



PEEBLES GOLF CLUB LTD

AGM 2022

Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2022.

PRESENT 25 Members of the Club.

CHAIRMAN Mr Gavin Carruthers (Captain)

SECRETARY Mr Alan Frain

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:32 pm and thanked the members present for their attendance.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from 12 Members of the Club.

2. Minute of the 2021 AGM

The minute was adopted on the proposal of Mr E Mapp and seconded by Mrs M Waddell.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Annual Report & Accounts

4a. Captains report.

A video of the club's highlights in 2021 was shared with the membership. The Captain then provided the members with a summary of his reflections on the performance of the club in 2021, strategic goals for the future and the members' support needed this year. There were no questions.

4b. Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2021.

The Secretary provided a summary of the finance report and accounts for 2021. There were no questions.

5. Budget and Proposed Subscription Charges - Season 2022/23

The Secretary provided a summary of the budget and proposed subscription charges for 2022/23.

An update was requested on the status and success of the Flexible Membership category. Mr

A Frain advised that this category had been launched with the specific aim of attracting new members to the club that were unable to justify the cost of a traditional membership. The product was aimed at “dormant” golfers, who might wish to play 8 to 10 times a year. It had attracted around 30 people initially (mostly new members), but the number had since reduced to 23. We do not make much money from the product (c.£4,000 net) but it has served as a valuable source of new traditional members, who have since upgraded their membership category. We were not actively promoting the product but would retain it meantime as a fallback category to recruit or retain members that would otherwise not join the club.

The accounts were then approved on the proposal of Mr J Dixon and seconded by Mr C Wood.

The budget and subscription charges were then ratified on the proposal of Mrs M MacIntyre and seconded by Mr M Wilson.

6. Election of Committee Members

The Chairman advised that the Committee had recommended the following appointments: -

Captain	Chris Patterson
Vice-Captain	Andy Pretswell
General Committee	Gavin Carruthers
	Marny Waddell
	Craig MacDonald

No other nominations had been received and the candidates were elected.

- Mr G Carruthers passed over the Captain’s role to Mr C Patterson who then made an introductory speech to the members as the Captain for 2022/23. Mr C Patterson congratulated Mr G Carruthers for his excellent captaincy over a challenging two years and welcomed Mr A Pretswell into the role of Vice-Captain for 2022/23.

7. Any Other Competent Business

C Patterson advised that the committee was giving consideration to the introduction of a dog policy in the clubhouse. Dog ownership had been on the rise in recent years and the hospitality sector had responded positively to this trend by increasing accessibility. It was only right that the committee looked at this issue against the context of our strategic aim to increase clubhouse usage across the local community. The committee was aware that not all members were comfortable around dogs and therefore, as a compromise, it was minded to allow dogs in the lounge but not in the restaurant area or the Members’ Bar.

C Patterson was keen to gauge the general feeling of the membership before finalising the policy. Some concerns were expressed from the floor around dogs being wet/muddy and allowed to roam in the lounge. C Patterson assured the membership that the owners would be responsible for their dog(s) and that all dogs would be required to be well behaved and kept on a lead whilst in the Clubhouse. Ultimately, the bar staff would be responsible for maintaining a controlled environment and would have the authority to ask dog owners to leave the premises. A show of hands for and against was requested and the response was an even 50/50 split. Mr G Foster suggested trialling dogs in the Clubhouse for a period to understand the impact, if any, on the Club.

C Patterson thanked the members for their input, which would help in the committee's deliberations.

M Anderson referred to the Eugene Turnbull plaque on the 16th bridge which has been missing for some time now. Mr C Patterson advised that the plaque would be replaced, and Mr R Duncan advised there was a photo of the plaque to replicate it.

A Turnbull raised the question of a two tee start to enable players to play off the back 9, allowing more members to go out in the morning. Mr A Frain confirmed BRS did not easily allow a booking system for this, and a more practical solution would be to allow golfers to tee off the 10th if there was sufficient scope to do so. Mr C Patterson noted that there used to be a sign on the 10th advising if the 9th fairway was clear then members could play off the back 9. Mr C Patterson advised we would look into getting this sign replaced.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.