

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

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Jill Byrne JB

Joan Stone JS Ladies Captain

Richard Mills RM Seniors Captain

1. **Introduction** JSB opened at the meeting at 18:00
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from AE, CR & DM

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 28th July 2021**

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

**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: Nothing to report

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

DM: Reported

That he intends to stand down as competitions and Handicap Secretary at the AGM.

He offered to continue to support and assist the incoming replacement.

**Action: PD to advertise the position**

DM also put forward a proposal to reduce the two-spot prize fund and to put the excess into a hole in one prize fund.

**Action:** AE to review

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

That the men’s and general funds where very healthy, and that there had been no significant change in the past month.

Report attached

Since the 5th June Mark Singleton is completing the finance sheets.

**8. Captain’s Report**

CR Reported:

In agreement with AE, he is going to revamp the new bunker on the first hole to make it more visible form the tee.

**Action: CR**

1. **Management Report**

AE Reported:

Nothing to Report

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

We have played 2 more interleague matches this month. The first at home to Orchardleigh which we sadly lost 2-5 and away to Oake Manor which we lost 3-4.

We are currently 2nd in the league, 4.5points behind Orchardleigh. The final 2 away matches are in September against Minehead & Tall Pines.

Results so far:

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| Club | Played | Points |
| Orchardleigh | 6 | 28 |
| Wheathill | 6 | 23.5 |
| Minehead | 6 | 21 |
| Tall Pines | 6 | 20 |
| Oake Manor | 8 | 19.5 |

Wheathill Ladies played at home in the final Tri-Match.

Going into the last match Wheathill were 8 points ahead of Long Sutton & 27 points behind Cricket St Thomas. I am pleased to say we ended up winning the trophy, overall beating Long Sutton by 32 points & Cricket St Thomas by 9 points.

I am extremely proud of all the ladies who played in the tournament. The trophy is on display in the clubhouse by the photos of our captains.

22 ladies are travelling to Dartmouth on September 12th for our away weekend. I am looking forward to an enjoyable few days & hopefully, 2 amazing rounds of golf!

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

RM Reported:

The Friendly match at Axe Cliff on Thursday 5th August started in light drizzle and the weather went downhill from there on and the whole thing was abandoned after the lead group completed

12 holes. The score at the time was 4 ½ to 1 ½ to the home team so that was accepted as the result.

I wish to add my thanks to the Wheathill team, the weather forecast for the day was for heavy rain, but we all turned up on time and started the match without complaint (to me at least) and although the match was abandoned, we honoured our obligation to play the match and that reflects well on both Wheathill G.C. and the individual players concerned.

Andy McDougall captained the team to a 6 - 0 win against Wincanton on Friday 20th August and will be in charge again for the visit Long Sutton on Tuesday 31st August.

The Avalon Seniors lost both matches played since the last report, to Cricket St. Thomas (again) and Taunton & Pickering BUT a team made up of Avalon players finished joint 5th in the Stags Competition held at Enmore G.C. on 13th August.

Dave Gregory stated that Paul Wootton was standing down as seniors section treasurer and if there was no one forthcoming he would incorporate the role into that of the club treasurer. He also stated that he is seeking a senior’s section vice-captain for next year.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

Since the last report the juniors have played in the Somerset Jamboree at Wells. We had a full team of four right up until hours before the start time and then illness claimed one player, so all our three remaining player’s scores counted for the final team score. All three boys played well given the wet conditions that came in later in the afternoon the team came 8th out of a possible 13 team entries.

The O’Connor Trophy is being played on Friday with four entrants and the postponed Junior Championship is taking place on Sunday with three possible players.

There is still the Committee Cup and Crossman Cup to be played and one more league event to finish the season.

1. **AOB**

**World Handicap System**

JSB stated that Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club have posters pinned up providing essential information on the new handicapping system and how it applies to club golfers.

**Action: Closed**

**John Boothman:**

PD received a reply from Val Boothman giving consent to both plaque and tree in John’s memory.

The plaque was purchased by the senior’s section.

A tree is to be obtained once the decision of which type of tree is appropriate

**Action: Closed**

**Playing Committee:**

At recent Main Committee meeting the usefulness of the Playing committee was again discussed.

It was agreed that consideration should be given to introducing a Men’s section in line with the Ladies and Seniors.

The Ladies Section TOR should be used as a guidance.

To be discussed again at the next MCM when Men’s Vice Captain will be present.

**Action:** JS to provide the Ladies Section TOR

**Long And Untidy Grass:**

CR raised the issue of long and untidy grass particularly after having just been cut

**Action: Closed**

**Automated Grass Cutting Robot:**

CR raised the issue of balls striking the Husqvarna robot, it was agreed that should a ball strike the robot the shot should be taken again.

**Action: Closed**

**Apology:**

CR raised the issue of the criticism of him in DM’s June MCM report with regards to him not being available to play in the club championship.

CR insisted that an apology was forthcoming from DM.

DM accepted that his report was overzealous and asked for this statement of apology be included in the minutes.

**Diary:**

The issue of funding the club diary through advertising was discussed.

Should the money raised by advertising be split between the diary and club.

Action: AE, JSB & A McDougal

**Bench Repairs:**

Some of the wooden benches are showing signs of rot and require repair.

The bench has been examined and has been declared beyond repair.

Consideration to be given on a replacement, agenda item at next meeting

**Action:** PD

**Winter Golf:**

It was agreed that two more Astra turf tees would be made on the 2nd and 3rd tees plus a mat for the ladies on the 11th.

**Action:** AE

**16th Tee:**

A request has been made from the Seniors section to move the white tee forward for all Seniors competitions

**Action: AE to consider**

**Townsend Trophy:**

Due to the low number of entries, it was decided to cancel the competition for this year.

**Action: PD**

**Presentation Night:**

It was agreed to hold the Presentation Night on the 19th November, Vicky has been informed.

It was also agreed that A Touch of Glass will be used for all trophy engravement.

A list of prize winners is to be prepared.

**Action: PD**

**Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 25th November starting at 8:00 pm in the Club House.

**Action: All to Note**

**Somerset Juniors Girls:**

Ladies required to provide support to this Somerset Junior Girls event at Wheathill on the 26th September

**Action: Ladies Section**

Meeting closed at 19:47

The next meeting will be held in the Club House on Wednesday September 29th at 6:00 pm

Signed: Date: 29th September 2021

Chair

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