

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th May 2021**

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

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

Richard Mills RM Seniors Captain

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB opened at 18:00 welcoming everyone back after such a long break due to the pandemic
2. **Apologies**

Apologies received from DM

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 26th October 2020**

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

**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 that the Kizzy cup draw had been done as was posted on the mixed competitions board.

The Club Championship calling notice had been circulated, the Lintern Trophy and Camelot Shield calling notices will be issued shortly.

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

DM: No Report

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported: That the men’s and general funds where very healthy, it was agreed to review the situation at the end of the year and if still healthy consider investing in the cleaning area.

**8. Captain’s Report**

CR Reported:

Leather Jackets are a particular problem at the moment, and that the Green Keeper Association are lobbying the government to permit the use of chemical sprays to alleviate the problem.

1. **Management Report**
2. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

Its lovely to be back out on the course again.

The Ladies league had a good start to the season.

Played away to Orchardleigh on 4th May – (Won 3, lost 3, Halved 1).

Home to Minehead on 18th May - (Won 4, lost 1 halved 2). Vicky & her staff fed & looked after us well.

Next match is at home to Tall Pines on 3rd June.

Several in house competitions have also been played:

Margarita

Rainbow Maker

Coronation Foursomes – Congratulations to Jill Byrne & Helen Takhar hope their score gets them into the regional finals.

Martin & I have played our 1st Pro-Captains Match

We also played our first tri-match today at Long Sutton.

Wheathill scored 148

Long Sutton 154

Cricket St Thomas 164

Two more matches to go, so plenty of time to catch up. Our next match at Cricket St Thomas.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

RM Reported:

Wheathill Seniors have now played two Friendly matches, the first on the 18th May at Cricket St. Thomas was played under very wet conditions and we lost 4 – 2. However, two matches were very close and could have gone either way.

The second was a home match on 20th May when we entertained Cannington G. C. This was played under appalling weather conditions (both high winds and very heavy rain) and a 3 – 3 draw seemed the fairest result for all the stoicism displayed by both teams.

On 20th May the Seniors Committee received an email from Richard Pawson, Seniors Vice Captain advising us that he has taken up a voluntary appointment with “Remote Medical International” and will be going to remote areas of the UK setting up testing and vaccine centres as required. This is a 6 month appointment and he has formally withdrawn from all future club matches, competitions etc until at least mid- October.

With Alan Frith’s recent resignation from the Committee coupled with Mike Stayner’s decision not to continue for a second year as “Past Captain”, the Seniors Committee was left short on numbers. It was felt that we needed to act quickly to appoint a new V.C. and I am pleased to announce that Dave Gregory has agreed to take on the role.

I have also written to Richard explaining our decision and thanking him for his past efforts.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The junior membership has continued to increase steadily during the pandemic due to other sports not being as readily available to young people. Our latest numbers on roll total 32 though there are still a significant number without handicaps as yet.

The Junior Open is taking place on Sunday 6th June and we have 4 entrants so far and a message has gone out to rally our own juniors to enter.

The Junior Championship is taking place on 13th June with the main Competition over 18 holes and a Development Competition over 9 holes. I am hoping we will have a good field.

As the summer progresses there are 3 League Events, the Jamboree and Knockout Cup taking place at different clubs across our section of the County and I am hoping to send a full team if possible to each event. Some support may be needed if border restrictions are eased please.

1. **AOB**

**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. Paragraph 7 above refers

**Action: CR ongoing**

**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 PD in conjunction with the Pro Shop staff would produce a simple guide on how the to World Handicapping System works which will be sent out as an e-mail to all members.

**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.

DG also offered to paint

**Action: Closed**

**Playing Committee:**

It was agreed to restart the playing committee

**Action: CR**

**The Course:**

The Ladies captain requested that the fairways be brought back closer to the tee box on both the 7th and 9th holes.

It was also requested that aprons be cut on both the 8th and 11th greens.

**Action: AE**

**List of Qualifiers/Playing rounds:**

The Seniors Captain asked if a list of all qualifiers/playing rounds could be produced.

**Action: PD to discuss with Mark and Martin**

**Buggy House:**

Two members have asked if a buggy house could be provided to house two buggies, these members have offered to help with both labour and materials.

**Action: AE to consider**

**Ladies Stroke Equalisation Shots:**

This issue is causing concern amongst a number of male members. The number of additional shots is derived between the difference in the red and white or red and yellow tees.

As an example the Wheathill course rating from the white tees is 66.4 and from the red tees is 69.6, the difference is 3.2 ie 3 shots, therefore equalisation shots no longer exist.

Meeting closed at 19:25

The next meeting will be held in the Club House on Wednesday July 28th at 6:00 pm

Signed: Date: 23rd June 2021

Chair

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| Opening balance | | £1,475.94 |  |  | £541.97 |  | £387.86 |  |  |  |  |
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| Levy cheque |  | £1,902.00 |  |  | Nil |  | Nil |  |  |  |  |
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| Captains gifts | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| upkeep |  | £49.80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Juniors Champs | |  |  |  |  |  | £58.00 |  |  |  |  |
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| Totals |  | £3,328.14 |  |  | £541.97 |  | £329.86 |  | £1,231.68 | £1,735.13 |  |
| Cash at bank |  | £4,195.87 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash in hand |  | £4.10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total |  | £4,199.97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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