



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> June 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
Andrew England	AE	Proprietor

**1. Introduction** JSB welcomed those present.

**2. Apologies**

Pete Dunford, Alan Forscutt and Jill Byrne

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

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

Junior Photo Board

I have agreed with Camelot Photographic the style and size of the photo board and the Photo layout with Jill Byrne. The cost is around £220 and will be available on my Return from holiday, earlier if someone wishes to liaise with Camelot Photographic in Wincanton.

Stroke Index

Having spoken to Par Signs last week, they were still waiting the information from Mark. I have given them all the information and I am hoping by the time you read this the signs will have been updated. (Ongoing).

#### England Golf

I have received from Janet Fear a message advising that all players who use the EGU App to update with the latest software.

There have been problems if both the Player and Marker doing a General Play Score have not yet updated their App. I have produced a message advising all players of the issue and asked Martin to circulate to all members. By the time you read this out the memo may have been circulated. (Included in latest newsletter).

#### Lydford Trophy

The honours board error will be correct, when we do the next update.

#### Club Flag

The previous club flags I obtained through a company called Mr Flag. I have asked Martin to provide me with a digital version of the club logo as the one I have is out of date. Once I have this I can get a price for a new flag or flags.

### **6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report**

#### GM Reported:

Access to Club V1 is resolved.

#### Fundraiser Day.

A gentleman known to Sean Woodward has accepted the job to refit the cleaning area, it is hoped he can carry out the work starting mid July. His charge will be £920. GM to request part payment from the proshop, who hold cash for the fundraising day and refunds from Somerset Golf Union. Ideas for spending any balance included are refurbishment of the noticeboard, a locker and further broken tee containers.

#### Men's Open

Entries are low at the moment. An update will be provided for the next meeting.

#### Order of Merit

Currently Darren Martin is leading the field. The competition rules will be reviewed at the end of the year as it is the first year of doing it.

#### Finances

These have been reconciled with the Treasurer. At our last meeting, the balance was £392, awaiting the addition of the Lintern and latest medal.

#### Lintern Trophy

The winners were Dave Kerswell and Brian Glenn.

A complaint was received from I Fraser regarding the handicap allowance. This was discussed by the men's competition committee. Who take the view that competitions under the control of the committee must obey the latest rules and guidelines set by the R & A and England Golf.

## Club Championship

The sign-up sheet is up and the men's section will be subsidising the food. Finer details to be confirmed.

## Captain's Day

Sheet on the board, cost includes £10 meal.

## Whiteboard

GM has asked the Captains of Avalon and 3 Counties to report their results on the Whiteboard in the foyer.

## Medal Weeks

A request the diary reflects a medal competition every day with no clash with the proshop stableford has been actioned.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

DG reported:

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

## 8. Captain's Report

GM reported:

I have been in touch with Yeovil hospitals Chief resuscitation officer. With regard to servicing our defibrillator and getting CPR training for some of the membership. Post note. Training has been organised for 20<sup>th</sup> September 10-12 for 20 people. GM will be putting up a poster for new or previous recruits that feel a refresher would be good.

### **Action Closed**

The Vice Captain's team proved victorious against the Captain's team held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June and a presentation was made to Sean and Karen Woodward for the production of the tee containers.

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 PD**

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 located 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.

**Action on going**

Previously 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. To date this information has not been forthcoming. AE apologised for being remiss with regard to this request. He explained New Members get a full induction on joining and suggested perhaps arranging a New Members get together early in the season to include current members.

**Action: GM to take to the Men's competition committee.**

**9. Management Report.**

AE Reported:

We continue to water regularly and the greens and collars are in excellent shape, with double cut fringes. The fairways are healthy and the tees are mowed regularly. Of course we could do with some rain to soften things. The, strimming and tidying is taking shape.

The autumn project will probably be joining the 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> medal tees.

Unfortunately the continual and relentless problems and issues with WHS so called system trouble golfers and our time daily. I applaud the golfing authorities for making the simplest thing an absolute farce.

We have added 25, 50 and 75 yard posts to the practice area.

Smoking on the patio is causing issues with cigarette butts. If you see anyone discarding them incorrectly. Please tell them or report them to the staff. It is disgusting and messy.

JW asked if a preferred lies ruling could be applied on the 15<sup>th</sup>. AE agreed it can be a local rule until further notice.

**Action AE**

**10. Ladies Section Report**

JW Reported:

Along with many other representatives of Wheathill, I attended the Memorial Service for, Past Lady Captain Jane Beauford. It was a beautiful service, reflecting the person Jane was.

Fiona has set up an Order of Merit, for the Ladies Section, based on monthly Stableford and Medal results – for which we will awarding a trophy at the end of the year.

Kate Cleverly won the Maryland Classic. The competition was well supported and the usual cheese prizes, supplied by Val Boothman and Barbers were welcome as always. Val has, however informed me that, after 30 years of sponsorship, she feels the time has now come to withdraw the extra support for this competition. I have written to both her and Charlie Barber to thank them for the incredibly generous support, they have shown over the years.

After 5 games in the Inter Club League we are, I believe, well placed in the points table.

The second round of the Tri Match series was played at Cricket St Thomas and leaves Wheathill 7 points ahead of CST, but 11 points behind Long Sutton, so it's all to play for in the final leg at Long Sutton on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Sadly Gin and I were beaten by Tracy Park and are now out of the Daily Mail Foursomes. However Vicki O'Neill and Karen Forward have progressed to the third round of the Centenary Plate.

The Ladies were victorious in the Bag of Beans against the Seniors. Modesty prevents me from giving the Score!

Unfortunately, as I'm sure our Captain has reported, we were not quite so successful against the Vice Captains Team.

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

IB Reported:

I am delighted to confirm Jim Williams has been reinstated as seniors vice Captain. It is great to have him on board.

Andrew has now ordered the 3<sup>rd</sup> ball washer, as the other two already installed are fit for purpose, it will be installed where you walk off the 15<sup>th</sup> green. The one broken at the 12<sup>th</sup> hole is now repaired and will soon be reinstalled.

The senior friendlies are still being well supported and enjoyed by all. The three July matches are all full. So far so good.

I have so far got 48 signed up for the Seniors Captain Day. There will be a raffle for the clubs charity and any donations would be gratefully received.

## **12. Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The Junior Championship was played on 11<sup>th</sup> June despite there only being three entrants. Our Junior Captain Oli Hopkins won the Best Gross Trophy to become our

Junior Champion for 2023. The Best Nett Trophy was won by Lucy Sleeth-Stevens narrowly beating Max Edwards into Runner-Up Nett by only two shots. All of them played well and in good spirit and we look forward to re-presenting the Trophies later in the year.

The Knockout Competition on 18<sup>th</sup> June v Worlebury at home was well contested by our three players with a very close defeat on the 16<sup>th</sup> for our third string after a win and a loss from our first two matches. Worlebury now go on to play v Burnham and Berrow at Weston-Super-Mare in September. My thanks go to Oli, Bertie and Ronnie for their effort and commitment.

On the next two Sundays there are Events for the Somerset Junior League East Division being played at The Mendip and then Wells. We have full teams attending and look forward to celebrating any successes before hosting the final Event here at Wheathill in September.

### **13. AOB**

#### **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. Another chair provided by Jim Holdsworth's family is now broken. Family to be contacted to see if they wish to replace it. Rob Hardy may be able to help in location the family

**Action: GM ongoing**

#### **Defibrillator**

JW requested access to the unit should be available when the club house is closed

**Action: AE**

#### **Lydford Trophy/Plate**

Apparently, there is no such thing as the Lydford Plate, it might be a cup.

**Action: JSB/PD**

The Honours Board is incorrect the Lydford Trophy was won by C Anderson. Board to be corrected.

**Action: Closed**

#### **Dress Code**

It has been noted that the dress code is not being adhered too possible mainly by visitors and pay and play.

AE requested that committee members stand on the first tee between 10 and 2 at weekends to monitor and correct improper dress code.

**Action: All Committee Members**

**Wheathill Flag.**

Price for new club flag to be obtained

**Action: PD ongoing**

**Ladies Championship**

AE asked if the ladies section could review their 36 hole championship due to the reduction in numbers and possibly consider playing over two days and possibly combining on the same week-end as the men to make it a bigger event.

**Action JW to discuss with the Ladies Committee**

**Clock**

DG raised the need to purchase a new clock, one to be more robust.

**Action DG**

**3 Counties A Captain.**

Josh Murray has now taken the role as DG has stepped down. JSB thanked DG for all his work in the past. DG said who would still be there to assist Josh.

The meeting finished at 1940

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

Signed:

2023

Chair

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June

## Appendix 1