



MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 25th January 2017

PRESENT:	Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Chair
	Gunnar Ovland	GO	Club Captain
	Sue Bamping	SBa	Ladies' Captain
	Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
	Pete Dunford	PD	Club Secretary
	Jill Byrne	JB	Committee Member
	Jim O'Connor		Part Time

1. Introduction

JSB welcomed everyone to the January meeting. In particular Jim O'Connor for giving up his time to brief the committee on the new web site. JSB was also concerned that CW or IL were not in attendance.

2. Apologies

Steve Barrow, Andrew England

3. Web Site

Jim O'Connor had been tasked to provide a new web site and was invited to provide a brief overview to the committee.

"The web site is primarily a marketing tool for WGC with access being provided to the members. The old site was too fussy, consisted of two databases and was not secure, no passwords necessary. The aim with the new site is to keep it simple and allow us to update it ourselves, the web site is like a book and each section consists of a number of pages which can accessed with the press of a button returning to home is also achieved with the press of a button, this was demonstrated by JO'C.

As the web site can be updated by members any document posted on the site must either be password protected or in pdf format.

Future updates will be provided as necessary by J'OC who has offered his assistance in its use including the potential use of passwords in the future to provide security"

4. 4. Minutes of the Last Meeting 16th November 2016

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

5. Matters Arising from previous meetings

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

Archiving

Ongoing

Action: JB, PD and DG

Shoe Cleaner

AE stated that work was in hand to improve the area around the shoe cleaner
Action: AE Ongoing

Junior Membership

AE stated that the cost of junior membership was reduced 2 years ago, LW stated that this reduction has not resulted influx of junior members and was it possible to review the fees again.

Action: AE Ongoing

A meeting has been arranged with the SGU development office AE and JB.

Action: JB to report back

Printer

AE is having a cabinet built to house the new printer reference the management report para 9.

Action: Closed

Match Fees

The Wheathill representative at both the Avalon and 3 Counties league AGM's raised the issue of raising the match fees.

Both leagues voted for the match fees to remain the same.

AE to pursue with the clubs as it was felt asking the players at the players AGM was bound to produce the response received

Action: AE

6. Secretaries Report and Correspondence.

PD Reported:

We have received correspondence from the EGU advising that all scores from non-qualifying competitions both home and away should be recorded to provide further information to the handicap committee.

After a fair bit of discussion it was decided to pass the issue to the handicap committee to interpret/action.

Action: PD

The management have proposed a winter mat SSS, for sole use of new members to allow them to obtain a handicap prior to the start of the season. Handicap committee to review and advise of acceptability.

Action: PD

Post Meeting Note: This proposal was rejected by the handicap committee as it is in breach of CONGU rules.

Invites and application forms have been received inviting the Club and vice captains free membership to the EGU captains society, these were passed to the Club Captain.

Action: GO

PD stated that he would enter a Wheathill team into the England Golf Team Club Championship as soon as the applications are available on the 1st February

Action: PD

Post meeting note: A successful application has been made

The committee would like Wheathill to be well represented at the SGU AGM in February

Action: PD to Coordinate

The Committee unanimously agreed that we should purchase the Office for Home and Student 2016 version. Software purchased.

Action: Closed

7. Treasurer's Report

DG provided the latest financial statement. See Appendix 1

DG handed PD a cheque for £107.88p to cover the cost of the Microsoft Office software

At the November meeting DG raised the cost of food for the presentation night had increased from £3 to £5 per head consequently the general fund is greatly depleted by the £500 cost.

After some debate it was decided that the three section captains should decide what food was required for Presentation night and at what cost.

Action: SB, GO & IL

8. Captain's Report

GO reported:

As this is the first meeting of the Main Committee since the AGM, may I take this opportunity to congratulate the other newcomers and say how much I look forward to working with you all this year.

The Lady Captain was the first out of the blocks with the "Chicken Run" back in December and on the 11th January, the Seniors' Texas scramble took place on a very windy, but dry winter day, as the first of the season's "prestigious" competitions.

I have to commend the green keepers on their excellent job in protecting the course by roping off the vulnerable areas, particularly on approaching the greens. This leads me to question the use of "hedgehog" wheels, which, in my opinion, do more harm than good and also drags tons of dirt back to the area around the club house.

The blanket ban on individual & green buggies for Jan. & Feb. has been frustrating for a very small group of members who are reliant on them. It was felt that they should be permitted on a day-to-day basis as stated in November's Management report to the Main Committee.

A big thanks goes to Jim O'Connor for his rejuvenated version of the Wheathill website. As I shall continue to edit the Club diary for the next year(s), I'd very much appreciate your input throughout this season.

9. Management Report

AE Provided the following report that was read out by PD.

Andrew and Mike Strobe met this week to sort out diary funds and the plan of attack for the warm up net next to the first tee.

The new storeroom in the clubhouse was started this week. In addition to that there will be a cupboard for the printer etc., below the Captain's pictures. There will also be an outdoor shelter added to the end of the corridor/patio for keeping golf equipment dry outside when raining. This can take up the money awarded to us from the tees sponsorship.

The golf course has kept in excellent winter condition. The plans are being put in place this week for the treatment programme for the year such as fertilizers, fungicides, growth regulators, spring renovations, aeration and top dressing. The greens have benefited greatly from the sanding programme of the last few years. One reason we have found is the after big downpours and part saturation of the greens, they now only take approximately 24 hours to get back into play instead of 48 hours. The roped off areas have been extended this

winter, so hopefully we will benefit from this in the spring. We are planning to improve some of the bridges soon. Daniel the green keeper is working on the bunkers and the sand will be refreshed early season.

We shall assess with the Lady Captain the run ups to the ditches on the 6th and 16th holes at the start of the growing season. The rough behind the 15th green will be grown to help stop the balls from the 15th approach shots running into the 16th tee. As we are increasing our green staff numbers we have purchased a new machine for transport logistics.

The building will be painted in due course around to the corridor and changing rooms.

There will be a new directional sign post near the car park. Andrew will be discussing blue markers for juniors with the junior committee.

The duck house has been removed as requested and a discussion will be had with Gaye.

The new website is receiving terrific reviews and we will continue to work with Jim to keep improving.

Just to remind all that we have always kept January and February for Winter Wheels since their inception. This is purely to give the course a rest while the grass is dormant and everyone knows where they are. Temporary greens are only used if white frosted or saturated.

From the 1st March buggies will be permitted where possible but on a day to day basis.

10. 10. Ladies' Section Report

SBa reported:

The Mail on Sunday is not being organised this year. They are aware that some clubs found the early matches difficult to complete due to weather and ground conditions, so the whole thing is being reviewed.

Wheathill Ladies have a bye in both the Rogers Cup and the Centenary Plate. In the Rogers Cup the first match is against The Mendip at Cannington and in the Centenary Plate our ladies will be playing against Enmore Park at Minehead. Both of these have to be played before 17th June .

The Ladies Handbook has been updated and forwarded to the Proshop prior to going on the website.

11. Seniors' Section Report

There was no Seniors Report

12. Junior Section Report

SB provided the following report:

All the junior competitions have been entered onto the system, except for the Crossman Cup as Steve was not sure of the format. This will be followed up over the next few weeks.

The development league matches, barring Cannington away, have all been arranged. Sign-up sheets are on the board. There is still a concern about our ability to get a full team of four out for each match. The format allows for teams to play even if they are short of numbers, but clearly they will not win. As a reminder the league consists of Wheathill, Burnham and Berrow (not their elite squad!), Oake Manor, Minehead, Isle of Wedmore and Cannington. Wheathill's home match is now in the diary on Sunday 25th June.

We held our first parent and players meeting on 7th January which was attended by six juniors and five parents. Good commitment from all to making the season successful and getting handicaps for the new junior members. Andrew England has also opened the clubhouse for a Somerset Junior meeting on Monday 30th January at 6pm. Steve and Andrew will both be attending.

13. AOB

CW requested the Stirrers Texas Scramble be reinstated on the honours board. The trophy maybe a wooden spoon, but it is still silverware. JSB to contact Sign Solutions to see if they have the history of this competition. PD reported no history available

Action: Closed

The Course Clocks are to be repaired as waterproof clocks are too expensive, once repaired they are only to be put out for the playing season and stored during the winter.

Action: PD On going

CW requested the areas in front of the 6th ditch and 16th first hedge be mown and maintained at fairway level.

ACTION: Closed

A concern was expressed that the handicap review must be fair and honest. PD was instructed by the MCM to provide an independent chair to this committee. First meeting of 2017 held

Action: Closed

There was still concern that the hut on the 11th tee was being used for urination. DG to provide a sign and AE to investigate the use of remote camera/s.

Action: Closed

It was stated that CW would announce the winners at the forthcoming presentation night.

Action: Closed

Kevin Snook's wife has offered to take the photographs on presentation night. Photos will be sent to the local press.

Action: Closed

PF asked if the Ladies 15th tee box could be extended.

Action: AE

PD reminded the meeting that the club is now due £1000 from the company who provided the course signs, money has been provided

Action: Closed

Meeting closed at 08:30

14. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 18:30 on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 in the Club House.

Signed:

Date: 22nd February 2017

J. Stewart-Burnett

	General Section	Mens Section		Junior Section	Ladies Sections	Senior Section
Opening Balance	£655.58	£1,310.22	£776.35	£2,583.14	£1,550.66	
Income						
Levy income	£2,304.00					
Junior cash			£10.00			
Totals	£2,959.58	£1,310.22	£786.35	£2,583.14	£1,550.66	
Expenditure						
Cheque no: 852						
Wi-Fi to Aug 2017	£160.00					
Capt photos 853	£144.00					
Jnr keepsakes 854 unused 855 Cancelled 857			£45.91			
Sign solutions 858	£174.00					
Engraving 859	£327.99					
3 counties fees	£120.00					
Wi-Fi Oct Nov Dec	£60.00					
Presentation	£500.00					

night					
Capt's sweaters	£234.96				
Printer	£13.07				
Total	£1,225.56	£1,310.22	£740.44	£1,307.40	£1,089.02
Gen/Mens/juniors					
Cash at bank	£3,276.22				
Cash in hand	£15.00				
Total	£3,291.22				
Capt's Charity					
Income	£560.00				
Cash at bank	£533.00				
Total	£1,093.00				