

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th July 2021**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Chris Reed CR Club Captain

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Darren Martin DM Competition & Handicap Secretary

Richard Mills RM Seniors Captain

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB opened at the meeting at 18:00
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from JB & JS

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 23rd June 2021**

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

**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: Nothing to report

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

DM: Reported

That attendance at Stablefords and Medals was down compared to previous years, he put this down to members now playing casual rounds instead for handicap purposes.

DM to discuss with the SGU the principle of baring casual rounds at weekends.

**Action:** DM

DM also put forward a proposal to reduce the two spot prize fund and to put the excess into a hole in one prize fund.

**Action:** AE to review

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

That the men’s and general funds where very healthy, and that there had been no significant change in the past month. Report attached

**8. Captain’s Report**

CR Reported:

Captains’ day seemed to go well. The weather was amazing we all stayed dry. I have to thank Gin for organising it. Steve Chinnock and Dave Gregory for starting and Mark and Daz for the cards. We got nearly £300 for the raffle and about £40 for the drive in. I don’t know exactly how much because the money went straight into a charity box. Could be more. There was donations from,Hilary Reed, Kim Curtain,Gerry Morgan Alan Forskit, Richard Sopper and Steve Osbourn. With these strange times we needed to keep things as simple as possible. I hope Steve Chinnock’s captains day will be a lot freer.    As an aside thank you Pete for your understanding. Like you I was shielding for a long time and I got to a point where it didn’t matter if I played golf again. I would have left, so thank you again

1. **Management Report**

AE: Reported: The course is being best in years and we continue to treat clover, leather jackets and surrounds (ongoing project to improve lumpy areas). We are feeding greens to keep disease at bay. Lewis and the team are doing a good job however we are striving to keep improving. Throughout the pandemic the staff have worked extremely hard under difficult circumstances and I would like to thank all members and visitors who have helped and treated them with respect and kindness through everything. Patience and understanding cost nothing.

As thing return to something like normal, the competitions and handicaps and results can now be organised by all committees and posted on the notice board. Club matters can be sent by individual officers to members. The golf Pros (Mark & Martin), are always there for backup. Any help with pitchmarks, posts and Tee fillers would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to a great end of season.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

We played at home in a league match against Oake Manor on 1st July. Again, we triumphed with a 5-2 win. Well done to the ladies who played.

The Club Championship was held on 4th July. The weather was kind to us in the first round, but for supporters & the second round we weren’t quite so lucky. Congratulations to Kate Cleverley for retaining her title of Club Champion for the 4th year. Well deserved. Vicki O’Neill won the Mayfield Cup for best Nett.

Well done to Pam Frith on winning the best Gross in the Supporters trophy & to Valarie Hyldon for best Nett.

The Mixed Open was also held this month. My thanks go to Jan for organising. It was a very enjoyable day.

We also, played the Rogers Cup on the 23rd at Cricket St Thomas against Mendip Spring. Despite a tremendous effort from the Wheathill Ladies, we sadly lost 4-3.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

RM Reported:

The Seniors season of friendly matches moves on. After an “average” start we are now on a roll with an unbeaten run of four matches with the latest, a 5 – 1 win at home to Vivary Park on Monday of this week avenging our defeat in the corresponding fixture in late May.

The Senior Captains Day Flag Competition was held on Monday 12th July and after a delay of perhaps half an hour for the weather to improve got started without too much disruption.

Playing off 2/3 handicap, five players managed to get to the 18th green before they ran out of strokes but only Tony Tucker managed to sink a putt within his allocation. Second place went to Brian Lowe. The nearest the pin competition on the 18th was won by James Williams.

My thanks go to all players who took part, and my special thanks to those who donated a raffle prize.

Thanks also go to Mike Low for acting as starter and to Dave Gregory for assisting with the sale of raffle tickets.

We made a total of £404:00 to add to the Seniors Charity Fund.

The Avalon Seniors enjoyed a tremendous victory in the Somerset Bowl first round beating Oake Manor 4 -1 at Oake Manor but lost in the second round to Cricket St. Thomas by 3 – 2.

League matches during July resulted in one win and two losses, the worst of which was a 5 – 0 defeat away to Oake Manor. The Avalon Captain reports that this defeat occurred straight after he informed the team that a win would see them top of the league

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

During this last month we have played in two Junior League Events. For the first one at Yeovil I was extremely pleased to be fielding a full team. My joy was short lived! Just before the day two juniors withdrew and our Captain Oscar was to stay at home Covid isolating. However our two remaining representatives did their job, Ollie coming third in Division one and John winning Division three earning us 8 club points plus a medal and a Trophy and second place in the League!

Our next event was at T&P and despite pleading for players, Oscar was our only representative coming up trumps on the day in third place in Division two earning a further 3 club points leaving us in fourth place for the time being. Division three was poorly populated and we could easily have collected 9 point to be in the lead had our higher handicap boys been available. We look forward to going all out for it in October in the final event at B&B.

Excellent news for the Club is that we have forged an exciting link with King’s School in Bruton to offer a Golf Development Programme from September which will benefit both the Club and players from the school. Three tiers of offer are in place and we look forward to a full commitment from the school and their players of both genders to see Wheathill and King’s firmly making our mark in the County in the future. More news on that as we roll out the programme.

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John and Oscar

1. **AOB**

**World Handicap System**

JSB stated that Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club have posters pinned up providing essential information on the new handicapping system and how it applies to club golfers.

**Action: JSB to obtain copies from T&P**

**Buggy House:**

Two members have asked if a buggy house could be provided to house two buggies, these members have offered to help with both labour and materials.

**Action: Closed**

**Starters Hut:**

DG has volunteered to the starters hut and paint the floor.

**Action: Closed**

**John Boothman:**

PD received a reply from Val Boothman giving consent to both plaque and tree in John’s memory.

The plaque was purchased by the senior’s section.

A tee is to be obtained once the decision of which type of tree is appropriate

**Action: PD** Agenda item for the next meeting

**Playing Committee:**

At recent Main Committee meeting the usefulness of the Playing committee was raised.

Discussion at this meeting centred around three potential options.

1. Continue as is
2. Continue as is but more involvement in the MCM by the Vice-Captain the object being to bring up issues from the membership
3. Create a Men’ s section inline with that run by the ladies and the senior’s

**Action:** Agenda Item at the next MCM.

**Long And Untidy Grass:**

CR raised the issue of long and untidy grass particularly after having just been cut

**Action: AE to discuss with Guy**

**Automated Grass Cutting Robot:**

CR raised the issue of balls striking the Husqvarna robot, it was agreed that should a ball strike the robot the shot should be taken again.

**Action: All to note**

**Apology:**

CR raised the issue of the criticism of him in DM’s June MCM report with regards to him not being available to play in the club championship.

CR insisted that an apology was forthcoming from DM.

DM accepted that his report was over zealous and asked for this statement of apology be included in the minutes.

**Diary:**

The issue of funding the club diary through advertising was discussed.

Should the money raised by advertising be split between the diary and club.

Action: AE, JSB & A McDougal

**Bench Repairs:**

Some of the wooden benches are showing signs of rot and require repair

**Action:** PD to discuss with Jim Palmer

**Winter Golf:**

It was agreed that two more Astra turf tees would be made on the 2nd and 3rd tees plus a mat for the ladies on the 11th.

**Action:** AE

Meeting closed at 19:35

The next meeting will be held in the Club House on Wednesday August 25th at 6:00 pm

Signed: Date: 28th July 2021

Chair

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