**Alston Moor Golf Club**

**Minutes of Committee meeting**

Date: 17th May 2021 Location Clubhouse

Attendees

J Renwick, A Parkin, P Parkin, R Moore, C Bell S Love, V James, D Rutherford, P Richardson

R Heslop

**Agenda:**

1. Previous Minutes & Action List

2. Treasurers Report

3. Greens Committee

4. Competitions

5. Marketing

6. Any Other Business

1. **Previous Minutes & Action List**

Minutes of previous meeting Status Review 11th January 2021

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| **Ref** | **Action List** | **By Who** | **When** |
| **1** | **Change of Trustees currently with Cartmell Shepherd .M Liverick and I Henderson volunteered to resign and be replaced by new trustees Peter Richardson and Richard Heslop, Vivien James and Tania Rymer. Cost todate £ 607.20 even though the work is not complete ,Cartmell Shepherd to issue a Deed of Appointment for all of the old and new Trustees to sign. Cartmell Shepherd have not received any response fromA Frater.Secretary has written to all Trustees and discussed the issue with AF who denies that he resigned as a trustee.Cartmell are offereing to place legal threat to AF.Other alternative is to replace three of the trustees and leave AF in place.This is the most cost efficient option.We would need one of the new trustees to stand down as we are limited to a maximum of three trustees as per the constitution.**  **AD to confirm that this option is viable with Cartmell.** | **AD** | **Ongoing** |
| **2** | **Drainage a quote for draining the 1st 8th and 18th fairway was received from Turfcare (Consett).Total price was £49725 plus VAT.After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the 1st fairway as a trial and a budget of £20k (including VAT ) was agreed.** | **PP/AD** | **Ongoing** |
| **3** | **Advertise golf and hire options in Parish magazine, Cybermoor and Alston News letter** | **AP** | **TBA** |
| **4** | **Add Minutes of Meeting to website. Keith Richardson has agreed to continue looking after the website. This activity has not happened .The Secretary has being emailing the MOM to Keith but they have not been added to the Website.**  **It was a greed that a new more modern website is required.S love agreed to do this and we need to establish if the current free host website is fit for our requirements.** | **SL** | **TBA** |
| **5** | **Caravan and Camping Planning Application.70% complete To be reviewed in the winter. Committee to approve before submission. Need to consider alongside Dark Skies opportunity** | **AD** | **On Hold** |
| **6** | **Clubhouse**  **Costs and design options to be considered for a new bar and new floor covering the area behind the bar and storeroom.** | **CB/AD** | **New** |
| **7** | **Two Defibrillators installed and working. Training for members is to be arranged. Trenches have been filled in with stone and covered with soil and seeded.Training to be arranged by P Richardson.** | **DR/AD** | **Complete** |
| **8** | **Dark Skies prior to the outbreak of Covid 19 grant applications forms had been submitted and it appeared as though the project would be fully funded to a value of £93k. To fund the construction of a square block construction building with a sliding roof and the purchase and installation of latest telescopic equipment. EDC and Cumbria Tourism were very keen to support the project. All grants have stopped due to Covid. D Hymers is trying to get financial support from private companies without success. AMGC agreed to purchase a mounting post for the existing telescope at a cost of £600.**  **D Hymers is still interested in this project and a possible event may occur in September** | **PP/AD** | **Complete** |
| **9** | **World Handicap 2020 is a worldwide course rating system, which results in a degree of difficulty rating for each course, which will lead to a handicap adjustment when playing on other courses. We have had the course remeasured by an approved company. We need to appoint a WH expert .Please can interested parties contact PP or AD** | **PP/Com** | **Ongoing** |
| **10** | **Grievance procedure to be displayed on noticeboard and added to website and email to members. Document complete and on display and to be added to website.** | **AD** | **Complete** |
| **11** | **Affiliation membership (Second Club membership)**  **In an attempt to attract members from other clubs the committee agreed to offer a Affiliation Membership for £150 for this season, which entitles the person to the same rights as a Full member. Advertise on Noticeboard, Facebook and Website**  **Do we want to proceed with this?** | **AD** | **Add to agenda of AGM** |
| **12** | **Clubhouse Visitor book require for Covid compliance.** | **PP** | **Complete** |
| **14** | **Mr & Mrs Peace Low Flatt .Following the incident on 210421 a meeting was held at Low Flatt with PP and AD.AD has responded to the Peases letter.Signage for the 4th and 11th tee to be acquired and out of bound markers to be placed around their boundary. Additional trees to be planted to give additional screening.** | **AD/PP** | **ongoing** |
| **15** | **Out of Bounds on RH side of the ditch on the 1st and 10th.It was agreed to acquire signage and to place white stakes a long the side of the drainage ditch between the 1st and 8th holes. Aft** | **AD** | **Ongoing** |
| **16** | **Sign to be displayed advising Social membership available £5 .Need to establish if we can apply a non member price list.** | **AD** | **Ongoing** |
| **17** | **Ladies have requested that a screened toilet area is constructed amongst the tees on the LH side of the short 4th tee.** |  | **Ongoing** |

**2. Treasurers Report**

2.1 Treasurer to apply for additional Covid Restart grant which we think will be an additional £7k.

The total value of Covid grants will be over £30k.

2.2 Financial Report Treasurer

Bank Balance

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| Account | 08/05/19 | 31/07/19 | 170620 | 26/08/20 | 05/01/21 | 170521 |
| Community Account | 5191.39 | 7458.72 | 19589.73 | 18071.52 | 14506.31 | 23,091.73 |
| Savings Account | 7649.72 | 7652.28 | 7666.35 | 7666.48 | 7666.81 | 7,667.07 |
| Competition Account | 1359.58 | 2260.52 | 2173.78 | 3112.52 | 4005.87 | 2,949.96 |
| Bar Account | 10154.16 | 10795.64 | 6990.97 | 9215.52 | 10137.64 | 10,348 |
| To Bank | 0 | 135 |  | 219 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **24354.86** | **28130.00** | **36423.00** | **38666.04** | **36316.63** | **44056.76** |

2.3 Membership

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| Membership | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| Total | 68 | 61 | 79 | 70 | 78 | 97 |
| Full | 39 | 38 |  | 41 | 52 | 58 |
| Senior | 17 | 17 |  | 18 | 19 | 21 |
| Junior | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1? | 1 | 3 |
| Country | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Day | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 12 |
| Social | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

2.5 Rate relief with a value of £1331 ( We therefore did not pay any rates thanks to ( PP and AP)

**3. Greens Committee**

Greens Committee

C Bell, Peter Richardson, Vivian James, Roz Moore (Lady Captain)

Richard Heslop, Carl Dickinson, Johnny Renwick (Gents Captain);

3.1 Restaking of Trees and removal of tree covers are ongoing.

3.2 Mens 11th has been extended and work on the 8th tee is under consideration.

3.3 Trees on the 4th Hole .Mr Pease to be asked if we can trim some of his trees that are encroaching

onto the course. Row of trees on the short 4th to be removed to improve the green and tee box.

3.4 Consider Thinning branches on the tree to 3metres to improve lighting to the fairways.

3.5 Course issues

* 1. Ongoing Work on teeboxes . Turf cutter to be hired for returfing of some teeboxes and sharp sand has been purchased.New roller is under construction for the teeboxes.
  2. Catching of moles and rabbits. M deadman and the penrith ferret man to be contacted.
  3. Additional red markers are required to mark the lateral hazards on the course
  4. Preferred Lies are now a local rule .If a ball is through then clean and drop in the rough.
  5. Additional white markers placed around the 18th fairway.
  6. Drainage improvements to 1st and 8th fairways has commenced with a meeting with drainage experts Turfcare and Thompsons of Brampton who both attended a site visit with AD/PB. Contract awarded to Turfcare subject to agreement on price.

3.6 It was agree to give the Greens Committee the option to invite course contractors to meetings as their opinions are valued.

3.7 Area in front of the machine shed to be concreted to create an area where machined can be worked on.

3.8 Review of machinery and spares policy is required.

3.9 Rough on the RH side of the 8th and 16th is being stone picked and cleared by P Bell who will confirm when the area is fit to use .

3.9.1 practice area teebox requires some improvement.Suggestion is to move several of the winter tee pallets into this area.

**4. Handicap &Competitions**

4.1 Protocol for cancelling/postponing competitions agreed that Two Committee members can make the decision in the morning of the competition.

4.2. Prize payout for Open competitons was agreed at 2/3 rds of the entry fee total.

4.3 It was agreed to form a handicap committee with the following members: -

R Moore, A Parkin, J Renwick

The Handicap committee are tasked with reviewing handicaps both up and down.

The new World handicap system is complex and we need to identify individual(s) who are prepared to become WH experts and advise members on how it works. The EGU have also used the implementation of the World Handicap system to implement additional processes and controls to all Golf Clubs.I f we do not confirm we will no longer be a member of the EGU. We have to appoint a Welfare Officers who must complete several EGU Training Modules to achieve a degree of EGU accreditation. A Dodd has agreed to carryout this activity and to create the required Policies

4.4 Potential safety issues were discussed with members driving of the 3rd and 4th holes. Consideration to be given to changing the tee off sequence for Ladies.

4.5 Keith to be asked if he can reduce the size of the Scorecard prior to the next print run.

**5.Clubhouse**

5.1 The following members are formally approved to serve behind the bar Christine Walton,Carl Dickenson, Tom Younger.

5.2 Poster to be displayed advertising for Social Members at a cost of £5

5.3 Costs and design options to be considered for a new bar and new floor covering the area behind the bar and storeroom.

**5.Marketing /Publicity Committee**

5.1 Brochure type flyers have been issued to Hotels and other Tourist information.

5.2 New website to be constructed.

5.3 Review of BRS Booking system

6. **Any Other Business**.

6.1 BRS Booking System is recommended by the EGU and is free of charge it was agreed to investigate further – P Parkin. Do we consider offering several low cost fourball per day to see what happens Due to Covid 19 we are presently using Master Scoreboard as our booking system.

6.2 Persimmon offers a charitable donation for local clubs. Application form is on their website.

6.3 We wish to purchase and install an air compressor to place by the car park noticeboard to allow members to clean shoes,and buggies.Compressor will need to be stored in a safebox.

6.4 Resurfacing of the road into the Club is to be costed .A load of tar is £1260 for 20 tonnes of 14mm binding coat.

6.5 Bonus ball will recommence from 5th June.

6. 5 Income from events 2021-22

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| Events | Income non bar | Income Bar / Food |
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Meeting closed 8.55pm

Andrew Dodd

Secretary