



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Club Chair
Gerry Morgan	GM	Club Captain
Jen Warmington	JW	Ladies Captain
Pete Dunford	PD	Club Secretary
Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Andrew England	AE	Proprietor
Jill Byrne	JB	Committee Member
Ann Scott	AS	Ladies Vice Captain
Sean Woodward	SW	Club Vice Captain

1. **Introduction** JSB welcomed the incoming Captains to the meeting

2. **Apologies**

Ian Barrett, Jim Williams

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

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

Stroke Index

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

Par Signs came to do the boards but brought the wrong size signs.

**Action: AE Ongoing**

Club Flag

PD stated that a screen-printed flag on one side only was going to cost around £50.

To have emblems on both sides of the flag would involve two layers of material which is too heavy for the flagpole.  
After a bit of discussion, it was agreed to purchase one flag which would only be flown on special occasions in order to increase its longevity

**Action: PD On-going**

## 6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report

AF Reported:

Whiteboard for teams, to date no responses except one occasion when the board has been used, the board may be able to be converted into a weekly schedule board to help advertise medals etc. This proposal was not workable.

**Action: Close**

Medal weeks, the present weeklong events are more successful than the last two years, however there is no opportunity for entrants to be considered in the Titleist order of merit or the race to Woodhall Spa, both national competitions. This is because the medals are recorded manually and not on the club systems. To allow members to enter these, which is done automatically, the Sunday medal will now be a one-day event and the weeklong medal will be a 6-day event.

**Action: Close**

Cara Cup, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Won by D. Kerswell and L O'Neill. Next year the starting times will be extended to 10mins

### Upcoming Competitions

Stirrers spoon, 14 teams entered, Prizes £25, £20 and £15 for each member of the team, Section funds £30 Total, 54 \* £5 £240. Finance sheet required; 2 teams had one player short due to illness

**Action: Close**

Townsend Trophy, due to a request from several members, the date will now be in October

**Action: Close**

Captains Challenge, notices sent to all Team Captains. However, details of each team are urgently required

**Action: GM**

**Cumisky Cup.** Entry sheet on board.

Entry lists for the Winter Trophy & Plate will be up within a week

**Action: Close**

**AOB,**

Handicaps, there is too much for AF to monitor and the Seniors section (Dave Eynon) needs to accept an increased workload for all Seniors.

**Action: Close**

Rounds played and not registering with Clubv1 seem to be increasing, Members of this committee wondered if adoption of IG golf for bookings, accounts, competitions and more was the answer

**Action: AE In Hand**

Dilution of non-computer 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 Chairmen

Withdrawal from competitions, is a problem and it needs addressing. In other than exceptional cases the competition entry fee should be paid, the present system of pay on the day precludes this, Could the proshop collect fees beforehand, preferably at the time of entry.

**Action: Close**

## 7. Treasurer's Report

DG reported:

The end of year finance report will be available at the next meeting.

**Action: DG**

Two new benches are to be purchased.

**Action: DG**

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

DG stated that he has £72 in the men's section accounts associated with the Men's Open Day. He asked what to do with it.

**Action: GM to talk to Sean Woodward**

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, e.g., Men's Open, Seniors Invitational

**Action: Close**

Dave G stated that £370.50 was paid for Club Championship food, the actual cost was £228 the difference of £142 50 has been credited back from AE and is now in the Men's committee fund.

**Action: Close**

The current financial position is stated in appendix 1

## 8. Captain's Report

GM reported:

GM gave a report on the defibrillator course recently held. The battery was found to be no good and the pads were out of date.

New pads to be procured

**Action: SW**

GM stated that the men's' silverware trophy engraving is in hand.

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: Close**

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.

It was suggested that Astro turf is tried on the second tee.

**Action: AE**

AE stated that the mats currently deployed on the course based upon experience are already in the best place.

A request was made for a card specific to winter temporary tee and green positions.

**Action: AE**

Benches:

GM has asked Justin to refurbish some of the wooden benches during the winter months

Cost of an all-weather bench will be in the region of £400. It was decided to investigate the cost of refurbishing the existing benches before purchasing new.

Horsington Family have agreed to fund a Plastic bench to replace the rotten wooden one

**Action: GM**

Jim Palmer has proposed to make wooden benches for £60.

**Action: GM to pursue**

## **9. Management Report.**

AE Reported:

From the October meeting through to when the clocks change (winter meetings should be during the daytime or at an open venue (local pub). This does not affect Andrew and or Wheathill Golf Club in any way. Business as usual.

The golf course continues in great condition (possible the best year ever). The Rotary Club raised over £3500 for their Children's Charity, we received excellent reviews from everyone involved, course, food and organisation.

Due to the up coming Lady Captains Day, Freeman Trophy and Air Ambulance, we try to delay autumn renovations so as to keep the course in good condition longer through the season.

Coring, scarifying, top dressing and fertilizing is planned into October.

Members and visitors sometimes don't show at the times they have booked.

Please encourage everyone to cancel tee times or phone in cancellation. Others may want to play if there is space.

The Jockey Club have decided to close Wincanton Golf club as from the end of March 2024 (30 years)

## **10. Ladies Section Report**

JW Reported:

Our Away Weekend, to The Vale Resort, was a great success and thankfully I was just about fit enough to play the fantastic courses on offer. Despite my rusty golf (and the 3am fire alarm) I, and everyone else, had a wonderful time and my thanks go to Anne for all her hard work in organising the event. I, for one, plan a return visit to The Vale in the future.

Since our last meeting we have played the last of our League matches. Our division was won by Stockwood Vale, and they will be joined by Bath in returning to Division 1. It was a very tight finish at the bottom of the Division with Minehead, CST and ourselves all finishing with 30 points. Minehead will stay in Division 2 and CST & Wheathill will go down into Division 3 to join Enmore Park, Oake Manor and The Mendip. So, relegation but a nice group of courses to play next season and no trek to Minehead! The Ladies team also put in a great effort in the Team Captain's Challenge, coming a close 3<sup>rd</sup>.

My thanks go to the Seniors Section for hosting the Rose Bowl Scramble – all the ladies who took part had a most enjoyable day.

We held another of our Women On Par meetings, last Sunday, for the newer ladies and again that was well attended and enjoyed by all who took part. We will be approaching Somerset County Ladies for some funding, for these events, as County literally have thousands of pounds in their account waiting to be claimed!

## **11. Seniors Section Report.**

IB Reported:

All is going well with the seniors' friendlies and on Tuesday this week we had another victory beating Cannington away. We are trying to arrange a few more fixtures for next year as everyone has thoroughly enjoyed them and hope to confirm before the diary goes to print.

So far, we have won 6 lost 4 and halved 4.

Jim Green next seasons Seniors Captain has appointed Mel green as his Vice Captain, and I am sure both will very popular and a great asset to our club.

At our previous Seniors' meeting earlier this month the 3 to 5 qualifiers off the white tees was discussed and approved by the majority, although 2 members were not at the meeting and have not yet shared their opinion.

Lastly it was great to see that all the ball washers had been topped up with fresh water and Fairy Liquid, we hope this will continue of a regular basis

## 12. Junior Section Report

JB Reported:

The O'Connor Trophy took place on 3rd September, a flag competition. The games were so close, and the final was contested on replaying hole 1. Ronnie and Jack had two shots in hand and Oli was ahead with 3 shots to play. A stunning drive put Jack a metre from the pin whilst the other two had a chip and a long putt to play neither of which found the hole making Jack the winner as he holed his putt.

The final East League Event was held here at Wheathill on Sunday 23rd with 19 players from 4 Clubs, Wheathill, Wells, Mendip and Farrington. Some excellent scores were recorded with 11 of the 19 participants playing to or below their handicaps. The team points on the day were 13 for Mendip, 12 for Wells, 5 for Wheathill and 4 for Farrington. Carrying those scores forward, Wells are the East League winners, and we were placed 3rd. Lucy Sleeth-Stevens won Division 3 and Jack McMeekin was 3rd in Division 2.

That is the end of the season now, so we look forward to meeting on a weekly basis at our Roll Ups to keep team spirits up over the winter and possibly to complete the Crossman Cup and/or the Committee Cup before Presentation night.

## 13. AOB

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

To be advertised to members

**Action: Closed**

**Clock**

A digital mains powered clock has been purchased, it is to be repositioned and connected electrically

**Action DG**

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

**Action: AE**

IB reported that three refurbished ball cleaners are available to purchase for £150 each

After discussion on who pays and what happened to the missing £220.

AE agree to pay for the ball cleaners and the missing £220 will be covered by the purchase.

**Action: Closed**

**Qualifiers**

The subject of qualifiers was again raised as there was a difference of opinion within the committee.

This topic will be added to the next agenda and a decision must be agreed, is it 5 or is it 10?

**Action: All**

The meeting finished at 19:30

The next meeting will be held on September 27th commencing at 18:30 in the Club House

Signe

Date:24 October 2023

Chair

Wheathill Golf Club Accounts 31st-August-2023 to 27th-September-2023

	General Section	Mens Section	Junior Section	Seniors Section	Seniors Invite
Opening Balance	£1,351.74	£350.86	£282.66	£1,480.50	£31.40
Income					
Mens open		£56.00			
13/8 st/ford		£2.45			
Stirrers		£30.00			
Kizzie		£10.00			
Pairs match play		£30.00			
Sept 7 day medal		£5.60			
Cyril Ga scratch		£5.00			
Rose Bowl				£16.00	
Thring and Philpott				£22.50	
Mens open cash					
from Andrew		£180.00			
Seniors invite					£67.40
Cumisky cup		£20			
Totals	£1,351.74	£689.91	£282.66	£1,519.00	£98.80
Expenditure					
25x£8 green fees					
mens open		£200.00			
Postcrete	£7.34				
Junior trophies			£34.95		
New Lydford					
Plate	£50.00				
Totals	£1,294.40	£489.91	£247.71	£1,519.00	£98.80
Cash at bank	£3,649.82				
Cash in Hand	Nil				
Total	£3,649.82				

Ladies Account-- £880.72--Charity Account=£3890.25

Fund Raising Money--£200

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