



MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 26th July 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
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Andrew England	AE	Proprietor

1. Introduction JSB welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

Jill Byrne

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 28th June 2023

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by IB 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:

Junior Photo Board

I have agreed with Camelot Photographic the style and size of the photo board and the Photo layout with Jill Byrne. The cost is around £220 and will be available on my Return from holiday, earlier if someone wishes to liaise with Camelot Photographic in Wincanton.

Stroke Index

Having spoken to Par Signs last week, they were still waiting the information from Mark. I have given them all the information

Action: AE Ongoing

Club Flag

The previous club flags I obtained through a company called Mr Flag. I have asked Martin to provide me with a digital version of the club logo as the one I have is out of date. Once I have this, I can get a price for a new flag or flags.

Post Meeting Note Information now with PD

6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report

AF Reported:

Fundraiser Day,

A gentleman known to SW has accepted the job to refit the cleaning area, the work starting today. His charge will be £920. GM to request part payment from the proshop, who hold cash from the fundraising day and refunds from Somerset Golf Union. Ideas for spending any balance included are refurbishment of the noticeboard, a locker and further broken tee containers. The material has been provided for the noticeboard and 15 more tee containers placed with the pro shop.

Captains v Vice Captains match

Victory for the vice Captains

Lydford Plate replacement on next MCM. The honours board is correct, but the plate has been lost, requested and accepted at MCM to replace.

Action GM

Men's Open

Some entries being seen, including 12 from Lyndhurst, a push amongst members now operating after Captains Day, Subject of direct payment using BRS via Golf Empire to be raised at MCM

Action GM

An order of Merit won by D. Martin, Will be run again in 2024, but prize (bottle of malt) to come from Men's funds.

Finances, the reconciliation between the treasurer and AF has now reached agreement. Present balance over £450.

Club Championship.

Subsidy, minimum of £200 from Men's fund. Cost of £12.50 to include food (cost £6.50 each). Presently over 50 entrants, Prize split 55/45, after taking 10% for funds between net and hedges and ditches.

Action GM

Captains Day.

Won by D and N Glass, Auction, raffle and Captains drive helped raise in excess of £750 for Prostate Charity

Whiteboard for teams, Captain wrote to all Team Captains to encourage them to write scores from each match on the board, to date no responses, if this continues the board may be able to be converted into a weekly schedule board to help advertise medals etc.

Action GM

Medal weeks, Request the diary reflects a competition on every day, with no clash with proshop stableford, this has been done with no clash of team events,

Upcoming Competitions.

Cara Cup, Aug 6th Draw made, GM will collate cards and SW act as starter, a detailed starter instruction is required due to the unusual scoring method.

Townsend Trophy, notice now put up, A par/bogey event, if this competition is not well supported the format will be changed for 2024

Captains Challenge, notices sent to all Team Captains.

AOB,

GG was anxious to dilute any non-computer work, this was felt to be possible after the AGM with the election of a new member. The structure of next year's committee will also allow GM to give more time to help these requirements as well as being able to spend more time on the secretarial duties. The captain will then only need to be the Chairman of this committee.

JSB requested the committee members review the current handbook, with a view to publishing it on the website or in hard copy.

7. Treasurer's Report

DG reported:

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

DG stated that he had seen no money associated with the Men's Open Day.

It was agreed that the entrance fee should be paid via BACS to the Men's Committee fund, and that no fees should be going through the Pro Shop.

Action: GM/AF

8. Captain's Report

GM reported:

Access to the main committee minutes seems to be limited for our members. Could a folder be created and stored with the competitions folders in the foyer?

Action PD

Previously GM suggested in the May meeting 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.

In today's meeting AE advised he had discussions with Yeovil. AE expressed it could be done on the par 4's and 5's but needs a lot of thought, as the winter tees are in places which avoid the wet areas. AE is not dismissing the idea and a suggestion was made to contact a few members with experience in carpet laying to aid in coming to a solution.

Action on going

Previously 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. AE apologised for being remiss about this request. He explained New Members get a full induction on joining and suggested perhaps arranging a New Members get together early in the season to include current members.

Action: Closed

Cleaning Area.

Work has nearly finished, cost £820

3 Ball washers and bins have been bought at a cost of £600

Financing of these two items need resolving including how much money last year's Club Captain has retained.

Action: GM

Cost of an all-weather bench to be ascertained

Action: DG

9. Management Report.

AE Reported:

The golf course is in a great condition. We continue to feed little and often, spike and spray when necessary.

The club house continues to gain super reviews for quality food and service from visiting match and society players.

The Pro Shop is looking sharp and different. The Facebook and social media pages exciting, in part thanks to the return of our old pro Melissa.

10. Ladies Section Report

JW Reported:

Ladies Club Champs

The suggestion of splitting the Ladies Club Championship, suggested by Andrew, was given full discussion by the Ladies Committee.

The committee felt that the low numbers, this year, were due mainly to some ladies who would

normally have entered, being otherwise committed on the day. Numbers for both the Championship and the Supporters have declined over the years, as the overall size of the Ladies Section has also declined, but still represents a much higher proportion of participation than the Men's Championship, which is played over 2 days.

It was however acknowledged by the committee that we currently have an aging demographic and many feel that they are not now capable of playing two rounds in one day. However, the average age of our newer lady members seems a fair bit younger so this may well swing back over the next few years.

It was also recognized by the committee that other clubs and more importantly, the County

Championships are run as two rounds in one day competitions.

As we also now have an Order of Merit competition, which will reward the most consistent golfer, it was agreed that the format will remain the same.

Lady Captain's Report

Once again, it's been a busy month. We have played 1 ICL match which unfortunately resulted in a 6 – 1 loss away at Worlebury. Despite this, we are still reasonably placed in the league table at this point in the season with 4 matches to play. The Ladies Club Championship and Supporters Trophy took place on Sunday 2nd July and resulted in win for Kate Cleverley, once again. The Mayfield Cup for the best nett score was won by Nicky Wisniewski . We had a good turnout for the Salimeg.... as a Texas Scramble is always a popular format and was won by Lynn O'Neill, Kate Cleverly and Pam Frith. The Charity Bowmaker was a great success and raised £1080 for Prostate Cancer UK. A good chunk of this was due to local companies sponsoring holes for which I must thank Sean Woodward for his efforts in persuading his business contacts to support the day. The rescheduled Ladies Invitation Day f took place on the 18th and although not glorious sunshine it was a definite improvement on the weather which caused us to postpone it, back in May.

Thirteen ladies came and played with us, as our guests, and I think they all enjoyed the golf and the meal provided for them with our usual Wheathill hospitality. Sadly, I was unable to play in Captain's Day, due to injury, but a huge thank you goes to Gerry for all his efforts to make it a success and in raising a further £800 for our charity. Lastly, the final leg of the Tri Match series took place on Monday and saw Long Sutton winning the trophy with Wheathill second and CST third.

11. Seniors Section Report.

IB Reported:

Seniors Captains Day went well, and I like to thank Gunnar for his help for producing a unique score card for the unusual format we had on the day. Also a big thanks to Jen for starting and helping with the raffle. The raffle raised £179. Our head auctioneer Gerry Morgan extracted a further £95 for the charity from Andy McDougall, who happened to put his hand up at the wrong time, so the hammer went down. It would be helpful if next years tee times for seniors Captains Day could start at 9:30 to allow time for registration, the raffle and coffee Senior's friendlies still going well and so far, won 4, halved 3, and lost 3.

12. Junior Section Report

JB Reported:

The League East Division Events at The Mendip and Wells took place on 2nd and 9th July respectively.

We had four representatives who played at The Mendip with Lucy Sleeth-Stevens winning Division 3 and Oli Hopkins, Jack McMeekin and Ronnie Baldwin all winning medals too. The team came away joint 2nd at the end of the day.

At Wells we fielded a full team however conditions and slight changes of handicap did not fare as well in our favour and the team came away having done their best winning 3 individual medals (John Angelosanto, Lucy and Jack) but not quite so many points. We are now placed 3rd behind Wells and The Mendip ahead of Farrington and Long Sutton.

The final League Event is here at Wheathill in September and hopefully we will do much better at our home course to complete the Divisional rounds.

The Junior Open is taking place on Sunday 27th August and hopefully a lot of our Juniors and several from elsewhere will be there to compete.

13. AOB

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. Another chair provided by Jim Holdsworth's family is now broken.

Family to be contacted to see if they wish to replace it. Rob Hardy may be able to help in location the family.

Information on which ones to be provided to GM

Action: DG for GM

Defibrillator

JW requested access to the unit should be available when the club house is closed
A team from Yeovil Hospital will be attending the club to give lessons on the 20th September.

To be advertised to members

Action: GM

Lydford Trophy/Plate

The trophy or cup or plate associated with this competition continues to cause a fair bit of confusion.

A search in the loft has been fruitless, consequently DG is purchasing a suitable memento.

Action: DG

Dress Code

It has been noted that the dress code is not being adhered too possible mainly by visitors and pay and play.

AE requested that committee members stand on the first tee between 10 and 2 at weekends to monitor and correct improper dress code.

Action: Closed

Wheathill Flag.

Price for new club flag to be obtained

Action: PD ongoing

Ladies Championship

AE asked if the lady's section could review their 36-hole championship due to the reduction in numbers and possibly consider playing over two days and possibly combining on the same weekend as the men to make it a bigger event.

Response to this request is contained in the Lady Captains Report.

Action: Closed

Clock

DG raised the need to purchase a new clock, one to be more robust.

Action DG

3 Counties A Captain.

DG is retiring from the 3 Counties A Captaincy, a note has been circulated via the internet advertising the position.

Action: PD

Consideration be given to booking and paying for Medals & Stableford's via either ClubV1 or BRS.

Action: PD

DG stated that a player has been registering for general rounds and not entering cards in order to maintain his handicap.

This has been tested by DG and appears to be a fault with the WHS system.

To be discussed with Janet Fear

Action: PD

The meeting finished at 19:40

The next meeting will be held on August 30th commencing at 18:30 in the Club House

Signed: Janette Stewart-Burnett

Date: 30th August

2023

Chair

Wheathill Golf Club Accounts 1st-July-2023 to 26th-July-2023

	General Section	Mens Section	Junior section	Seniors section	Seniors invite
Opening balance	£1,687.32	£477.33	£272.66	£1,480.00	£188.00
Income					
Snrs Away w/end				£1,548.00	
Snrs Invite					£242.00
Codgers				£14.50	
July 7 day medal		£10.15			
Medal 28th-6 23		£7.88			
Totals	£1,687.32	£495.36	£272.66	£3,042.50	£430.00
Expenditure					
Snrs Away w/end				£1,728.00	
Snrs invite				£208.00	
Totals	£1,687.32	£495.36	£272.66	£1,106.50	£430.00
Cash at bank	£3,977.34				
Cash in Hand	£14.50				
Total	£3,991.84				
Ladies Section	Main account £2134.50 Charity account £2036.02				
NB	Enmore-£320 recoverable to seniors on payment by the players involved.				