

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th February 2018**

PRESENT: Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Chris Whyntie CW Competitions & Handicap Secretary

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Alan Forscutt AF Seniors Captain

Melanie Brewin MB Ladies Captain

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

1. **Introduction** JSB opened the meeting at 19:15 welcoming everyone to this the first meeting of 2018, stating as this was the 25th Anniversary year special efforts will make it a memorable year for everyone
2. **Apologies**

Andrew England and Charlie Anderson

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 22nd November 2017**

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by AF and seconded by JB

**4. Silver Jubilee Proposals**

The organisation of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations discussed at the July MCM are in hand and on going, CA’s report is on page 7 of these minutes.

AE stated that he would seek County funding to help on the basis of encouraging juniors to become involved with golf.

**Action: CA, AF, MB in conjunction with AE On-going in the New Year**

1. **Matters Arising from previous meetings**

Matters arising were addressed either at the appropriate agenda items or as follows:

Archiving

The archiving of club data is in hand.

**Action: PD, JB & DG On-going**

1. **Secretary’s Report and Correspondence.**

PD had nothing to report at this time.

AE has completed the necessary Alzheimer’s Society registration form PD to follow up.

**Action: -Closed**

1. **Handicap & Competitions Secretary’s Report**

A comprehensive review of 450+ members’ handicaps has been done, with only 2 referrals, which have been dealt with to the satisfaction of the handicap committee.

It has been decided to resurrect the Easter Texas scramble after the success of the New Years Day Texas scramble, and will be held on the 8th April.

I have also changed the date of this year’s new years Texas scramble to the 30th December hoping to get more people involved.

DG questioned the size of the membership as he was under the impression it was about 100 members less.

**Action: DG to investigate**

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

DG provided the financial statement. See Appendix 1

DG stated that he expects to give approx. £100 to each section later in the year

When asked to provide digital copies of the monthly financial statements, he stated that they are posted on the web site and the notice board.

1. **Captain’s Report**

CA provided the following report:

The winter competitions are going well, the Ladies Chicken Run, Seniors Texas Scramble and the members are enjoying the new format of the winter trophy, plate and bowl. Unfortunately, due to poor weather before and after Christmas the Mixed Christmas Cracker was cancelled and the New Year Texas Scramble was delayed 2 weeks (winners were, Tom Becks, Paul Hardie and Pat Brewin 54points), l would like to thank Judith for doing an excellent job organizing and re-organizing after the cancellation. The Course has been very wet this winter and the green keepers are doing an excellent job maintaining the condition of the greens and the surrounding areas. The roping off these areas will reap the rewards come the spring. Had a meeting with Andrew England and Mark Singleton regarding forthcoming Silver Jubilee events, all are well forward into being planned and organized, with the first Silver Jubilee monthly medal being played Sunday 25th March, the winning overall net score will receive the first of many silver medals up for grabs this season. Sunday 29th April, The Men’s Invitation Pair’s Stableford 4 ball better ball. I would like to thank Colin Davis and his company (Peter Green Chilled Transport) for sponsoring the day with their generous prizes. Costs have now been finalized £15 members (£5 supplement for 5-day members £20) and £25 for guests. All the details, information and entry forms for downloading are now on the club’s website, a members copy will be placed on the men’s notice board within the next couple of weeks,

Keep your head down and happy golfing,

Charlie

1. **Management Report**

There was no management report.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

MB reported:

I have been busy arranging the fixtures for the Inter Club League for 2018, all dates are now finalised. Sue Bamping kindly arranged some friendly fixtures for 2018 and has now handed responsibility for these to Ann Gates, all dates are now finalised.

Ann and myself held a meeting with Vicki and Mark Singleton this morning to confirm pricing for meals, menu options and notice required to Vicki.

We have commenced a review of our handbook to reflect CONGU handicapping changes and await the outcome of item 13c charge for supplementary rounds. We are also reviewing rules pertaining to knock out competitions and non-completion of matches by the due date.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

AF Reported:

Seniors eclectic & winter league’s completion date extended a month.

Any progress on clarifying exemptions for buggies on medical grounds, i.e. register?

Memorial seat. New seat purchased and ready to be put out.

Info share. The seniors committee have agreed to share information e.g. bank details etc. so as if we lose a committee member all his information is not lost.

Jubilee Medals. Will there be money from the members levy be available to the seniors to cover the extra cost of the medals.

Some members of the seniors committee have requested electronic copies of the main accounts.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

On Tuesday 30th January I attended a Golf England meeting at Burnham & Berrow GC regarding the inclusion of Somerset as one of four target counties nationally focusing on the development and retention of juniors playing golf. Twenty one of the thirty clubs in Somerset were present and the atmosphere was positive with an air of commitment to sharing good practice and initiating strategies linked to communication, volunteering and club attitudes.

A junior ambassador opened the meeting with a very eloquent and engaging presentation, followed by a very good introduction to the project from England Golf. Discussion followed around the three strategy areas with some side tracking onto concrete ideas to use in motivating youngster golfers. Access to golf was one suggestion and I hope that as the evenings get longer the club will be looking to initiate early evening sessions once a week, open t a whole range of golfers off a shorter course and/or fewer number of holes in order to facilitate becoming more confident in playing on the main course and with the ultimate outcome being to achieve a full playing handicap.

There will be a rollup for juniors every morning during half term and then we will very soon be in full swing (!) as the season gets underway. The junior Championship day has now been changed to Saturday 2nd June due to a Development League fixture having to be moved.

1. **AOB**

**Web Site**

GO has spoken to JOC who has agreed to provide access to the leagues websites and to link the scores and league tables.

JOC, to attend the March MCM.

**Action: PD to arrange**

SB state that the MCM minutes for April 16 are in ladies section of the website.

**Action: MB to check and close the action**

**Club Washer**

PD researched a club washer for approx. £90 AE requested a larger one by priced which was circa £400

CW has a contact with a brush company so will investigate the availability of new brushes in order to revitalise the current unit.

**Action: CW**

**Meeting Start Times**

Meeting start times to stay as is but kept under regular review.

**Action: PD On Going**

**Medical Certificates**

CW now has a list of the members with medical certificates. It was agreed to review the list at the next meeting and then on a semi frequent basis

**Action: CW**

CW also provided a list of all those members using buggies this list will also be reviewed the next meeting. PD to retain the master copy

**Action: All**

A central register of members who hold medical certificates is to be produced and maintained for regular review and update. Section captains to provide a list of their members to PD

**Action: Closed**

**Computer Problems**

The problems experienced with the computer now appears to have resolved by a small change the computer on/off timing and better education of the users.

**Action: Closed**

**Tee Review**

The meeting agreed that thanks to AE was due to his timely response in providing steps on some tees and the general roping off of the greens and some fairways in order to protect them from too much traffic.

**Action: Closed**

**Eclectic**

It has been brought to the committees attention that some members were playing one eclectic and entering there score in both the seniors and men’s competitions.

This is now resolved, members can play in two eclectic rounds at the same time

**Action: Closed**

**Ready Golf**

AE gave a short presentation on Ready Golf see appendix 2, to which the committee unanimously agreed that Wheathill should become a Ready Golf Course.

AE to provide a sign for the starters hut and add it in the next newsletter.

The new 3-minute rule for looking for errant balls has not been included in the 2018 diary and needs to be added to the 2019.

GO to include in diary.

**Action AE & GO**

**Maintenance of Gifts to the Club**

After considerable debate it was concluded that benches are maintained using club funds until it becomes not cost effective to maintain them, other items such as clocks will be maintained from club funds.

What to do with plaques from scrapped benches still requires resolution.

**Action: PD**

**Supplementary Rounds**

England Golf has introduced a new policy on supplementary rounds such that there is no annual limit on how many rounds can be played. It was unanimously agreed that this approach would create an unacceptable workload on the competition secretaries and that a fee of £3 be charged to play in supplementary rounds.

**Action: CW to discuss with AE**

**CONGU rule on handicap increases.**

There currently exists within the club an interpretation of CONGU rule 23/6D, which is at variance with that of the Handicap Committee.

CW to provide clarification and to publish the correct interpretation on the web site and the notice board.

**Action: CW**

**Jubilee Arrangements**

There was no update provided.

Meeting closed at 20:52

The next meeting will be held at 18:30 on Wednesday 28th March 2018 in the Club House.

Signed: Janette Stewart-Burnett Date: 28th March 2018

Chair

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Appendix 1

