



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 26th April 2023**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Club Chair
Gerry Morgan	GM	Club Captain
Jen Warmington	JW	Ladies Captain
Ian Barrett	IB	Seniors Captain
Pete Dunford	PD	Club Secretary
Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
Jill Byrne	JB	Committee Member and Junior Organiser
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Andrew England	AE	Proprietor

1. Introduction JSB welcomed the committee and was pleased there was a full attendance.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 28th March 2023

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

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:

A document explaining changes to the WHS handicapping system had been received, PD explained some of the new rules which are been introduced

The handicap committee is to review the document in order to implement any new rules or interpretations.

Action: PD

The stroke index displayed on numerous tee boards have not been updated to reflect the new course stroke indexes. I have passed the updates necessary to the Pro Shop for updating. See Senior Captain's report.

Action: AE

PD again raised the issue of Juniors photo boards as he was not in agreement to using the spare spaces on the Seniors board.

It was agreed to obtain a slightly smaller board of a similar design to that of the other captains that would fit in the corner by the double exit doors that lead to the carpark

Action: PD

6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report

AF Reported:

The Winners of the winter Blades competition was J Stewart and B Burnett.

Captain's v's Vice Captain's competition which was cancelled due to bad weather has been rescheduled for the 24th of June.

AF explained his proposal for a men's section order of merit, it will be competed for over 6 medals, the medal winner getting 10 points and 1 point for 10th place. The player with the highest accumulative points total from the 6 medals being the overall winner.

The top three from each division will be entered into an end of season competition, the senior's section have a similar system.

Action: AF to discuss with Rob Hardy and the Men's Competitions Committee.

The Kizzy Cup dates have been extended again due the bad weather experienced in March and early April.

The 6 members who were offered a handicap increase, 3 accepted 3 declined

Avalon A team has played two and won two, Avalon B & C teams have both played one and won one.

7. Treasurer's Report

DG reported:

Two amounts have money have been received as shown in the accounts.

It was agreed that the senior members fees for competing in the EGU Race to Woodhall Spa competition will be funded by the senior's section

Action: DG

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

8. Captain's Report

GM reported:

In his opening statement GM praised the ground staff and the work they have done in keeping the course in such good condition considering the weather experienced this month.

Concern was expressed that the compressor had a lower operating temperature limit of 4 degrees C due to ice build-up. Consideration to be given on the potential for thermal lagging.

Action: AE

Work on preparing the site for the grid is still on hold awaiting the builder an alternative person to prepare the site is to be pursued.

Action: GM

GM suggested utilising the purchased artificial grass on the main tees during winter months, moving regularly enabling the full course to be used and cards put it. Yeovil Golf Club use this method successfully. Further discussions were had how this approach could be adopted, perhaps a trial period

Action GM to discuss with AE

GM commented he continues to chase information of New Members joining Wheathill. He wanted to set a precedence of communicating with new members as his role of Club Captain, welcoming them. To date this information has not been forthcoming.

Action: AE

9. Management Report.

AE Reported:

Dandelions will be sprayed within the next week.

The greens will be fed and spiked and the whole site is being cut as regularly as possible.

10 ton of bunker sand has been ordered and will be dispatched into the most needed traps.

We have a full house for the members 30th year fun competition and celebration. It'll be a great day!

Hopefully the weather will improve, and the season can start in earnest.

Callaway and Wilson Demo days coming soon.

10. Ladies Section Report

JW Reported:

The weather has caused us some problems this month with the first Tri match having to be postponed and the Ladies Get Together being abandoned, completely, as not only was the course unplayable but the kitchen was also closed due to Covid.

Our first round Rogers Cup match against Wells, at T&P, on 11th April, was played in the most atrocious weather conditions I have ever experienced on a golf course. It was more a test of survival than of golf and unfortunately Wells proved the stronger team winning 5-2. A huge amount of credit should go to all the players and caddies, who battled on through the conditions, with some narrow defeats in the lost matches. My thanks to everyone who represented Wheathill so well on the day.

On to more positive things:

The New Members Texas Scramble went well. The rearranged Tri match took place on Monday 24th April and Wheathill ladies are just 6 points behind Long Sutton, after the first leg. We then played our first league match on Tues 25th, at home, beating Minehead 5-2.

Finally, Kate Cleverley and I will be taking on 4 rounds of golf on Thursday 18th May to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. Anyone wishing to sponsor our efforts can do so either via our JustGiving pages or by using the sponsorship form available in the Clubhouse.

11. Seniors Section Report.

IB Reported:

As a result of the numerous requests for more ball washers I B has conducted some research.

Two different types are available from the USA at a price of £450-£500, however there two types made in the UK plastic price £138 + VAT and one metal price £230 + VAT.

The meeting authorised the purchase of 3 plastic units

Action: AE to purchase DG to re-imburse less VAT

A complete review of ball washer positions to be undertaken

Action: GM

IB stated the that friendly match with Rushmore Park was tomorrow and that due to an administration error the match at home to Brean GC has been cancelled.

The main committee agreed for Rob Hardy to produce interim stickers and have noted the request for new ball washers. Ian will enquire regarding costings.

Action: Close

IB requested a fourball voucher for the senior's section

Action: AE

12. Junior Section Report

JB Reported:

Our first League event begins on Sunday 30th April with a 3 player Knockout Match at Wheathill against Taunton and Pickeridge. The Event for all the clubs that we are hosting has moved from that date and is now being played in September.

Due to the Margarita Cocktail last weekend, the Crossman Cup was not played and will be rearranged in discussion with the Proshop.

We have 17 juniors signed up for the summer from King's and 8 of these are 15-year-old and Local Day students so we should have the benefit of their progress for three years hopefully.

In addition, Sexey's are bringing 14-16 Sixth Formers on Thursday afternoons for the next 6 weeks so a further link can be developed with them too.

Girls Golf Rocks is being offered again by Martin and we now have 4 girls actively playing on a regular basis and only one to yet get her handicap.

Finally, we are encouraging inclusion of our juniors in main Club competitions with the new Mary England Comp specifically to raise funds for our section (thanks again to Dave), Ronnie played in the Winter Trophy/Plate over recent months, Oli, Max, John, Ronnie, Elizabeth and Lucy are playing in the next 2 bank holiday comps, there are entries in the Kizzy and Cyril Gallie and many more to come, I'm sure.

So, busy and exciting times!

13. AOB

Mixed Competitions Club V1

JW asked to keep open the access to club V1 issue.

Following the meeting set up by Pete Dunford for WHS with Somerset Golf Union. It was agreed at that meeting Geoff Gilbert would have full access. This has not happened.

Geoff at the last Men's Competition Committee meeting made it clear although initially he was happy to take full responsibility for adding in the men/ladies for all mixed competitions. He is concerned he cannot fulfil this, due to being away or working. He subsequently has felt uncomfortable asking Karen to add ladies to an upcoming men's competition, due to personal circumstances. When he was promised access.

This issue remains unresolved, PD gave an alternative solution to resolve the issue which was dismissed. Access to ClubV1 for both men's and ladies' competitions secretaries to enable them to load competitions is required, this is only partial and not total access

Action: AE to provide as agreed

Whitehill's 30th Year Celebrations

GM explained 60 engraved tankards for the men and 36 heavy glass engraved mementoes for the ladies are being proposed.

The 60 mementoes at £6 each, this will be paid as follows: £90 from each section men's and senior's sections and the remaining £180 from the general fund.

The 36 glass mementoes at £8 each will be funded 50% by the lady's section and 50% from the general fund.

In summary the mementoes costs are as follows; _

Men's section to fund £90

Senior's section to fund £90

Ladies section to fund £144

General Funds to fund £324

Quiz Nights

Could we reintroduce Quiz nights? AE is keen to do this. Possibly April or May. GM to act as Quiz Master.

Sarah (2) is keen to support an evening.

Action: GM later in the year

Order of Merit

JW asked if we have an order of merit for Medals and Stapleford's, AF agreed to investigate the options in ClubV1.

Action: Closed refer to section6.

Cleaning Bay

Concern was raised that the compressor installation in the cleaning bay has an ambient temperature limitation of 4 degrees.

A quote for insulation is required

Action: AE

Website

A discussion was had by all regarding the current website. Acknowledgement was made to the work Jim O'Connor does and those relevant will send news of events as and when they happen.

Action: Closed

Diary

With the notification of Andy McDougall standing down this year from doing the club diary. He will be asked if he can action a couple of requests before passing the diary on. JSB to approach a potential diarist and DG to ask if a charge for the diary of £1 can be included in the subs. Subs to be raised to £7 which includes £1 to cover the cost of the diary

Action: AE

Weather impact on Competitions

AF is reviewing the knock-out competitions and extending the play by dates, to ensure everyone can have the opportunity to complete their matches. He will be monitoring when the white tees come in to play and adjust accordingly.

A new date was agreed for the Captain's v Vice Captains this being the 24th June. GM to check the Pro-shop diary is free from societies etc.

Action: Closed

Past Captains Gifts

DG has noticed some of the past captain's presentation plaques by the trees, plants, Beak House and so on are in a bad state of repair. GM happy to acquire the metal plates, including some for the benches and the OK was given to make full repairs.

Action: GM

General Issues

A small PA system is being provide next week by Sean Woodward

Action: All to note

The men's section has requested a cabinet in the men's locker room to house the new PA system and other items of general use.

Action: AF

JW stated her appreciation for the work AE and the bar and ground staff do for us all.
Meeting closed at 19:44

The next meeting will be held on May 31st commencing at 18:30 in the Club House

Signed:

Chair

Date: 31st May 2023

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Appendix 1

Wheathill Golf Club Accounts 24th-February 2023 to 28th-March 2023

	General Section	Mens Section	Junior section	Seniors section	Seniors invite
Opening balance	£2,608.10	£292.82	£124.86	£1,478.54	£32.00
Income					
Mary England			£166.00		
Diary revenue	£65.00				
Yellow ball				£17.00	
Weds Stableford		£9.45			
Seniors away W/end					
depositsx10.				£500.00	
Totals	£2,673.10	£302.27	£290.86	£1,995.54	£32.00
Expenditure					
Jurassic chall				£416.00	
Seniors away					
weekend deposit				£420.00	
Photo boards	£51.90				
Mendip Spring					
Comp				£352.00	
Alpha signs					
honours boards	£438.00				
Totals	£2,183.20	£302.27	£290.86	£807.54	£32.00
Cash at bank	£3,502.87				
Cash in Hand	nil				
Total	£3,502.87				
Ladies Section	Main Account £853.13	Charity Account £431.18.	NB: these figures not included in above		
All expenditure in the senior section, repayable by participants in the relevant competitions and when paid.					