



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 29th April 2015**

PRESENT:	Peter Dunford	PD	Club Chairperson	Chairman
	Mike Roberts	MR	Club Captain	
	Molly Shire	MS	Ladies' Captain	
	Jim Thorley	JT	Seniors' Captain	
	Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer	
	Jill Byrne	JB	Elected Member	
	Andrew England	AE	Proprietor	
	Lesley Wills	LW	Junior Organiser	
	Chris Whytie	CW	Handicaps & Competitions	
	Rhod Palmer	RP	Club Sec	Secretary

1. Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and thanked them all for attending.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 25 Feb 15

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by MS and seconded by MR.

4. Matters Arising from 25 Feb 15 Meeting

Matters arising were addressed either at appropriate Agenda Items or as follows:

Website

Action 7.1: The Club needed to nominate a representative to sit with AE and Dave Howard to develop and take forward website issues. Ongoing.

News Letter

Action 10.2: AE to produce a draft Newsletter detailing Wheathill Membership Options. **Junior Membership changes had been distributed to Members, and AE would develop broader membership and copy to Sec for dist. Ongoing.**

SGU Special Project Grant

Action 11.1: LW to draft Interim Report. **Ongoing.**

Photoboard

Action 10.1: JT to arrange for spare Photoboard to be mounted in Jubilee Room. Sean Woodward has been approach to repair and decorate the water-damaged area, once this is done the photo boards can be hung. **Ongoing.**

5. Secretary's Report

Sec reported:

- The SGU AGM voted an extra pound subscription to support the Partnership
- Club was represented by PD, MR & SW at the Delegates meeting, RP attended in SGU role
- SGU dinner on 12th November at Long Sutton - Comedian Tank Sherman is guest speaker.
- RP had suggested to SGU that a Seniors competition for over 65's be instigated. The SGU not currently receptive and thought that the Category Championships was a suitable event.
- All Unions would use 'c' marker from Jan 2015
- From Jan 2016, 4BBB competitions would use 90% rather than 75% difference
- A new algorithm for tracking player's performance in –year would be available to help those in declining performance.
- Maximum handicaps for Cat 5 players would be raised to 36.4 for men and 40.4 for Ladies

County and Club competition posters had been placed in the folders in the Clubhouse.

In Memoriam Book

Action 7.1: Sec to purchase an In Memoriam Book. **Various books had been found on websites and £30 seemed a reasonable target price, but Sec wished to sight before purchase and intended to search out suitable bookshops when next in London. Ongoing**

6. Treasurer's Report

DG had forwarded a financial spreadsheet to Committee Members.

Funding

- Club Balance at 25 Mar 15 was:
Men's £1175.41 Juniors' £526.37 Seniors' £1209.70 Ladies' £tbn
- General £2799.56

- Club Balance at 30 April 15 was:

Men's £1,260.16 Juniors' £566.37 Seniors' £1,332.70 Ladies' £1,266.38

General £1,878.10

Storage Boxes

Action 6.1: AE to make enquiry about missing storage boxes. **One found 2 still missing. Authority given to purchase a replacement box. Action DG**

7. Captain's Report

Full report not available

Formal Course Plan

Action 6.3: PD/RP/AE to draft a Wheathill Improvement Plan for further discussion. **A first cut had been drawn up and would be copied to AE and then to Committee Members. Ongoing.**

Men's Locker Locks

Action 6.4: With the exception of 3 lockers all are now fully functioning, keys can be picked up from the Pro shop for a £5 refundable deposit.

New Action 7.1: PD to write to Jim Palmer on Completion of all the work.

8. Management Report

AE reported:

- That the renovations went well but there has been a slower recovery than we hoped due to extremely dry and cold weather. On the plus side it has been sunny and busy start to the season.
- The temporary greens have been fed twice and will be weed killed in the coming weeks. The tees have been fertilised and the main greens will be top dressed in the next couple of weeks to fill in the remaining grooves.
- Ping Demo day with all equipment coming up on Thursday 7th May 11-3pm.
- The Club House has a Fathers day 2 course-carvery on 21st June.
- Save the 15th August for the James Bond themed Casino Night, Vicky says not to be missed
- Lockers in Men's are now in use with a £5 refundable deposit on key return.

9. Ladies' Section Report

MS reported:

- Our first away day at Oake manor n 27th March with 22 Ladies playing
- The third round of the Mail on Sunday was played on the 6th April at home against Wells, winning 3 & 2
- Coronation Foursomes was played on the 11th April
- Helen Marsh and Judith Rowsell represented Wheathill in the Daily Mail Foursomes at Yeovil GC ,having already beaten Long Sutton, but unfortunately they lost the match.
- The first League Match was Home against Enmore , resulting in a 5 – 2 win for Wheathill, a very good start to the year.
- We held the Margarita competition on the 19th April, with Margarita's were served on the 11th
- The second League Match was against Wedmore on 21st April and we lost 3 -4 a very close match, hinging on the last game.
- On 23rd and 26th April Triers Trophy was held, this is for 30 -36 handicappers.
- The first Tri Match against Cricket St Thomas and Long Sutton was held on the 28th April at Wheathill Long Sutton 168 points, Wheathill 165 points and Cricket st Thomas 153 points
- The 4th round of the Mail on Sunday is at home against Axe Cliff Golf Club on Wednesday 6th May.
- The Rogers Cup , for us is now starting, we had a bye in the first round, and we are playing Oake Manor at Enmore in the second round on Friday 5th June.

• 10. Seniors' Section Report

JT reported:

- The Seniors played four matches since the last meeting.
- Vivary Park on 2nd April lost ½ to 5 ½ a tight course which everyone found difficult
- Cricket St Thomas at home won 4 & 2
- Cannington away won 4 & 2
- Charminster away lost 4 ½ & 1 ½

So far this season have played 5 won 3 and lost 2

- We also played King Weston in the Seniors Somerset Bowl on the 16th April and won 4 £ 1. First time we have got through the first round of this event. We will now play Mendip Spring, date and venue to be decided
- Pete Dunford arranged an away day to Crane Valley GC on the 20th April. 15 seniors attended and we had a very pleasant round of gaol with excellent weather and a good meal afterwards
- Looking forward to the Age UK Somerset competition (over 65's) at Cricket St Thomas GC on the 7th May, 6 pairs. Also Somerset Seniors Scratch on the 8th May. BHF Trophy on the 13th May.

11. Juniors' Section Report

LW reported:

The posters and entry forms for the first Wheathill Junior Open on 30th July have been posted to all Somerset Clubs and have been submitted for our website. The Daily Mail Qualifier has been entered to run concurrent with it and Jills Jim is in the process of making some blue tee markers for us to use on the day for non handicappers.

Letters have gone out inviting some of the chosen kids from Queen Camel and Lovington schools to a follow up session at Wheathill with Mark. Jill and I will now set our attention to Ditchat, Keinton, Cary, Evercreech and other local schools within a 15min radius of the club. Can but try!

Marks' coaching days have gone well (with the Somerset Partnership funding) and all of our Juniors will be getting some form of reduced cost coaching this year.

It makes me very happy to say that due to Jills persistence we have a new girl, Emily Davis who has just got her 36 h/c!! Yay!! She was a pupil of Jills and will sadly only be a junior for this year but any news like that is good news!!

- Three of the juniors including Emily, are playing in the JR on Bank holiday Monday 4th which is also very encouraging. This has been a busy and productive month for the section.

12. Club & Course Enhancements

No new issues

13. Captains v Vice Captains

DG reported that there was some dissatisfaction with the Captains' v Vice Captains' Competition.

- The rules appeared to favour players lower handicaps with none selected between 14 and 18.
- The rules did not reflect the spirit of inclusivity of 10 years ago, losing the cross section of the Club.

There were varied views around the table.

- The competition had been very successful for the players.
- Perhaps more players should be picked.
- It was reasonable for competitions to develop and change over the years, however, the originators or Trophy Donators should be contacted out of courtesy to explain the changes.

It was agreed that it should be reviewed in normal course by the Playing Committee.

New Action 13.1: Sec to include in Playing Committee Agenda.

14. Pond on 4th Hole

MS reported:

- The pond on the 4th was discussed at the Ladies' Committee Meeting, and the opinion was, it needs cleaning up, in particular the dead reeds around the edge, before Beak House is replaced.

New Action 9.1: AE to investigate state of 4th pond. On going

15. Any Other Business

Action 14.5: All to consider placing Agenda Items rather than defaulting to AOB. Ongoing.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1830 on Wednesday 27th May 2015 in the Clubhouse.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Murphy'.

Date: 27th May 2015