



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 27th March 2024**

**PRESENT:**

J Stewart Burnett	JSB	Club Chair
S Woodward	SW	Club Captain
Anne Scott	AS	Ladies Captain
Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Jim Williams	JW	Seniors Captain

**1. Introduction.** JSB welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Were received from Pete Dunford, who we wish him well, Jill Byrne and Andrew England.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 24th February 2024**

The minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by SW and seconded by DG

**4. Matters arising from previous meetings**

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

**5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence.**

PD: Reported:

Nothing to report

Honours Boards have been updated; it has been noted that there are still some spelling errors.

SW has provided the outstanding information

**Action: PD to get boards updated**

## **6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report**

AF Reported:

The Men's open requires a new entry form on Empire Golf to include the back information. This is being actioned.

Accounts are all resolved.

We will be advising the men's section. That all entrants for the 2024/2025 will require a minimum number of 5 of the 10 qualifiers must be off white tees, gained in official competitions or medals and stablefords on a rolling basis.

Summer knock out competitions. The draw has been delayed a week to enable prepayment to be made by entrants.

Handicap reductions refer to AOB.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

DG reported:

Finance figures attached as Appendix 1

## **8. Captain's Report**

SW reported:

Unfortunately as with February the weather playing havoc with playing golf, so with The Mary England being cancelled on the 17<sup>th</sup> there is not much to report on regarding competitions. Our Captains & Vice Captains has had around 60 put their names down on last year. Unfortunately. Again I put that down to the club being closed more over the last month. Fingers crossed the weather will improve for us all to get and play the game we love. You're Club Captain.

It was agreed that a card specific to winter temporary tee and green positions will be produced which will allow qualifiers to be played in the winter Once the winter course has been ratified and approved by the SGU.

**Action Ongoing: AE**

## **9. Management Report.**

AE Reported:

The weather has still been against us, however as the days are getting longer it is trying its best to dry up, which reflected by the fact we have slowly started to cut what we can see when we can. The county has extended preferred lies until May which will help with early season competitions. Clubhouse hours have extended slightly though March and will extend again in April.

Mark and Martin will be doing WHS and Club V1 training at 2 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, so if you could all speak to your sections and ask if the necessary people could attend that would be great.

Fertilizer has been purchased to give the course a boost as soon as the weather allows us to get it down.

The first Demo day of the season went really well with Callaway. Taylormade is next on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, Ping is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and then Wilson and Titleist to be booked in. So keep an eye out for those.

The Constitution is being updated.

**Action: Committee to review and provide comments; Ongoing**

## 10. Ladies Captain's Report

AS Reported:

### Celee Trophy

Good day despite conditions. Congratulations to Jen Warmington, Sam Thorpe and Sue Adams on winning. Greta Hillier, Marion Hodgeson and I were second. All close on 80pts.

### Women on Par

In March 2023, England Golf launched a new initiative called Women on Par. This was designed to get more women playing golf, at the same time integrating them into the Ladies Section and the Golf Club in general. Jen Warmington – Lady Captain 2023 – and the Ladies Committee decided it would be worthwhile investigating if this was something Wheathill could host. Sylvia Bates – the New Members Rep in the Ladies Section – volunteered to take this on board and made contact with England Golf. A meeting was arranged with Jen, Sylvia, Martin (from the Pro Shop) and myself with Seb Forrest – the Club Support Officer from England Golf. Seb offered a great deal of advice and support and we decided to go ahead with the Women on Par sessions over the summer of 2023.

Following the success of these Sessions, the Ladies Committee decided to approach Somerset Ladies Golf Association for a grant to help fund further Women on Par sessions during 2024. A grant of £600 was allocated, with the proviso that Wheathill also contributed in the form of advertising. The first of the 2024 sessions was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March with 16 new ladies attending. There was a mix of ability from complete novice to those who are working towards their handicap. The session was led by Martin and due to the numbers, Andrew kindly offered to help. As well as ladies from Wheathill who are working towards their handicap, we also had ladies from Wincanton GC, Farrington, (now no more) and Kingweston GC.

The next session is scheduled for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April @ 2 p.m.

I know Sylvia would like to pass on her appreciation to Andrew and the Pro Shop staff for their help and support. Sylvia has put in so much work – liaising with England Golf to get the packs/emails to encourage last year's participants to take part and ongoing emails now to encourage the current ladies to play the course/practice on the range etc, her commitment and dedication to the project, on behalf of Wheathill Golf Club and the Ladies Section has been outstanding.

Race night on the 12<sup>th</sup> April arrangements are underway and eight sponsors are in place. Tickets still available.

## **11. Seniors Section Report.**

JW reported:

The seniors' first match on Thursday has had a good response. Full team and reserves. Mendip Spring and Jurassic challenge all signed up.

## **12. Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

No report this month

## **13. AOB**

### **Diary Sponsorship**

JSB's proposal to limit the amount of sponsorship and make up the shortfall of £1 from the levy was agreed.

The diaries were produced in error without colour, the quote for the diaries was £600

**Action: AE & JSB to resolve**

### **Competition Book**

The competition book needs updating.

Greater clarity is required on the rules governing the Blades competition.

The committee agreed that the competition sheets should be added to the web site

**Action: Club Captains**

### **Course Rating Boards**

It was suggested that instead of displaying the course rating/ slope information on A4 sheets we purchase a purpose-built display board.

England Golf are supplying as display board.

**Action: Closed**

## **Handicap Reviews**

AF raised the above.

AF had concerns about which competitions should or shouldn't be included in the handicap review. Specifically, winter comps, Texas Scrambles etc. Since the meeting discussions have taken place and a formula has been put in place, which will be monitored and reviewed closely.

No further action.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 6.30 pm in the clubhouse.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm

Signed

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Chair

**DRAFT**

APPENDIX 1

Wheathill Golf Club Accounts 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

	General Section	Men's Section	Junior Section	Senior's
Opening Balance	£1535.78	£496.20	£157.71	£999.11
Income				
Jurassic Challenge				£275.00
Mendip Spring				£264.00
Totals	£1535.78	£496.20	£157.71	£1538.11
Expenditure				
Working with parents			£25.00	
Engraving			£7.00	
3 Counties Fees	£120.00			
Avalon Fees x 4	£75.00			£25.00
Lyme Regis				
Jurassic Challenge				£320.00
Totals	£1415.78	£421.20	£125.71	£1193.11

Fund raising cash at bank = £124.02

Total in hand – Nil

Total at bank = £3279.82