

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

PRESENT:

Steve Chinnock SC Club Captain Acting Chair

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer & Seniors Captain

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Jan Street JS Ladies Captain

Alan Forscutt AF Asst Competitions and Handicap Secretary

1. **Introduction** SC stood in to chair the meeting in the absence of JSB opening the meeting at 18:40
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from JBS, JB and AE

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 29th June 2022**

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

**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:

That he had received numerous messages (both written and verbal) on the subject of the Stirrers Texas Scramble competition rules being changed.

AF supported by SC gave an explanation on why the Men’s Committee have proposed a change to the rules to allow teams to play in a random draw competition.

AF stated that he had sought the view of 40 members who supported the change.

PD stated that the Men’s committee does not have the authority to changed competition rules which impact other sections without the approval of the Main committee.

A vote was taken to maintain the competition as a random draw, the result being 4 to 2 in favour. JB had given PD a proxy vote in favour of maintaining the status quo

PD stated the photo boards are now back in place back in place, thanks to Jim Palmer

**Action: Closed**

The Honours Boards have now been updated and the invoice passed to DG

**Action: Closed**

The missing lap top computer has been at home with AF, it was pointed out that equipment was for the use of committee members and should be kept in the Club House

**Action: Closed**

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

**Qualification criteria for competitions**

Although the committee had heard of a very limited number of complaints the 10 qualifier rule has been adopted. A notice was placed on the Men’s Noticeboard

**General play cards**

The EGU have advised that electronic submission of the score for general play rounds is sufficient for hcp purposes and no physical card is necessary. The proshop can be contacted later in the case of inaccuracies. No official notice is to be placed on the noticeboard

**Captains Day Saturday 23rd July**

The competition is fully subscribed and due to take place the following day. Profits from the competition will go towards a fund for a new compressor and a brand new cleaning area.

**Lydford Trophy and Cup**

The qualification criteria has been reduced to 2 men’s medal scores, due to the low number of entrants, 5 have played a minimum of 3 events and a further 9 have played 2 events. The top 12 have been notified and requested to respond to an email inviting them to contest the Cup on August 10th, 2 are down as reserves. Jim Williams won the trophy narrowly beating Terry Clarke. G, Morgan will try and be in attendance for starting duties etc.

**Men’s Open Saturday 10th September**

Advertised on Golf Empire, needs a further announcement in next Captains newsletter £8 Wheathill, £16 other

**Action: SC**

**Competition dates**

All competitions are up to date.

**Blades**

A similar situation to the Winter trophy had occurred, where due to a change in committee no finance sheet has been produced. This has now been rectified and the winners and runners up awarded proshop vouchers.

**Medal week**

The initial competition had not been as actively entered as hoped for, however there were mitigating circumstances.

**Lessons learned and future guidelines**

The divisions would be as equally divided as possible, based on hcp listings

30 and above entries 3 divisions

20-29 entries 2 divisions

Below 20 entries one division

The possibility of purchasing an adverting board was discussed and will be raised at the next mcm

**Action: AF**

**CARA Cup,**

Draw done, around 14 pairs have initially entered. A starter and scorer is required

**Club Championship**

GG informed the committee there were about 50 entrants and the draw will be structured with the lower hcp players going out last on the first day, with one requested exception due to prior notification and commitments

**Stirrers Mixed Texas Scramble**

There has been a lot of internal emails regarding the entry criteria for this event, the majority wish for a dual entry either as a team or by individuals entering and being teamed up by a structed draw, However an impassioned plea by GSB to only have a structured draw was made. The committee felt that their proposal gave the best of both worlds and would increase the number of entrants but this was still opposed. GSB requested this decision was put to the next MCM for their views.

Paragraph 5 Secretaries report refers.

**Terms of reference for the committee**,

This was being undertaken by the Secretary of the committee who promised a draft based on information from GSB by the next meeting

**Round Qualifier**

Having spoken to England golf AE stated his concerns over the new AE stated his concerns with respect to proposed 10 qualifier rule being introduced. All the local clubs have much lower qualifying requirements. AE was concerned on the impact this rule might have on attracting new members to Wheathill.

It was also stated that as members are playing casual rounds to get qualifiers the numbers playing in medals and stablefords has falling which directly effects money being paid into the funds.

After much discussion it was agreed to stay with the current 10 round ruling as stated in the handbook.

**Action: Closed**

A black board is to be obtained for the purpose of advertising medals and stableford at the entry to the pro shop.

**Action: DG**

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

The Men’s section funds stand at 36:02 in credit, insufficient to provide food for the forthcoming Men’s Championship.

The Committees share of the Wi-fi bill has not been paid since the outbreak of the Covid Virus.

DG has now paid AE £240

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1

**8. Captain’s Report**

The plaque from the old clock is to be recovered and attached to the new clock

**Action: Closed**

SC Reported:

The Captains Day was a great sucess raising around £1500 with more to come. The work on the new cleaning area should start at the end of August and the new compressor is already in hand

Comments from Members.

The course is looking much better now than it has for a long time and the following points have been brought to my attention by various members of the club.

1. Can we try to keep the white tees on the best tees, ie 15 where red and yellow are usually mixed.
2. Can we please have water in all the ball cleaners and can it be changed more often
3. Can the bins be emptied more often
4. Can we have sub flags on flag sticks to indicate the position of the hole i.e, red, yellow, white
5. Can we have more bins and ball cleaners around the course
6. Could we get some containers placed next to the tee markers to place used and broken tees in.
7. Can we do something about the surrounds of the greens which are very bumpy and tend to send the ball left or right. AE was supposed to look into this as per the minutes two meeting ago.

**Action: AE** to consider items a, b, c, d, and g

Ball Cleaners and bins have historically been funded by the proceeds from the club fund raising day.

**Action: SC**

From item f, Karon Woodward to be asked to paint some discarded food tins.

**Action: SC**

From item g, consideration be given to provide white lines in front of the greens to encourage players from taking trolleys across the fringe area.

**Action: AE**

1. **Management Report.**

AE Reported:

There was no management report

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

Quite a lot has happened since our last meeting: the Ladies Club Championship was well supported and our Lady Champion is Vicki Eales, Mayfield Cup (best nett) was won by Sam Thorpe and the Supporters best gross by Sue Rees and best nett by Lynn O’Neill.

In the League we have won one, lost two and halved one. Two away matches to be played before the end of the season.

Sadly Jen and Gin were not successful against Came Down in their fifth round Daily Mail Foursomes match, but well done for progressing so far. Becky Thompson and Dee Powell are playing today in the Coronation Foursomes regional finals at Yeovil.

We had a great result at Burnham and Berrow against Minehead in our Rogers Cup quarter final, winning 7-0. Our semi-final is due to be played soon at Bath against Mendip Spring.

A team of 6 ladies played in the South West Ladies Rally at Cricket St Thomas and came 4th.

The Mixed Open, organised by Jen Warmington, was a great success with several away teams taking part. The overall winners were Sam Thorpe and Gerry Morgan.

Another busy month to look forward to – and I’m hoping for lots of support for the Mixed Charity Bowmaker on 14th August.

1. **Seniors Section Report.**

DG Reported:

So far this season we have played 9 friendlies and had two postponed, we have won 4 lost 4 and halved one.

We have 5 matches to get in in August with only one having 12 players so far, for the match away to Axe Cliff on 4th August we only have 7 players so far.

Senior Captains’ day went quite well as a flag competition, being won by the senior with most shots ie: Paul Hamlet, however at least 10 players continued down the 2nd which wasn’t a bad effort.

Going back to 3-hour block booking appears to have been successful tees being all but taken up.

Avalon Seniors under the captaincy of Mike Low have been competing very well without having any luck,

Hopefully the Enmore Stag competition in August will be kind to them.

Everything else seems to be running ok although getting teams for friendlies continues to be a problem.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The Jamboree is taking place at Worlebury on 31st July with three players competing on behalf of Wheathill.

The summer is quiet for Junior Golf at the club but the rearranged Championship will be played In early September after the Junior Open on Sunday 28th August. We already have two external entries.

Thanks go to Jan Street and Judith Rowsell for supporting the Girls Mini Tour Event here on 10th July.

I have offered Wheathill (with Andrew’s consent please?), as the neutral venue for the Final between the two League division winners to be played in October.

1. **AOB**

**Fairways**

AE stated that the fairways have been extended toward the tees on the 9th and the 7th JS requested that the 7th be extended a little bit more.

**Action: Closed**

**Club Diary**

It was suggested that a larger diary would provide more space for entries, the cost of which would be covered by charging a small amount for each diary. To be discussed at the next meeting

**Action: All**

**Ladies Key Safe**

JS raised the issue of providing a key safe outside the ladies’ locker room. JS to discuss with AE

**Action: JS**

**Ponds**

SC stated that as Ponds have dried out they should be made GUR to prevent members from trying play from them

**Action: SC** to discuss with AE

Meeting closed at 19.20

The next meeting will be held on August the 31st in the Club House

Signed: Janette Stewart-Burnett Date: 31st August 2022

Chair

Appendix 1

