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# Minutes of AGM

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 11:00  
In the Inveraray Inn - Inveraray

The meeting convened at 11:00 at the Inveraray Inn, Inveraray, with President Terry Mundie in the chair.

**Present:-** T. Mundie, G. Morrison, M. Sim, S Ellis, G. Bolton, C. McKirdy, W.McAdam & I Ferguson

**Apologies: -** President I. Shaw, G. Chalmers ,J MacMillan, Billy McKay & Tony Graham

**Minutes:-** The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved:  
Proposed by C. McKirdy, and Seconded by G. Morrison I

**Matters arising:-** None.

**President's report:-**



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Presidents report:

Good Morning Gentlemen

I cannot believe it has been a year since Ian sat here and passed the position onto myself. I sat in here being fairly nervous to my duties for the coming season, now that my year is over I sit here quiet and embarrassed as to my contribution to the Golf Union.

In fact the only event that I attended was the first competition of the year the Spring meeting which took place on the 5th of May at Dunaverty in Southend. Thankfully Graham was there to keep me right and do most of the work. It was not a nice day with thick fog and very cold but as usual some good golf was played and everyone seemed to enjoy their day.

I will not go into any details as I am sure Graham will cover this as he attends nearly every event and will hopefully give us a run down of the scores and winners. We did have a fairly good season weather wise especially in June/July.

I would like to touch on the amazing season that the young Oban golfer Robert McIntyre has had, looking very much like the real deal he has been automatically promoted to the Euro tour as he finished in the top 15 as did 3 other Scottish golfers, I look forward to watching the tour next year and wish him every success.

There were some changes in regards to Scottish Golf with the fees being increased, this was of course voted down at their AGM back in March but an EGM was called in October where this was carried and the fees were increased to £14.50. There are also changes coming in 2019 to the rules, which will probably affect me more than most here, less time to hit my ball, less time to look for it but at least my handicap will be able to go up to 54, seriously I think I will give up if I go above 52.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone on the committee for all their work and help as these events would never take place without people like yourselves willing to give up their time to organise and run them. Special thanks go to Graham who seems to make all the organisation appear easy, I am not sure where we would be without him.

Thanks again for allowing me to hold this position and all the very best to Stephen for the coming year, at least you do not have much to follow.

## Secretary's Report:-



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Gentlemen

The playing season this year from an Area perspective did not begin until May. The new date for the matchplay and the scrapping of the Champion of Champions meant that the first Area action was on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May with a welcome return to Dunaverty GC for the Spring Meeting.

A large field of 76 gathered to play through the drizzle and haar on a cold Saturday morning. Local players dominated proceeding with young Fraser MacBrayne winning with a net 58. The scratch prize was won by Rothesay's George Reynolds.

### Argyll & Bute Spring Meeting 2018

Competition played on 5 May 2018 at Dunaverty.

See also: [All available Reports](#)

Full Nett Result

Overall Position	Player	Score	Placing	Countback				Revised Handicap
1	<b>Macbrayne, Fraser</b> <i>Dunaverty</i>	<b>76 - 18 = 58</b>	Overall Winner	30	20	8	2	Away
2	<b>Watson III, Duncan</b> <i>Dunaverty</i>	<b>68 - 05 = 63</b>	Overall Runner-Up	32.5	22.33	10.17	3.72	Visitor
3	<b>Gilchrist, Graham</b> <i>Machrihanish</i>	<b>74 - 11 = 63</b>	Overall 3rd	33.5	21.33	10.17	3.39	Visitor
4	<b>MacBrayne, David</b> <i>Dunaverty</i>	<b>76 - 12 = 64</b>	Overall 4th	30	22	10	3.33	Visitor
5	<b>Armour, J W</b> <i>Machrihanish</i>	<b>72 - 08 = 64</b>	Overall 5th	31	21.33	9.67	3.56	Visitor
6	<b>MacBrayne, Campbell</b> <i>Dunaverty</i>	<b>72 - 08 = 64</b>	Overall 6th	34	23.33	10.67	3.56	Visitor
7	<b>MacMillan, Ken</b> <i>Dunaverty</i>	<b>80 - 16 = 64</b>	Overall 7th	35	24.67	11.33	4.11	Visitor
8	<b>Robertson, R</b> <i>Machrihanish</i>	<b>69 - 04 = 65</b>	Overall 8th	31	20.67	10.33	3.78	Visitor



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### Gross Result

Overall Position	Player	Score	Placing	Countback				Revised Handicap
1	<b>Reynolds, George</b> <i>Rothesay</i>	<b>68</b>		34	23	11	4	Visitor
2	<b>Watson III, Duncan</b> <i>Dunaverty</i>	<b>68</b>		35	24	11	4	Visitor
3	<b>Robertson, R</b> <i>Machrihanish</i>	<b>69</b>		33	22	11	4	Visitor
4	<b>O'Neill, Alan G</b> <i>West Lothian</i>	<b>71</b>		33	21	10	3	Visitor

A fortnight later the next event was held at Millport . This was the first time the matchplay championship had been held at a different venue other than Machrihanish since 2001.

Breezy & wet conditions greeted the players with the four semi finalists being Craig Pirie, Graham Bolton, Calum Mckirdy & John Jack.

Graham & Calum emerged with narrow victories and the scene was set for the final between two executive members. A tight game ensued with Graham narrowly securing victory by a 2& 1 margin for his 8<sup>th</sup> matchplay title. Next year's matchplay will take place at Machrihanish Dunes on the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Bute Golf Club was due to host the Boys Championship in June. However a dearth of entries resulted in it being postponed and rescheduled to be played in August alongside the Area Strokeplay Championship.

Early June saw Eastwood GC the venue for the Boys' Area Team Championship. The Argyll and Bute team of Mark Donaldson , Josh Cowan , John Jack & Jack Reynolds emulated last year's 13<sup>th</sup> place. Many thanks to George Reynolds and John Jack for accompanying them.



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Pos	Name	ROUNDS		Total
		1	2	
★ 1	Perth & Kinross	142	216	358
★ T2	South	148	214	362
★ T2	Renfrewshire	149	213	362
★ 4	North East	144	220	364
★ 5	Ayrshire	148	217	365
★ 6	Fife	152	215	367
★ 7	Lothians	148	220	368
★ 8	Dumbartonshire	156	216	372
★ 9	Stirlingshire	152	222	374
★ T10	Borders	159	225	384
★ T10	Angus	162	222	384
★ 12	Lanarkshire	157	230	387
★ T13	North	162	230	392
★ T13	Argyll & Bute	155	237	392

Day	Round	Players	Score	Round Score	Day Score	Total Score
		John Jack/Mark Donaldson	80			
	R2	Jack Reynolds	81	237	392	392
		Josh Cowan	87			
		John Jack	79			
		Mark Donaldson	77			

COMPLETE SCORECARD [Share scorecard](#)

★ 15	Clackmannanshire	164	229	393
★ 16	Glasgow	177	218	395

June 23rd saw the Handicap Championship taking place at Glencruitten. 46 players competed in decent weather conditions. Local players dominated the prize winners with Ian Cameron winning with a net 56.



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### Argyll & Bute Handicap Championship

Competition played on 23 June 2018 at Glencruitten.

See also: **All available Reports**

Full Nett Result

Overall Position	Player	Score	Placing	Countback			
1	<b>Cameron, I</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>74 - 18 = 56</b>	Overall Winner	29	18	9	3
2	<b>MacDougall, Peter</b> <i>Isle of Seil</i>	<b>85 - 27 = 58</b>	Overall Runner-Up	30.5	19	8.5	2.5
3	<b>Darling, Graeme</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>76 - 16 = 60</b>	Overall 3rd	27	16.67	8.33	3.11
4	<b>Jamieson, Alan</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>71 - 10 = 61</b>	Overall 4th	30	20.67	11.33	4.44
5	<b>MacVicar, Donald</b> <i>Taynuilt</i>	<b>68 - 07 = 61</b>	Overall 5th	30.5	21.67	13.83	5.61
6	<b>Askew, Lee</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>69 - 07 = 62</b>	Overall 6th	31.5	20.67	9.83	3.61
7	<b>MacColl, Graham</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>66 - 04 = 62</b>	Overall 7th	33	21.67	11.33	3.78
8	<b>Campbell, Colin</b> <i>Cowal</i>	<b>74 - 11 = 63</b>	Overall 8th	29.5	19.33	10.17	3.39
9	<b>McCuish, Steven</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>71 - 08 = 63</b>	Overall 9th	32	21.33	12.67	4.56

The scratch was won by Philip Murphy with a gross 64.



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See also: [All available Reports](#)

#### Gross Result

Overall Position	Player	Score	Placing	Countback				Revised Handicap
1	<b>Murphy, Philip</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>64</b>		34	22	10	4	Visitor
2	<b>MacColl, Graham</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>66</b>		35	23	12	4	Visitor
3	<b>MacVicar, Donald</b> <i>Taynuilt</i>	<b>68</b>		34	24	15	6	Visitor
4	<b>Askew, Lee</b> <i>Glencruitten</i>	<b>69</b>		35	23	11	4	Visitor

August saw a return to Rothesay after a ten year hiatus for the Area Strokeplay Championship. A field of 34 had assembled after some last minute call offs Scoring was mixed with winds gusting to 20mph accompanied by some intermittent drizzle

Despite the weather it was 16 year old Lachlan Reynolds who was last man standing as he won a remarkable four Area titles by virtue of his four hole play off victory over Graham Bolton. In addition to the Area Champion title he secured additional victories by winning the Youths, Boys and Under 16s crowns as well . His total of 139 ( 72 & 67), one over par separated him and Graham by two shots from the rest of the field. In third place was ex – champion Craig Pirie with Donald Standaloft one shot further back.

In the team trophy Rothesay secured victory by pipping holders Millport and represented Argyll & Bute in the last ever Scottish Club Championship at Kinross in September.

The 2019 championship will be held at Machrihanish Golf Club on the 6th July .

## Results



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### Argyll & Bute Area Strokeplay Championship Overall 2018

Aggregate result of the Competition played on 18 August 2018 at Rothesay.

See also: [All available Reports](#)

#### Aggregated Gross Result

Overall Position	Player	Score	Total	Placing
1	<b>Reynolds, Lachlan</b> <i>Hilton Park</i>	72 67	139	
2	<b>Bolton, Graham H</b> <i>Bute</i>	71 68	139	
3	<b>Pirie, Craig</b> <i>Millport</i>	67 74	141	
4	<b>Standaloft, Donald</b> <i>Port Bannatyne</i>	72 70	142	
5	<b>White, Iain</b> <i>Elderslie</i>	73 70	143	
6	<b>McKirdy, Callum</b> <i>Rothesay</i>	72 72	144	
7	<b>Reynolds, George</b> <i>Rothesay</i>	71 73	144	
8	<b>McKirdy, Ryan</b> <i>Rothesay</i>	74 72	146	
9	<b>Pirie, Les</b> <i>Millport</i>	72 74	146	
10	<b>Turnbull, Scott</b> <i>Millport</i>	71 75	146	

September saw Cawder host the Scottish Area Team Championships over the Cawder and Keir courses on the outskirts of Glasgow.

The Argyll & Bute team which consisted of Graham Bolton, Chris Carson, Craig Pirie, Donald Standaloft, Calum McKirdy & Alasdair Shaw trailed home in a very disappointing last place

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some 10 shots behind the 15th placed team. There is nothing at this present time to suggest that we will fare better in the short to medium term.

That same weekend saw the Glasgow Youths' Championship at Ralston with the area represented by Jack Reynolds, Mark Donaldson & Lewis Kelso. The boys finished well down the field in windy conditions.

The Argyll & Bute seniors team had to withdraw from the e Scottish Seniors ATC at Stranraer as unable to raise a team. Hopefully next year with several stalwarts reaching 55 years of age. We should be in a better position to raise a team.

### **Away from the playing side . Scottish Golf has had some issues to address.**

They appointed Andrew McKinlay as its new Chief Executive. Andrew joined from the Scottish FA, where he worked in a number of key senior management roles over the past six years, most recently as Chief Operating Officer and Interim Chief Executive.

After a proposed increase to the per capita fee was defeated at a previous meeting last winter, a new proposal by several areas was put to the members of Scottish Golf. Subsequently on the 4th October Scottish Golf's membership has voted in favour of a resolution to increase the per capita fee at a General Meeting held at the Stirling Court Hotel tonight. The resolution was passed with a majority vote of 60.2%. The increase from £11.25 to £14.50 will take effect from January 2019 and will be frozen until the collection of subscriptions in January 2022.

The increased revenue of circa £500,000 has been ring-fenced to support the development of key strategic priorities and also to offset proposed cuts announced in light of decreased funding available to Scottish Golf. Specifically, it will also enable Scottish Golf to create a fit-for-purpose national junior programme, explore income generation from non-membership golfers – known as nomadic golfers – and offer a free-of-charge digital service for clubs to support and improve membership services at all levels, including tee-booking, competition management, and handicapping.

Whether we as an area agree with the increase is now immaterial and our clubs will have a decision as whether to pass on the increase directly to their members.

Other developments this year have been the establishment of the Area Forums. Two meetings of each forum have taken place and I have attended the last one at the beginning of October.

The Key Themes from Regional Forums are as follows

#### **Communication**

- Dedicated web page for Forum outputs
- Ideas Board within Forum web page to allow discussion

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- **Mixed medium for comms needed – feeling that too much goes straight to social media and not to more traditional channels**
- **Better use of video for key messaging to clubs and golfers**
- **Ebulletin, clubs would like it a format that is easily printed and put on a noticeboard (as well as them sending it out electronically)**
- **Scottish Golf website needs overhauled, lots of really informative data but really difficult to find for clubs, volunteers or golfers**
- **Area & County contacts to be added to club newsletter distribution list**
- **Use club bulletin to raise awareness of Regional Forums and encourage engagement**
- **Club bulletins – call to action from clubs to ensure that Scottish Golf are “whitelisted” particularly if using admin@ or info@ addresses which often drop to spam folders. Additionally encourage wider committee members to sign up for direct access to club newsletter to increase engagement opportunities**
- **E-leaflet for issue by clubs at renewal time on “what a golfer gets for the affiliation to SG”**
- **North District and Northern Counties merger has been a little under the radar – case study to be developed to assist dialogue amongst other county or area associations that wish to consider a similar model**

### Club Support

- **More visibility and sharing of case studies**
- **Committee education is key not just Club Managers**
- **Local authorities who run golf courses would like access to support**
- **Course Rating – a simple Do you know guide would be useful**
- **Course Rating – urgently need to embrace technology not paper which is time consuming**
- **WHS/Rules – roadshows considered key to understanding at club level**
- **Buying Group – great initiative need to be more overt in sharing and continuing to encourage clubs to use**
- **Better awareness needed on grant funding opportunities (both internal and external)**
- **Buying Group – request to consider extending into on course materials would be welcomed by clubs eg sand, seed, fertilizer**
- **Education – better local delivery and more online availability would be welcomed**

### Events

- **Engagement of local volunteers through Area & County network needs to improve and should help reduce costs currently incurred for travel and subsistence**
- **Understanding of standards for rules qualifications for Scottish Golf events would be helpful**
- **Venues – whilst there is a recognition that rotation of events round Scotland is needed, the number of extreme journeys within a calendar year needs considered, coupled with consideration of available and affordable accommodation in the location. Particularly key if team events will have funding removed going forward**
- **Annual winners list to be available and visible on website**
- **Venue rotation considered critical to ensure spread across country and not concentrated in any one region**



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### Performance

- Coaching pathway is confusing, needs simplified and grant funding clearly aligned
- Junior Tour Events in association with Areas & Counties – were all areas and counties asked if they supported these being introduced? Suggestion is that many welcomed the removal from the calendar as Scottish Golf events and see no requirement for them in a different guise?

### Governance

- Volunteer Strategy needed
- Volunteer database that Areas & Counties can see extract from would be helpful
- Affiliation fee method
- Constitution – consultation on voting structure to be considered?

The above items are being considered by the appropriate teams and an action list will be established with timelines identified and regular updates provided back to the Regional Forums to track progress.

The next meeting will be in March.

The next big issue for us all will be the New Rules of golf from January 1<sup>st</sup>, with some huge changes set to come into play.

The changes have been brought in to modernise the game while making the rules more consistent, fair and easier to understand and apply.

In advance of the launch on **1 January 2019**, Scottish Golf are delighted to offer your club the opportunity to attend a seminar to find out how the changes will impact you and your members.

All clubs are invited to come along to one of the **free-to-attend** sessions:, which are displayed on the Scottish golf website.

All presentation materials used in the sessions as well as a recorded version of the presentation will be made available online and can be used to present to your members at your home club

Finally I would like to thank our member clubs, without their help we would have no venues for our area events, and a special thanks to you the area executive for officiating in the events we held throughout the season.

Graham Bolton (Area Secretary)

## TEAM MANAGERS REPORT :-

The Scottish A.T.C. were held at Cawder Golf Club from the 7th to the 9th of September.

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1st of all I would like to thank the six players Graham Bolton, Craig Pirie, Calum McKirdy, Donald Standaloft, Chris Carson Alastair Shaw who took time off work to represent there county and also Steve Ellis for giving up his time officiating. A special mention must go to young Alastair for stepping in at short notice and playing very well!

Argyll and Bute finished a disappointing 16th place 10 shots adrift of Clackmannanshire.

With best performers from A & B being Graham Bolton & Craig Pirie on 146.

This year was particularly challenging trying to get a team together. Between injuries and work commitments we also had 3 players from last year missing.

Graham and myself try to keep an eye on scoring throughout the season but with very little participation in 36 hole competitions from players in Argyll & Bute it is not easy trying to work with a pool of players.

The 2019 A.T.C. Will be held at Leven where we will hopefully make an improvement.

## COACHING REPORT :-

John Jack Jnr has committed to A&B for this year after electing to play for Renfrewshire in the Glasgow Youths despite representing ourselves in the Boys ATC. The other boys receiving coaching at Great Western Golf are Lyle Jack, Jack Reynolds, Mark Donaldson and Lewis Kelso. Lewis has still to confirm that he will be changing home club to Millport. Coaching costs are as 2017 with a course management session likely to be held again in the Spring.

## Treasurers Report:-

### AREA TREASURER REPORT 2018

The accounts from the union showed a healthy surplus of £2812 for the first time in a few years. Unfortunately this year will be the exception as various circumstances resulted in the surplus being reported.

#### **Expenses**

- 1) We have reduced our junior coaching costs are now at a steady level , we have a dearth of junior golfers in the area with only a few at this point worthwhile investing in.
- 2) Team costs have decreased significantly this year. Primarily due to the Mens ATC and Boys ATC taking place in the Central Belt. Also the Area withdrew from the Scottish Seniors ATC at Stranraer. It was becoming increasingly difficult to raise a team. We did receive a small grant for the Boys ATC of £275. Team costs next year will increase again but not to 2017 levels, but likely towards the £2,000 mark.
- 3) Player support costs were zero as we received no requests for support whatsoever this last year.



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### **Income**

- 1) Subscription reductions have bottomed out with numbers at 2017 levels.
- 2) We continue to receive grants from the SGU for coaching, not sure of the likelihood of receiving a grant this year, but we have progressed with the coaching program for 2018/19.
- 3) We received a refund of £1609 bank charges from our bankers , as we were paying charges in error for several years. The bank were treating us as a business and not a non profitable organisation.

### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet is still very healthy with £16709 in the bank accounts and creditors consisting of outstanding vouchers still to be honoured of £1520 and other expenses totalling £375.00 including audit fee. We are still in a pretty financially secure state, and can continue at current levels for some time. I propose that a per capita charge of £3.00 be levied to male members within the Area next year, as I believe the way things stand we have no mandate to push through any increase especially with the National hike in per capita charge

I am confident that all income & expenses have been accounted for and that these accounts reflect a true and fair view of the County's affairs at 30th September 2018 with our reserves sitting at £15041.

Graham Bolton  
Area Treasurer  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2018



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#### Statement of Income and Expenditure For the year ended 30th September 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income:</b>				
Subscriptions		8,271		8,277
Championship entry fees		1,850		1,800
SGU grants:				
Area Team Championships		275		-
Coaching grant		1,250		1,250
Sponsorship		-		750
Bank interest		7		2
Back charges refund		1,609		-
Clothing sales		-		20
		<u>13,262</u>		<u>12,099</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Championship costs	3,994		3,452	
Team championships	1,163		2,847	
Area Player Support	-		1,100	
Teams clothing and ties	620		523	
Meeting expenses	874		698	
Accountancy fee	379		342	
Secretarial expenses:				
Postage & stationery		75		112
Honorarium		1,320		1,320
Coaching		1,591		1,550
Software		195		192
Insurance		240		231
		<u>10,450</u>		<u>12,365</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u><u>2,812</u></u>		<u><u>(266)</u></u>



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### ARGYLL & BUTE AREA - SCOTTISH GOLF UNION

#### Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>				
Investment		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<b><u>Current Assets:</u></b>				
Stocks	226		238	
Bank	16,709		13,384	
	<u>16,935</u>		<u>13,622</u>	
<b><u>Current Liabilities:</u></b>				
Accruals	<u>(1,895)</u>		<u>(1,394)</u>	
		15,040		12,228
		<u>15,041</u>		<u>12,229</u>
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>				
Funds held as at 1 October 2017		12,229		12,495
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		2,812		(266)
		<u>15,041</u>		<u>12,229</u>

In accordance with the engagement letter, we approve the accounts set out on pages 1 to 2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts and for providing Wylie & Bisset LLP with all the information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

Signature:

*G. Bolton*

Name:

Graham Bolton (Treasurer)

Date:

7.11.18

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:-

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President(1 year)	Steve Ellis	Terry Mundie	Willie McAdam
Vice President	Position vacant		
Secretary	Graham Bolton	Terry Mundie	Steve Ellis

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Treasurer	Graham Bolton	Terry Mundie	Steve Ellis
Exec Members	Calum McKirdy	Willie McAdam	Terry Mundie
	Iain Shaw	Murray Sim	Graham Bolton
	Murray Sim	Terry Mundie	George Morrison
	George Morrison	Terry Mundie	Willie McAdam
	Willie McAdam	Murray Sim	Murray Sim
	Terry Mundie	Graham Bolton	George Morrison
	Position vacant		

### A.O.C.B.

A discussion took place on how the capita fee from Scottish Golf was raised. Ian Ferguson Craignure representative felt that the raising of funding in this manner for an organisation such as SGL was outdated and unfair. He stated that a per capita fee with a proportion of it based on green fees and turnover would be fairer. The Area Secretary would ask SG for their thoughts on reviewing the mechanism for collecting their income especially when club member numbers are projected to diminish over the next few years.

The AGM was closed at 12.40

Graham Bolton (Area Secretary)