

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27th April 2022**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer & Seniors Captain

Jan Street JS Ladies Captain

Steve Chinnock SC Club Captain

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB welcomed the above participants and opened the meeting at 18:15
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Pete Dunford

JSB advised Darren Martin had verbally submitted his notice. Our thanks go to him for the fine job that he has done under difficult Covid conditions.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 30th March 2022**

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

**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: (at the March meeting).

The Competitions folder needs updating and made available for general information, and maybe be put on the web site.

**Action: Alan Forscutt via SC**

**SC** reported back:

The newly formed Men’s Competition are unsure regarding individual task responsibility and require direction and support with clarity of roles and terms of reference including computing help from Pro Shop Staff in order to benefit from guidance and experience. This Committee comprises of Club Captain Steve Chinnock, Men’s Vice Captain Gerry Morgan, Alan Forscutt, Geoff Gilbert, Brian Glen and Gin Stewart for this season.

**Action: SC to discuss with Mark Singleton**

There was a request by JS for reciprocal access to handicap information on Club V1 for the Competition

Secretary of the Ladies and Men’s section as long as GDPR is fully respected and that at the end of the season if post holders change that access codes/passwords will be changed.

This was agreed by all. Notification of the relevant Club V1 users to be advised to the Pro-Shop.

**Action JSB**

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

No Report.

PD to ascertain if there is a legal requirement for a handicap secretary

**Action: PD from March MCM**

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

There is a deficit on the accounts for the Men’s section. This needs to be referred to the Men’s Competition Committee at their next meeting. Many members are doing General Play card for handicap purposes and as a result medal and stableford competition entries are diminished and so the revenue is much reduced. In the club the senior membership numbers far outweigh that of the men, so a review of the incentives of entering competitions is needed.

Communication to the Senior and Men’s sections from the Pro-Shop to encourage increased entries out lining benefits.

**Action AE Completed**

Recently a society booking involving two local football clubs (of which quite a number were already club members), played the course and the players need to subsequently be made aware of membership benefits. Instagram and Twitter feeds could broaden our media presence.

**Action AE**

There are still some advertising fees outstanding from the diary.

**Action DG to liaise with the Pro-Shop.**

Finance sheet attached.

**8. Captain’s Report**

SC Reported:

The club clock has been taken to the repairers in Street who advise a stronger motor to cope with the weight of the hands. Approximate cost is £15 and should be ready to collect by the end of April.

The Somerset Bowl was played at Clevedon on Sunday 24th April. We lost 3-2. We could have won but Dave Kirby was taken off the course on the third extra play-off hole, because of his hip injury.

The Mockeridge Cup was held at Taunton & Pickeridge on Sunday 24th April and out of almost 60 pairs our highest scores were Dev Takar and Mike Low who came 11th.

The Pickeridge Bowl which is a scratch competition was played at Wheathill on the 17th April and we lost to a very good side from Clevedon 3 ½ to 1 ½.

SC expressed concern over the approach areas to the green needing attention. AE responded the difficulty in resolving the situation, without rain or intense watering. Is challenging. Work in progress.

Active rounds. The requirement of 10 active rounds will come into force from 1st October 2022 and be in operation for Silverware Competitions for 2023. This includes stablefords, Medals and any silverware competitions. For example The Men’s Championship.

A handbook for the Men’s section has been cloned from the ladies handbook. A hard copy will be available to refer to in the men’s competition book and will be sent out electronically so that information is fully transparent and there cannot then be any claims of lack or information with regards to competitions, entry requirements and rules of play etc.

1. **Management Report**

AE Reported:

The course has been kept trimmed, although the greens are behind due to the cold weather. We are watering from time to time to help. Many other courses are in the same boat.

We intend to divot the 15th fairway with volunteers when warmer weather is present.

We have purchased a hover mower for the banks and tee sides.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

The New Member’s Texas Scramble was a great success and my thanks go to Sylvia, Jen and Karen for their excellent organisation of this competition. 68 people took part – 26 of whom were new members. The weather was kind, and it was so good to see so many new members taking part, and for so many people to stay for the presentation – making it a very enjoyable social occasion as well.

Congratulations to Kate Cleverley and Sam Thorpe who beat Burnham and Berrow ladies at Mendip Spring in the first round of the Centenary Plate. They will face either Clevedon or Enmore Park in the next round.

The first Tri match of the season was held at Cricket St Thomas on 12th April. The Wheathill Ladies put in a great performance finishing 11 points ahead of Long Sutton and only 6 points behind Cricket St Thomas – which was a great result, away from home.

The first Friendly against Isle of Wedmore was held this week and Wheathill won 3 ½ to 1 ½

We have our first Rogers Cup match at Saltford on Friday against Taunton and Pickeridge and our League matches begin in a couple of weeks.

1. **Seniors Section Report.**

DG reported:

Eight of us intrepid golfers took part in the Jurassic Challenge on April 11th at an extremely windy Lyme Regis course. Needless to say we were blown away by it, but we tried.

We won our first friendly against Cricket St Thomas 3 ½ to 2 ½.

I am still querying the number of friendlies the seniors have 20. Which considering the few seniors who seem to want to play, is far too many.

I will be marshalling the next medal/stableford as it appears there were a few complaints about slow play into the pro-shop after the last competition.

Other than that, all is well – I think??

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

Sunday saw a very successful Somerset Junior League Event at Wheathill with thanks to Dave Gregory for starting and to Jan for kindly presenting the trophies and medals. 22 juniors played from all 6 East Division clubs. The final team result was Wells 1st, Mendip 2nd, Wheathill, Yeovil and Farrington equal 3rd and 6th Long Sutton. Representing Wheathill, Dylan Millard won division two for us.

The King’s Development Squad has exploded for the summer with 14 boys now signed up as playing participants with 7 of these also having coaching.

Marin and I are going to run Girls Golf Rocks in May and August in an attempt to introduce more girls to the game.

1. **AOB**

**Blades Competition**

JS raised the concerns of the Ladies Committee that the semi-final and final rounds were conducted without due consideration to all participants. After discussion it was agreed that there were anomalies and an apology was forthcoming from the Club Captain. A review of the competition format will be made before the next season.

**Men’s 4BBB**

A further problem with a Men’s 4BBB competition was discussed where an extension was requested and granted in contravention of previous committee decisions that there were to be NO EXTENSIONS granted other than on a general basis which would apply to all entrants and not to individual players, pairs or teams.

Meeting closed at 19.38

The next meeting will be held on May 25th in the Club House

Signed: Date: 27th April 2022

Chair

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