

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29th August 2018**

PRESENT:

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary (Acting Chair)

 Charlie Anderson CA Club Captain

 Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

 Alan Forscutt AF Seniors Captain

Melanie Brewin MB Ladies Captain

Chris Whyntie CW Competition & Handicap Secretary

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

 Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** PD opened the meeting at 18:30 and explained he was chairing the meeting as GS was temporarily incapacitated and he hoped that she would soon be back playing golf.
2. **Apologies**

GS

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 25th July 2018**

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by CA and seconded by AF

**4. Matters arising from previous meetings**

Matters arising were addressed either at the appropriate agenda items or as follows:

Archiving

The archiving of club data is in hand.

**Action: PD, JB & DG On-going**

1. **Secretary’s Report and Correspondence.**

PD stated that there was nothing of any significance worthy of reporting this month.

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

CW reported:

It has come to my attention that several have given themselves extensions in the running competitions during my absence through my illness. There will be a statement made at the AGM about plans for next year.

Congratulations to Ben Smith and Sam Bartlett for getting to the last 64 in the Daily Mail Foursomes from a total of over 2000 entries.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

That £120 had been paid out for the club wi-fi connection plus a small amount to AF for furniture wood stain. The accounts are attached as Appendix 1

1. **Captain’s Report**

CA reported:

As the season marches on, with many members this unusually dry and hot summer it is rather nice to see fairways greening up again. Hopefully the cracks will start closing and forever conceal our lost balls. Our greens have been the envy of many visitors this summer and have complimented on them, well done the green keepers.

The Summer Ball, what an enjoyable evening, the entertainment by Tim Bassett and the food provided by Vickie and the team was excellent. The only disappointment on the evening was the shortfall of members. This I mention in my last Captain’s report. Unfortunately the final numbers were only 38 people. This will no doubt probably be my only disappointment during my Captain’s year, which to date has been demanding but still enjoyable and may it continue to the end of November.

As our league teams season draws to a close, our teams have had mixed results this season, Avalon A holding their own in a higher division puts them on a good footing for next season. Avalon B unfortunately looks like finishing bottom. Avalon C have had one of their best seasons ever finishing second, it may be enough to gain promotion depending on any teams withdrawing or new teams coming in next season.

Our 3 Counties teams, the A team faired well but the B team have finished bottom.

Avalon seniors, due to no reports being presented or sent to the players committee meeting, I have no knowledge of their performance this season.

The Cara Cup was played Sunday before last and was won by Tom Beck and Helen Takhar with 597 points.

AF will provide the result of the Men’s Senior Invitation competition.

Few events coming up next month, Men’s September Plate (Townsend Trophy) on Sunday 9th September, on the 16th Pick n mix Ladies excuse me, Team Captains’ Challenge Bowl on the 22nd. Don’t forget the Wheathill men’s Open Pairs on the 29th.

1. **Management Report**

AE reported:

The Greens have been excellent of late and should continue in good condition through to mid October.

This week we have aerated the tees.

We shall verticut the greens next week, which will keep the service smooth, followed by aeration the following week.

We will be spraying the greens this week to stave off disease as the conditions will promote problems if not pre-empted.

Planning for Autumn Renovations are underway.

The river has been strimmed and dredged this week.

Upcoming events- Callaway Demo Day

 Taylormade Demo Day

Wheathill is one of the first Clubs in Somerset to be setting up Golf access which is starting in September, this is designed for new golfers to get into golf in a fun and structured environment. It’s played over 3, 6 and 9 Holes depending on level obtained.

This is designed for all ages! Great for families!

If you know anyone interested in learning, the please see list of sessions on notice board or contact the Pro Shop and speak to Martin.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

MB reported:

There has been a lot happening in the last month, so I will report in chronological order rather in order of importance.

Charlie Anderson and I hosted the Summer Ball on the evening of Saturday 28th July. We thought we were going to be the only ones there for a short while, the heavens had opened, and everyone was sheltering in their vehicles in the car park! Luckily a break in the rain allowed them to make a dash for it. Once inside the weather was forgotten, a delicious buffet was enjoyed alongside great entertainment from Tim Bassett as Elvis and various other singers. A thoroughly good night!

The Wheathill Ladies Open was held on 2nd August. The course was presented in the best condition possible by the green staff team. The dry, sunny weather returned. This was well supported by visiting clubs and the event ran smoothly thanks to organiser Sue Bamping. £154 proceeds of the raffle on the day went to The Grand Appeal bringing the current total to just over £1000. First place with an amazing 97pts were Wheathill’s Sue Moon and Helen Takhar who were joined by Julie Linley from Wincanton, they were presented with the Silver Jubilee silver salvers.

The semi-final of the Rogers Cup was played in awful weather conditions. The team did their absolute best and several of the matches went to the 17th or 18th hole. Sadly, we came second on the day losing 5-2. I am extremely proud of all the ladies who played or caddied in all the matches, great team spirit and support of each other was evident all the way.

The road to the Centenary plate semi final was not smooth. The match was arranged to be played at Stockwood Vale when they contacted us to advise that their green refurbishment work was taking place the same week. Les got on the phone to county and the Worlebury pair and agreed a change of venue, match to be played at Burnham and Berrow on Tuesday 14th. The morning before Molly tripped and fell at home breaking her wrist. Les on the phone to county again, a substitute player was allowed. Gaye Volk agreed to step in despite not having played Burnham & Berrow before and it being a tough course. Les and Gaye gave their all but lost 3-2. Thanks to all 3 players for their efforts in this competition. Molly is in plaster for 5 weeks, then physio, we wish her a full recovery from her injury.

We often do our club down but really showed Somerset that Wheathill Ladies can hold their own on the county stage this year.

I have realised that I have omitted to report the league match results this year. The current standing in our division is we are second to bottom on 28.5 with 2 games to play, Tall Pines above us on 25 also have 2 games to play. All remaining teams have only 1 game to play, Taunton & Pickeridge being just above us on 30.5 so every point may count in our last 2 games, home to Mendip spring on 4th September and away to T&P on 20th September.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

AF Reported:

Since are last meeting the seniors have played 5 friendly matches, we got a half at home to Vivary but lost away at Worlebury 4 ½ to 1 ½ managed a good half away at Axe Cliff but lost 3 ½ to 2 ½ at home to Farrington but we rounded off the month with a win at home to Wincanton.

Would it be possible to make a local rule at the club that all scores must be put on the computer not just put the card in the box. When scores are missing off the computer it causes a lot of work to reconcile what scores have not been entered.

Does anybody know if pictures of past senior captains are in existence as it would be nice to add them to the senior captains picture board that we wish to put up somewhere in the club.

The senior’s invitation day went very well thanks to Mike Stayner’s hard work. The winning pair was Charlie Anderson and his partner from Yeovil Golf Club.

Would it be possible next time the scorecards are printed to have ABCD on the card instead of the marker. We feel it would be easier to score some matches. AE asked the committee to provided a consolidated view on how the scorecard should contain and be laid out

**Action: All**

Would it be possible to have a set of rules covering Supplementary cards, and would it not make sense to play supplementary rounds off the white tees and make them full qualifiers?

PD provided an explanation on the clubs supplementary rule policy.

**Action: Closed**

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

Firstly, apologies for no report in July.

The last Development fixture was held at home on the 12th July with three players from Wheathill and one from Burnham and Berrow. Neo Cooper from B&B won on the day with our team winning medals and a host of points in places 2 to 4. The final scores fro the competition have not yet been published but I believe we closed the gap on Burnham to arrive at 158 points to their 195. The boys represented themselves admirably every time we played and they gained confidence in playing on other courses in different conditions.

The Junior Open went well with 12 entrants, two only from Wheathill. My sincere thanks to Dave and Pete for their support on the day.

The O’Connor Trophy was well contested on the day that was supposed to have been the Somerset Jamboree at Wheathill. Other Somerset Clubs could not raise teams but we had our full complement available so we substituted this competition.

It was a very close run thing and Callum won by one shot on the 18th with Tomos in second place, having had 4 shots in hand but then played out of bounds under the pressure. The Somerset Jamboree is now on Sunday 9th September still at Wheathill, our team is yet to be confirmed.

Tomos is going to be invited to become Young Ambassador for Golf England during the coming year. His golf involvement has helped him develop as an individual and he will be invited to venues to talk about his experiences.

Competitions still to play are the Crossman and Committee Cups, proposed dates are 15th September for the Crossman and 23rd September for the Committee Cup (agreed at Main Committee)

1. **AOB**

Post the meeting PD and MB looked at the starts hut and consider that memorial plaques can be glued to the existing structure without the need for additional boards

**Action: Main Committee to consider**

PD to provide an image of a suitable brass plaque, this was agreed to be acceptable. Engraved plaque to be obtained

**Action: PD On Going**

**Bench Refurbishment**

AF stated that two benches have been completed and requested permission to purchase additional paint. Committee agreed

**Action: AF On Going**

Members are to be reminded of the disruption caused to competitions and the penalties incurred by failing to turn up to competitions they have entered.

A notice is to be posted on the Notice Board and in the News Letter.

**Action: Closed**

**Social Functions.**

The attendance to the Summer Ball was disappointing, which is the current trend for social events.

The suggestion to elect a social organiser was rejected. It was agreed that in future social functions would be attached to a golfing event.

**Action: Closed**

PD asked if the hole map boards could be re-concreted as they are all falling over. AE agreed that wooden wedges would be used to secure the boards

**Action: Closed**

The committee agreed that all scores had to be entered into the computer, and then posted into the relevant score card box. Failure to do so will incur a disqualification.

CW to produce a note for the Notice Board advising all golfers of this rule.

**Action: CW**

CA requested meeting with GO to agree and implement any changes required for the 2019 diary.

**Action: CA & MB**

Judith Rowsell has raised a concern with CA about lack of help for CW.

A**ction: CW to Talk to Judith Rowsell**

The Main Committee agreed to drop the spring Team Captains Challenge and just have the one in the autumn.

**Action: Captains to advise their respective sections**

MB advised the committee that Les Will no longer has the tine to act as the club press officer.

The committee was hopeful that the Ladies section could find a replacement, two name were suggested, MB to investigate.

**Action: MB**

The first batch of trophies has gone to the engravers in Radstock, AF raised the concern the Rob Hardy was unhappy with the way Seniors Trophies were handled last year. Rob Hardy’s advice is to be sought.

**Action: AF**

MB advised the committee that the Ladies Treasurer has resigned.

Meeting closed at 19:30

The next meeting will be held at 18:30 on Wednesday 25th August 2018 in the Club House.

Signed: Janette Stewart-Burnett Date: 26th September 2018

 Chair

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Appendix 1

 