

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th March 2023**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Club Chair

Gerry Morgan GM Club Captain

Jen Warmington JW Ladies Captain

Ian Barrett IB Seniors Captain

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Alan Forscutt AF Men’s Committee Representative

1. **Introduction** JSB welcomed the committee at 1100.
2. **Apologies**

Received from Jill Byrne, Pete Dunford and Andrew England.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 23rd February 2023**

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

No correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

The honours boards should be updated on Monday 20th March. Done.

I intend to mock up the junior photos into the senior’s board to see if it works. Before we commit to the cost involved. I am not convinced this is the correct solution and we should think again.

**Action PD ongoing.**

An annual handicap review has been conducted resulting in 6 players being offered a handicap increase of 5% which equates to an average of 2 shots. These increases were based upon players who had not played to their handicap in 20 plus rounds, there was insufficient evidence to justify any handicap reductions. Alan Forscutt can provide more detail if required for the meeting.

The effected players are being advised of a suggested handicap increase which will be activated by Mark Singleton once they have advised acceptance. Players have the right to reject handicap increases but not reductions.

The stroke index displayed on numerous tee boards have not been updated to reflect the new course stroke indexes. I have passed the updates necessary to the Pro Shop for updating. See Senior Captain’s report.

Request to Andrew, can we please have the post box returned?

**Action: DG**

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

AF Reported:

AF confirmed six members were advised of increases to their handicaps. Three have accepted and will be adjusted by Mark Singleton accordingly. Those who haven’t will not be changed.

Blades. One semi-final remains to be played (now done). Delayed due to snow. Prize monies allocated and to be actioned on completion. £20 to the Men’s section.

**Action: AF**

Winter Trophy, Plate and Cup.

The finals are due to be played on Sunday 2nd April. Prize monies allocated and to be actioned on completion. £50 to the Men’s section.

**Action: AF.**

AF attended the Club V1 roadshow on Tuesday 21st March at Taunton Puckeridge with Fiona Cruse. Although of great interest and a great deal of information was provided regarding the capabilities of the system. One to one training was not available, which the users are after as three of them are new to the system. James the SW sales rep will be in contact to arrange a session in the near future.

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

The cost of the diaries this year was £661of which only £151 had been received and £600 was due to be recovered from advertising. Invoices have been sent to all but one advertiser, who paid cash.

**Action: Closed**

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

**8. Captain’s Report**

GM reported:

Clarification on the amount of money held by Steve Chinook and the way forward to complete the cleaning is required.

Following actions by GM and AE a comprehensive account of monies available for the revamp of the cleaning areas was given by SC, he is now hoping for a quote from an alternative source to do the groundwork.

In addition confirmation of the funds available, is in the following breakdown.

Compressor £300 paid personally by SC £250 and AE £50 VAT. Compressor now installed.

Artificial Grass £880 paid by AE after £1500 rebate from SGU suggested and agreed for the benefit of the membership.

Leaves approximately the following for both projects plus others. £1800.

GM suggested 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 to repair the current ones.

Action GM to discuss with AE

GM suggested we invest in a small PA system for the club house. Sean Woodward has offered to provide one.

**Action: Closed**

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. As yet he is not been given this information. But, has been assured he will have by 1st April.

1. **Management Report.**

AE Reported:

After a super dry February, we have had an extremely wintery March. Hopefully with a following wind we can start the season soon, if a little later than usual. The course itself looks pretty good but we can only cut with the machines once the ground firms up.

Now the clocks have sprung forward we shall assess the bar opening hours with a view to extending them when busy enough with a certain amount of flexibility and common sense.

The putting green has full depth holes now.

We have given Gerry a basic idea of funds for projects, but Steve Chinnock hasn’t been available for meeting.

The poster for the 30th Anniversary Day on the 1st May is now on the board and will be advertised accordingly. Please feel free to be the first to put your teams up. It should be a great day.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JW Reported:

Twenty ladies had a fun packed evening of skittles at The Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville, on 2nd March where our skills…or lack of…with a slightly larger ball were tested. A good time was had by all.

Our first competition of the year, the Celee Trophy, took place on the 18th March. It was a somewhat showery day but was brightened by the Kit Kats supplied, by our starter – Mr Gerry Morgan. The winners of the trophy were Sam Thorpe, Dee Powell and myself.

We start our defence of the Rogers Cup against Wells at Taunton & Pickeridge on Tuesday 11th April…so fingers crossed the course is open and we can repeat our winning run from last year.

Plans are in place for the New Members Texas Scramble, on 15th April. Entries have been a bit disappointing, this year, despite emails being sent to anyone who has joined in the last 18 months. Hopefully this is more due to the poor weather than a lack of interest.

1. **Seniors Section Report.**

IB Reported:

Andy McDougall has confirmed at our February senior’s meeting that he will no longer be doing the club diary.

The stroke indexes have not yet been updated on the tee boards and it is the general opinion that this may be confusing to visiting folk. Rob Hardy mentioned that he knows someone in Street who could produce temporary stickers to cover up the incorrect ones.

There has been a number of requests for more ball washers. At the moment we have about nine and wondered if it would be possible to have some more. The senior’s section would be willing to contribute if necessary.

The main committee agreed for Rob Hardy to produce interim stickers and have duly noted the request for new ball washers. Ian will enquire regarding costings.

**Action IB**

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The Mary England Junior Fundraising Competition. Thank you to all who made the competition such a success. It was well represented and reportedly our Junior Captain Olly did a great presentation supported by Elizabeth England. Mary’s granddaughter.

1. **AOB**

**Mixed Competitions Club V1**

JW asked to keep open the access to club V1 issue.

Following the meeting set up by Pete Dunford for WHS with Somerset Golf Union. It was agreed at that meeting Geoff Gilbert would have full access. This has not happened.

Geoff at the last Men’s Competition Committee meeting, made it clear although initially he was happy to take full responsibility for adding in the men/ladies for all mixed competitions. He is concerned he cannot fulfil this, due to being away or working. He subsequently has felt uncomfortable asking Karen to add ladies to an upcoming men’s competition, due to personal circumstances. When he was promised access.

A year prior to COVID. Chris Whyntie and Judith Rowsell both had full access to Club V1 and were able to cover the mixed competitions, without imposing on the Pro-Shops workload.

**Action: Ongoing JW and GM to discuss with AE and MS**

**Wheathill’s 30th Year Celebrations**

The incoming Captain’s will be meeting to consider memorabilia for competitions throughout 2023. They will also consider celebrating the 30th within the larger competitions. For example, Captain’s Day, Mixed Charity and opens.

The Pro-Shop are considering a day of celebration. Ongoing.

Action: Closed

The Captains have concluded their choice of memorabilia

**Quiz Nights**

Could we reintroduce Quiz nights? AE is keen to do this. Possibly April or May. GM to act as Quiz Master.

Sarah (2) is keen to support an evening.

**Action: GM to review dates with Sarah**

**Order of Merit**

JW asked if we have an order of merit for Medals and Stableford’s, AF agreed to investigate the options in ClubV1.

Action: AF ongoing to review later in the season. Consider closed.

**Cleaning Bay** Concern was raised that the compressor installation in the cleaning bay has an ambient temperature limitation of 4 degrees.

A quote for insulation is required

**Action: AE**

**Website**

A discussion was had by all with regard to the current website. Acknowledgement was made to the work Jim O’Connor does and those relevant will send news of events as and when they happen.

**Diary**

With the notification of Andy McDougall standing down this year from doing the club diary. He will be asked if he can action a couple of requests before passing the diary on. JSB to approach a potential diarist and DG to ask if a charge for the diary of £1 can be included in the subs.

**Action JSB DG**

**Weather impact on Competitions**

AF is reviewing the knock-out competitions and extending the play by dates, to ensure everyone has the opportunity to complete their matches. He will be monitoring when the whites come in to play and adjust accordingly.

A new date was agreed for the Captain’s v Vice Captains this being the 24th June. GM to check the Pro-shop diary is free from societies etc.

**Action AF GM**

**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.

Meeting closed at 12.10

The next meeting will be held on April 26th commencing at 18:30 in the Club House TBC

Signed:

Date: 26th April 2023

Chair

Appendix 1

