

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29th September 2020**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Chris Reed CR Club Captain

Joan Stone JS Ladies’ Captain

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Darren Martin DM Competitions and Handicap Secretary

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB opened at 18:00 welcoming everyone to this Covid 19 compliant meeting.
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Richard Mills.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 24th August 2020**

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

**4. Matters arising from previous meetings**

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

**Archiving**

The meeting considered that as digital means of archiving data is now available, this task was no longer necessary

**Action: Closed**

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

PD reported:

Following the debate on the lack of availability of Richard Pawson to undertake the Senior Captain Role as of November 2021, it has now become clear that Richard Pawson is only not available for the months of November, December 2020 and January 2021.

It is therefore not necessary to seek an alternative Seniors Captain for 2021as Richard Mills has kindly agreed to fill the gap.

**Action: Closed**

A thank you card had been received form Val & John Boothman for the flowers sent following the death of their son, the card is on display in the club house.

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

DM Reported:

There were 60 entries to the Club Championship, which due to Covid it would be run without a starter.

The Winter Trophy, Plate and Cup competitions were now complete.

The World Handicapping system will go live in early November he didn’t expect major handicap changes.

PD will run the Winter Blades competition along the same as this year

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

That £45 had been spent on flowers for Val & John Boothman,, £25 for computer accessories and further £39.60 for entertaining the High Sherriff of Somerset.

See attached appendix A or the latest finance figures

**8. Captain’s Report**

CR Reported:

Nothing to report

1. **Management Report**

AE reported:

The weather has been quite kind and at times glorious. It has been great to play some Club Competitions and have a lot support for running stablefords etc

Having renovated the greens in early September, they are coming back nicely. During the late season we have been making the greens a little smaller. Firstly to match the size and length of the course and secondly so that we can get water to the perimeter. Thus improving irrigation efficiency. This has caused uneven surrounds which we are now tackling this week with coring, top dress and over seeding. This should help to bring the fringes back nicely.

You may have seen the markings for the new 18th Tee project which will make more of a feature of the last hole.

Next weekend sees the Club Championships over Saturday & Sunday. Tee times will be e-mailed out and available in the Pro shop on Monday.

If you don’t see your name and you wish to play, please ring the Pro shop no later than Wednesday and we can add you to the start sheet. We hope to christen the 11th Medal Tee over the weekend.

The Ladies and Seniors have already played their Championships congratulations to Dave Kerswell (Senior Champion) and Julian Thompson (Senior Nett Champion). Kate Cleverley (Ladies Champion) and Samantha Thorpe (Ladies Nett Champion)

We also held the Junior Championship, 18 holes for the older juniors and 9 holes for the younger juniors. Congratulations to Josh Schreiber (18 hole Gross Champion), Oscar Martin (18 hole Nett Champion) and John Angelosanto (9 hole Champion)

We have a Taylormade Demo Day booked in for Thursday 1st October 1 until 5, we have a couples slot remaining so if you are interested in trying the latest equipment then please just phone the Pro Shop to book a slot.

With this nice weather why not make the most of it with our members unlimited range balls deal, £35 until 1st March 2021.

It is hoped that a new BT router will be installed within the next few days allowing the return of wi-fi in the club house.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

Report awaited

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

The Admiral Thring and Philpott Pairs knockout competitions are now at the Finals stage.

The Senior Section held a second monthly Stableford competition during week 14th to 18st September. There is one more scheduled for 5th to 9th October.

After the intervention of the Main Committee, entries for the Senior Club Championship increased from 42 to 79. David Kerswell won the lowest Gross score competition (155) and Julian Thompson the lowest nett competition (125).

I have recently circulated a newsletter to all Seniors and, as we will not be holding an AGM this November, included a section regarding the formation of next years’ committee along similar lines to that issued by Pete Dunford regarding Captains and Main Committee members.

Alan Frith was due to retire or stand for re-election after completion of another 3 year stint as Handicap Secretary but has agreed to stay for another year. Other committee members have agreed to extend their stay for a further year and so the membership have been invited to comment on these proposals. So far, Nothing has been received.

The main committee ratified the seniors committee decision to replace the BHF charity day with an Alzheimer’s charity day

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The Junior League Event was eventually cancelled after further COVID restrictions.

In the knockout competition after two rounds we were drawing one game all and the deciding match was lost on the 18th hole to Burnham and Berrow.

Oscar Martin was our sole representative in the a Jamboree and had an excellent round at Wedmore scoring 36 points. Wells were the winners.

The Junior Champs finally went ahead at the third attempt. Josh Schreiber the Gross winner, Oscar Martin the Nett winner and John Angelosanto the 9 hole winner.

The O’Connor Trophy will be arranged for during half term to round off our junior competitions.

1. **AOB**

**Cleaning Area**

CR raised the issue of excessive mud in the cleaning area, it was agreed to talk to Mike Strode to see if there was any funds left over to install grating.

**Action: CR ongoing**

**Handicap Meetings**

A handicap meeting has been held and these will continue on a regular basis.

**Action: Closed**

**World Handicap System**

PD was concerned that there appeared to be a lot of misinformation within the membership with respect to the introduction of the World Handicap System, he suggested a simple note, be produced explaining the working principles of this new system and how it effects the members.

It was agreed that DM would produce a child’s guide to the World Handicapping System which will be published on the club website and on the notice board

This information is to be published to all members in a newsletter, and the Notice Board prior to its introduction

**Action: DM.**

**Presentation Night**

The committee agreed that due the current government restrictions in place regarding mass gatherings, there would not be a Presentation Night in 2020.

**Action: Closed**

**Annual General Meeting**

PD Suggested the AGM should go ahead in November with attendees limited to Main Committee members only.

Correspondence via e-mail to be sent to all members advising them of the committees decision together with the agenda.

Members to be invited to put any questions, issues or suggestions in writing to the club secretary.

Prior to the AGM all issues raised will be posted on the Notice Board and circulated to all members.

Once discussed at the AGM the decisions will be posted on the Notice Board and circulated to all members via e-mail

e-mail has been sent to all members

**Action: Closed**

**Carpet Tiles for the Ladies Oncourse Toilet**

AE stated that there maybe some spare carpet tiles in store that are no longer required.

These tiles are to be provided to JS for use in the oncourse toilet, DG offered to assist.

DG also offered to paint

**Action: in hand DG, JS & AE**

**Covid 19 Rule Adherence**

It has been reported and witnessed by members of the committee that certain members are not conforming with the Covid 19 restrictions in the Club House.

The culprits are to be reminded of the rules, in addition more signs are to displayed stating clearly what the rules are.

The offenders have been spoken with.

**Action: Closed**

Meeting closed at 19:47

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th October 2020

Signed: J Stewart-Burnett Date: 26th October 2020

Chair

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Appendix A

