

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24h August 2020**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Chris Reed CR Club Captain

Joan Stone JS Ladies’ Captain

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Darren Martin DM Competitions and Handicap Secretary

Richard Mills RM Seniors Captain

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB opened at 18:00 welcoming everyone to this fully attended meeting in difficult circumstance
2. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 27th July 2020**

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by JS and seconded by DG

**4. 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 but due to time constraints and the size of the task is taking longer than anticipated to complete. PD circulated a draft copy of Wheathill Golf Club Operational Procedures for the MCM to consider who agreed in principle the procedures could now be expanded.

**Action: PD JB & DG on going**

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

PD reported:

That following the issue of the club circular explaining the committees decision to extend the committee positions by a year,10 responses in support had been received.

A letter had been received from Richard Pawson explaining that due to a personal commitment he could not be the Seniors Captain in 2021 and suggested that he take over the Captaincy in November 2020 from Richard Mills.

Richard Mills would then resume his Captaincy in November 2021.

After considerable debate it was agreed that we should abide by the original committee decision, Richard Mills to remain as Seniors Captain in 2021 whilst Richard Pawson would take on the Vice Captains Role in 2023 on his return from Australia.

**Action: PD To Advise Richard Pawson of the Decision**

(Post meeting note: Richard Pawson has accepted the proposal and will support the committee in any way he can)

As a consequence of this decision a Seniors Vice Captain needs to be found for next year.

**Action: PD, DG, & RM to review options**

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

DM Reported:

DM Stated that he wanted to encourage players to enter the Club Championship he wanted to charge £10 entry, which would be used to provide a large prize table , he also wanted the general fund to provide free food.

In the current circumstance food was not an option, it was therefore agreed to charge £5 plus a 2 spot prize, DG offered to provide some money from the general fund towards prizes.

**Action: DM & DG to agree**

DM stated that the Winter Trophy had been completed but the Plate and Cup finals were outstanding as he was finding it difficult to get the players involved to agree a playing date.

It was suggested that DM should arrange a date and any players not available are eliminated.

**Action: DM**

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

No activity this month.

See attached appendix A or the latest finance figures

**8. Captain’s Report**

CR Reported:

Nothing to report

1. **Management Report**

AE reported:

Renovations should take place from 3rd September to the 8th September Coring, Scarifying, overseeding and top-dressing greens.

Temporary greens are being prepared some in trial locations.

The tees will be treated and renovated.

Our project on the 18th tee will go ahead before winter.

We have purchased 2 Green Mowers a triple and a pedestrian for winter.

I am working with Mike Strode to repair the Astro Net Damage.

This week saw a positive Covid result from Farrington Park Golf Club and 3 at Mendip so we must all continue to be vigilant and follow government guidelines.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

Nothing to report

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

RM Reported:

Last Month I reported that the Quantock Stags Inter Club Championship due to be held at Enmore Park G. C. on the revised date of Friday 23rd October had NOT as yet been cancelled for 2020. IT HAS NOW

Enmore Park considered that the need for considerable space in the clubhouse, changing and showering for up to 130 golfers was an impossible requirement to meet at this time.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

The Seniors Committee have decided to change the beneficiary of the Seniors Charity Day to the Alzheimer’s Society. The British Heart Foundation has been notified by letter and a cheque for £145.61 representing the outstanding balance raised but not donated has now been forwarded and cleared.

The Admiral Thring and Philpott Pairs knockout competitions are progressing to schedule.

The Senior Section held a monthly Stableford competition during week 17th to 21st August and the results are still outstanding. Two more such events are proposed for September and October.

Entries for the Senior Club Championship to be held on 2nd and 9th September have now closed with approx. 40 members signed up. We hope for good weather.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

Somerset League have arranged one Event at Yeovil on 27th September for a team of 5 players.

The Jamboree is being run at Isle of Wedmore on 13th September and we are playing a knockout game v Burnham and Berrow this Sunday 30th, away.

There are 9 Juniors entered in the Championships being run on Thursday which is a record number of entries, 5 are playing 18 holes and 4 playing 9 holes. Due to having to play the match on Sunday, the O’Connor will be moved to a new date to be decided.

1. **AOB**

AG raised the issue of disabled facilities in the club house especially toilets.

**Action: Closed**

**Cleaning Area**

CR raised the issue of excessive mud in the cleaning area, it was agreed to talk to Mike Strode to see if there was any funds left over to install grating.

**Action: CR ongoing**

**Diary for 2021**

The issue of sponsorship, inclusion of team matches, league matches seniors matches, and competitions was raised, the consensus of the meeting was that we should get on with the production of the diary on the assumption that we will be back to normal next year.

**Action: Closed**

**Air Ambulance Day**

CR raised the issue of the Air Ambulance charity day

The general view was that it was probably too early to make a decision, the options discussed were to treat it as a play and go event over maybe two days, or combine it with a 7 day pro shop stableford.

It was agreed that this competition will be a week long stableford (similar to the on going Pro Shop stableford)

**Action: Closed**

JSB reported that she hosted the High Sheriff of Somerset at the Somerset Girls competition at Wheathill and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

JSB is hoping to persuade her to attend the Juniors Championship event

**Action: Closed**

**Handicap Meetings**

It was agreed to recommence the handicap meetings in mid October prior to the World Handicap System is introduced.

**Action: PD to organise**

**World Handicap System**

PD was concerned that there appeared to be a lot of misinformation within the membership with respect to the introduction of the World Handicap System, he suggested a simple note, be produced explaining the working principles of this new system and how it effects the members.

It was agreed that DM would produce a child’s guide to the World Handicapping System which will be published on the club website and on the notice board

**Action: DM**

**Presentation Night**

The committee agreed that due the current government restrictions in place regarding mass gatherings, there would not be a Presentation Night in 2020.

**Annual General Meeting**

DM stated that we had a legal obligation to hold an AGM if for no other purpose than to sign off the years finances.

The club secretary was to consider options available and to propose away forward.

**Action: PD**

**Carpet Tiles for the Ladies Oncourse Toilet**

AE stated that there maybe some spare carpet tiles in store that are no longer required.

These tiles are to be provided to JS for use in the oncourse toilet, DG offered to assist.

**Action: AE, JS & DG**

Meeting closed at 19:45

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th September 2020

Signed: Date: 28th September 2020

Chair

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Appendix A

