a full team and perhaps winning the league. Steve agreed to bring this up at the next NNL meeting.
8. Steve Yeadon proposed a new 5th tee be built at the back of 6th fairway, for those who find it hard to clear the hill with their tee shots and remove one of the 5th tees from the bottom of the hill. The committee unanimously rejected this proposal.
9. The whole committee offered their congratulations to the Ladies section for their recent Win in the 2023 NNL league.

The meeting was closed at 19.35 *Date and Time of Next Meeting: 6.30PM Tuesday 31st October 2023*

*CHAIR.........*............................................................ DATE...................................