

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th April 2018**

PRESENT: Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Charlie Anderson CA Club Captain

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

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB opened the meeting at 18:40 welcoming everyone
2. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 28th March 2018**

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

**4. Silver Jubilee Proposals**

AE stated that Martin Liley and Nicky England had a meeting with Martin Higgs from the SGU, who told them that he was still trying to get funding for the encouragement of Junior’s.

AE was confident that funding would be available as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations

**Action: Closed**

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 stated that there was nothing to report this month.

There a number of workshops being run by England Golf to appraise all clubs of the changes being introduced by the introduction of the World Handicapping system on 2020. Wheathill has secured two places at the Salisbury Golf club venue on the 8th May.

**Action: CW to report back to the May committee meeting**

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

CW reported:

The running competitions are going along slowly an extension of a week has been given; hopefully this will be enough with out eating into the next round.

Congratulations go to Ben Smith and Sam Bartlett who are through to the 3rd round in the Daily Mail Foursomes having beaten a pair from Bridport Golf Club on the 19th hole. They now meet a pair from Clevedon Golf Club in the next round at Clevedon. The ladies pair of Gin Stewart and Sue Harrop are also through to the next round.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

After we have received the diary revenue we will have a total of £2016.50napprox in the bank.

We will need to retain £1500 for expenses that will appear before the receipt of the next levy revenue for accounts that will need to be paid before the event, which is usually sometime in November.

I suggest that we need to retain a further £300 for unexpected events during the course of the season.

This leaves us with around £200 for maybe distribution to the sections if required.

If the size of the sections were applicable (which I don’t think it is) then would then equate to £80 to the senior section, £60 to the men’s section, £40 to the Ladies and £20 to the Junior’s section.

When however the levy was instigated, it was written that after receiving their initial contribution each section would be responsible for its own means of raising finances and maintaining the section in a proper fashion.

If any help is needed in achieving this goal then the treasurer and the main committee are on hand to advise.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the £200 available would this year would be kept in the main fund and not distributed. Should any section be in need of additional money they should make a case to the main committee.

**Action: CA, MB and AF to advise their sections**

1. **Captain’s Report**

CA reported:

Some lovely weather last week has enable us to finally kick start our season.

Avalon victories for the B team first league game but lost their second league game against the C team (their first game). Club Competitions matches are now well under way, after a couple of weeks delay, hopefully everyone is now trying to arrange their matches.

Our first Men’s Silver Jubilee medal was won on Sunday by Zoran Grubelic with a net score of 61 looks like his handicap of 24 will be coming down a bit. He will partner Mark Singleton in the Pro-am letter this year. The next Men’s Silver Jubilee medal was played today (Wednesday 25th April). Next month’s Men’s Silver Jubilee

Medal on Wednesday 2nd May and Sunday 27th May will be awarded over the 4 divisions, total of 8 medals up for grabs.

Our next men’s competition is this Sunday 29th April, The Silver Jubilee Open Men’s Invitation 4bbb Stableford Competition. We have to date a total of 20 pairs, which considering the long winter and course conditions everywhere, it’s not too bad.

Looking good for the Anniversary 9-hole x country medal competition on Tuesday night, around 30 names to date so far, looks like being a lot of fun,

Carry on READY GOLF and happy golfing,

1. **Management Report**

AE reported:

The Green keepers are working hard.

The Course renovations are progressing between matches and the greens are coming back quite nicely. Aeration, Fertilizing and lots of cutting going on.

Blue markers are out and ready to be used.

The benches are waiting for the treatment before being placed onto the course.

There have been some queries regarding supplementary cards.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

MB reported:

The ladies get together was held in a different format with an 11-hole Texas scramble being played on a Saturday morning with a warming stew and crusty bread served afterwards. 2 new ladies without handicaps joined us and 2 ladies that have already started to integrate into the section. There was some good-hearted humour during the informal presentation of the committee members. Overall the event was well supported and successful.

The Coronation foursome from Saturday 14th April was postponed at the last minute due to the prevailing course conditions. The winners of this event are eligible for a regional final dependent on their score and we want to give them the best chance of qualifying. The event has been rescheduled for the late May bank holiday due to the busy club calendar.

Janette Stewart and Sue Harrop played their second round of the Daily Mail foursomes on 10th April. Long Sutton did their best to get their course open and confirmed around 1030 that it was to remain closed. The option was to see if Wheathill could conform to the rules and thanks to Andrew and Lewis it did. We trotted home and Lewis wings it round the course making sure tees were in the right place and sweeping the water off the greens. The Wheathill pairing won 4&3 and progress to round 3 to be played away to Mendip.

The ladies committee have agreed to implement the £3 charge for supplementary cards in line with the other sections but will continue to sign in with the book in the ladies’ locker room and place the money in the ladies’ safe rather than the competition box in the foyer.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

AF Reported:

In the past month, 3 friendly matches had been cancelled, which he looking into the he is looking into the possibility of rearranging.

Avalon Seniors won away to Wedmore and the senior’s team won away to Farrington. Alan Frith has rearranged the two cancelled medals.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

With so much wet weather the juniors have been finding it hard to get out on the course so no entries have been made for medals and stablefords.

There was a further meeting of the County development group on Wednesday 18th April this time at Farrington with a focus on Volunteering.

As a result it is important that the club updates it’s Child Protection paperwork. Andrew and I have had some initial discussions about this particularly in the light of a particular junior playing for the Avalon A team. The first development league game was played at Burnham & Berrow on Sunday with a full team representing the club. The team came second overall with a fantastic fourth place for Oliver England. Two further fixtures will be taking place before the next meeting so we are hoping to report on further successes.

There was short discussion on the use of the new Blue Tees.

The Chair thanked JB and AE for all their hard work in putting the Blue Tees in place and in encouraging juniors and new members to play golf.

1. **AOB**

It was unanimously agreed that a plaque for Jackie Lee be put in the starters hut

**Action: PD**

**Meeting Start Times**

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

**Action: PD On Going**

**Medical Certificates**

CW produced the medical certificate he holds, there is a discrepancy between the list and the medical certificates held. AE agreed to contact the relevant members.

**Action: AE**

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: Closed**

**Bench Refurbishment**

PD stated he was struggling to find volunteers to paint the benches.

It was agreed that the new plastic bench could now be poisoned on the 18th green.

The remaining wooden benches would be examined and if fit would be placed out on the course.

As the season progresses the benches would be recovered from the course and and repainted.

**Action: PD & AE**

**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.

It was agreed that plaques arising as benches are scrapped are displayed in the starters hut

**Action: Closed**

**Supplementary Rounds**

The committee agreed that a charge of £3 should be applied to members entering a supplementary round of golf and that the £3 should be placed in a brown envelope with the players name which is then placed in the relevant sections score card box.

A notice explaining the process is to be produced and posted on the notice board.

Envelopes to be purchased

**Action: Closed**

**Coloured Flags**

The Ladies section, have requested the use of coloured flags to denote pin position.

It was suggested that the use of flags that can slide up and down to be used

It was also suggested we reintroduce the pin position sheet in the starters hut.

AE stated that the new flags had been purchased for this season and that it will be reviewed again next season

**Action: Closed**

Pin position on the 9th green to be displayed in the starters hut

**Action: AE**

It was suggested that as local banks are closing it is getting more difficult to pay in monies to the club account.

**Action DG On Going**

MB stated that the Mixed Charity Bowmaker will be a wrong trousers event.

**Action: Closed**

**Team Colours**

The playing committee requested that teams could move away from our traditional white shirts and navy blue trousers.

It was agreed that the teams could choose their own colours providing the shirts are purchased through the Pro shop and display the Wheathill GC logo.

It was also agreed that the teams stay with navy blue jumpers.

**Action: Team Captains**

**Golf Rules Question and Answer Forum**

The playing committee also requested a question and answer forum on the rules of Golf. This was agreed by AE providing advanced notice of all the question are provided to him, so that he can seek guidance form the R&A

**Action: CA, AF and MB to organise**

MB stated that intends to start a ladies evening roll up every Tuesday evening starting in May

Meeting closed at 19:42

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

Signed: Janette Stewart-Burnett Date: 30th May 2018

Chair

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