

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th September 2018**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Charlie Anderson CA Club Captain

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Alan Forscutt AF Seniors Captain

Melanie Brewin MB Ladies Captain

Chris Whyntie CW Competition & Handicap Secretary

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

Andrew England AE Proprietor

Geoff Brewin GB Vice Captain

Ann Gates AG Ladies Vice Captain

1. **Introduction** JSB opened the meeting at 18:30 and welcomed Geoff and Ann to the meeting.
2. **Apologies**

Pete Dunford

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 29th August 2018**

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by CA and seconded by JB. JSB to sign off at the October meeting.

**Action: PD**

**4. 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.**

Nothing to report.

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

CW stated all competitions are completed.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported: Minor changes.

The accounts are attached as Appendix 1

1. **Captain’s Report**

CA reported:

The evenings are now becoming longer, but we still have some summer competitions to look forward too. This Saturday we have the Silver Jubilee men pair’s Open 4BBB, at the time of doing this report, we have around 25 pairs entered and the weather is forecast is dry and bright for this weekend. The next day, we have the Cumisky Cup competition, again the entries numbers are looking good.

Before the winter competitions start, apart from the medals and the 3 counties Freemens Trophy (on Saturday 6th October), the mens section have one main competition left on Saturday 27th October, 8.30am shotgun start, the club’s fundraising day.

This months Men’s September plate was won by Clive Fowler with +4. Team’s challenge Bowl was won by Avalon B team with 217 points, 6 points ahead of the C team, due to some teams struggling to find 12 players, if the same problem occurs next season, maybe we should review the team numbers (from12 to 10!),

1. **Management Report**

AE reported:

Autumn renovations are scheduled in week commencing 15th October. 50 tons of sand and soil arrives this week.

Greenkeepers have priority during these works.

The county under 12’s championship went ahead last weekend despite the weather and the course played superbly. Credit to the staff.

The same day at Clevedon the Trounson trophy was called off!

There are many events to look out for between now and Christmas so make sure you support what you can.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

MB reported:

Ladies Section Report to Main Committee 26.09.18

We played our last home league match against Mendip Spring, narrowly losing 3-4 and our final league match at T&P losing by 6-1. Having been promoted this season, the 1 point was enough to see us retain our position in division 2.

Due to my mother suffering a fall and being hospitalised it was touch and go whether I would make my away weekend. Luckily everything fell into place and Linda and I made the journey to China Fleet on the Friday arriving in time for lunch before our massage appointments. I loved the course and the whole place as much as every time I have visited before and breathed a sigh of relief when everyone else enjoyed their weekend as much as I did. Special thanks to Gaye, Gin, Molly and Ann for organising some original entertainment producing much laughter. To sum up it was “absolutely FABULOUS” and I hope the experience will be repeated for Charlie and his group next month.

For the first time ever, I was able to join in the Rose Bowl Texas scramble with the seniors. Unexpectedly I was called upon to present the trophy to the winning team of Heather Bush, Richard Bargery, Lloyd Vallis and John Sandle.

The ladies’ section was well represented in the Team Captains Challenge, with some playing in the 3 Counties teams too. Once again, we returned disappointing scores compared to the men in part due to the wet and windy conditions slowing the ball.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

AF Reported:

Since are last meeting the seniors have played 4 friendly matches, we won at home to Cricket St. Thomas, halved away at Long Sutton & Cannington but alas loosing away at Charminster.

The story so far won 6 lost 5 and drawn 5 with 2 matches yet to be played.

Seniors AGM is now looming, Gerry Morgan is standing down as Seniors Secretary and will be a hard act to follow. Keith Bradly our member’s representative on the committee is also standing down. He has helped me and the committee on many topics throughout his tenure.

Neville Dowden has agreed to be senior’s vice-captain next year.

Agenda details and nomination requests will be posted on the senior’s notice board.

I would like to thank Dan and the greens team for the best I have seen our greens since I joined in 1995.

Finally the seniors committee would like the Trophy engraving to be done by A Touch of Glass.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

This month has seen the Junior County Jamboree postponed once again, now scheduled for the 21st October here at Wheathill.

The Crossman Cup took place on Saturday15th September with 5 juniors playing with invited adult partners, a greensomes medal round which was very well contested and the Trophy retained by the winning combination of Oscar Martin and Dave Kirby, good job as Oscar still had the trophy at home! Thanks to those members that played on the day and especially to Jean Crossman whom came in specially to award the trophy which was still at Oscars house.

On the 23rd the final silverware competition was played, the committee against the juniors. This time we had four juniors in pairs in 4 BBB Match play. The juniors lulled the older members into a false sense of security letting both pairs get ahead slightly but as they got into their stride with the format, they romped home to win 4 & 2 and 5 & 3. So the committee cup has been retained by the juniors. Thanks to the committee members and Roy Smith (co opted at the last minute), for their support and play on the day.

We have been approached by Yeovuil for friendly home and away fixtures, hopefully with the first leg on Saturday 10th November.

Golf Access will potentially begin to soon boost our juniorvmembers handicaps for the start of next season.

In addition Martin will soon be doing some taster sessions for year 6 at Milford Junior School in Yeovil.

Lastly , Oliver England has accepted the invitation to be Junior Captain for the coming year.

1. **AOB**

Post the meeting PD and MB looked at the starts hut and consider that memorial plaques can be glued to the existing structure without the need for additional boards.

**Action: Main Committee to review again Ongoing.**

PD to provide an image of a suitable brass plaque, this was agreed to be acceptable. Engraved plaque to be obtained

**Action: PD Ongoing**

**Bench Refurbishment**

AF stated that two benches have been completed and requested permission to purchase additional paint. Committee agreed.

**Action: Closed.**

The committee agreed that all scores had to be entered into the computer, and then posted into the relevant score card box. Failure to do so will incur a disqualification.

CW to produce a note for the Notice Board advising all golfers of this rule.

**Action: CW ongoing**

CA requested a meeting with GO to agree and implement any changes required for the 2019 diary.

**Action: Closed**

Judith Rowsell has raised a concern with CA about lack of help for CW.

A**ction: Closed**

The Main Committee agreed to drop the spring Team Captains Challenge and just have the one in the autumn.

**Action: Closed**

MB advised the committee that Les Will no longer has the tine to act as the club press officer.

The committee was hopeful that the Ladies section could find a replacement, two name were suggested, MB to investigate.

**Action: MB ongoing**

The first batch of trophies has gone to the engravers in Radstock, AF raised the concern the Rob Hardy was unhappy with the way Seniors Trophies were handled last year. Rob Hardy’s advice is to be sought. It was agreed by the committee up the individual sections to choose where to send the trophies, even if it is not cost effective.

**Action: Closed**

Event’s Organiser. It was agreed by the committee to leave pursuing and event’s organiser for the time being.

**Action: Closed**

The introduction of higher handicaps and the impact on competitions was raised by AE. AE informed the committee of the defining handicap limits in competitions as per England Golf. Clubs have three clear options. JSB asked each section to review their competitions. CW and AF stated this would not be necessary and apart from a couple of competitions would be operating under option 1. MB advised the committee of the competitions they had already been reviewing, this is still work in progress and consideration is being made not only to the higher handicaps but also the lower. AG advised the committee the ladies section is not big enough to divide into divisions for competitions (not including medals and stablefords) as per option 3. JSB asked the competition secretary’s to get together to review the mixed competitions. To be actioned for the November meeting.

**Action: CW**

Judith Rowsell advised the playing committee of her resignation as assistant competition secretary. CW to advertise on the notice board.

**Action: CW**

Paul Hardies resignation as the men’s new members delegate was discussed as how to proceed.

**Action: CA ongoing**

It was agreed the New Year’s Day Texas Scramble be renamed in the memory of Patrick Brewin who won it this year and also would be added to the boards.

**Action: PD**

AE asked if the presentation night would be the same format as last year. The committee agreed it would be. CW said he would organise with John the use of his microphone.

**Action: CW**

AF produced a suggested version of the scorecard and asked it to be reviewed for the next meeting.

**Action: All**

Meeting closed at 19:46

The next meeting will be held at 18:30 on Wednesday 31st October 2018 in the Club House.

Signed: Janette Stewart-Burnett Date: 31st October 2018

Chair

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Appendix 1

