

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29th September 2021**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

 Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer

Chris Reed CR Club Captain

 Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

 Joan Stone JS Ladies Captain

Richard Mills RM Seniors Captain

Steve Chinnock SC Club Vice Captain

Jan Street JS Ladies Vice Captain

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB opened at the meeting at 16:00 and welcomed the incoming Men’s and Ladies Captains as an introduction to the workings of the main committee
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from DM

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 25th August 2021**

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

**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:

PD stated that the position of Chairperson and Handicap and Competitions secretary has been advertised on the notice board and by general circulation to all members by e-mail

**Action: Closed**

He went to state that some applications had been received for the positions posted.

The Camelot shield had been cancelled having been postponed earlier in the year for lack of entrants.

Two players had failed to show for the Cumisky Cup which prevented their playing partners from participating. PD had a received an apology from one of the players and the other one is to be spoken too by JSB.

It was agreed that the two players who consequently couldn’t play should have their entrance fee refunded.

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

DM: Nothing to report

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

**Action:** This suggestion has not been accepted **Closed**

**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

DG stated that the seniors section had agreed to provide 50% of the funding towards the John Boothman memorial trees

**8. Captain’s Report**

CR Reported:

We had good weather for the captains v vice captains’ competition. Unfortunately like the Europeans in the Ryder cup we were thrashed. Well done Steve and Jan with their team. I must thank Gin, Mark. and, Joan for helping me getting a team together as I had people dropping out at the last minute. Sadly, couldn’t stay for the presentation as I had my COVID booster booked. I hope next year will be as close as possible to be normal for Steve and his Captaincy. I wish him well for the next year.

CR stated that he is going to modify the bunker on the first by lifting the back edge and then gently integrating it with the fairway to enable a mower to be used to cut the grass

**Action: Closed**

1. **Management Report**

AE Reported:

The renovations continue next week with coring, overseeding and top dressing of the greens.

We are hoping to build astro tees on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Plans are in place to add bunkers to the 10th, 16th and finish the 1st with Chris Reed`s creation.

The 18th white is now in play.

Another tree will be put in on the 13th.

AE asked if the committee wanted the rough are on the 9th fairway reinstated, the general opinion was leave it as it is.

AE explained that the patio covered area was having two three sides enclosed with semi temporary covering and a patio heater was being installed to provide a degree of warmth.

SC stated that he has an unused one at home which he is happy to donate.

**Action: SC**

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

My thanks to everyone who participated in the Mixed Charity Bowmaker was on 30th Aug.

A special thanks to Jim Byrne who kindly setting up & running the putting competition. Fun was had by all. The day raised £394 for my charity.

On Monday 6th Sept we have played in an interleague match at Minehead. The weather on the day was not in our favour. Due to the mist, it was not easy to find the way around the course. The result was Wheathill 1 Minehead 6.

The final match was played at Tall Pines on Monday 20th September. The score was Wheathill 2.5 Tall Pines 4.5.

Wheathill has finished 4th in the league.

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| Club | Points |
| Minehead | 33 |
| Orchardleigh | 32 |
| Tall Pines | 28.5 |
| Wheathill | 27 |
| Oake Manor | 19.5 |

After delaying for a year, 22 ladies finally made it to Dartmouth for my Lady Captain’s away weekend. The weather was kind & I found the golf somewhat tricky at times. I thoroughly enjoyed the couple of days & it is all thanks to those of you participated. A special thanks to Jan for do a terrific job organising. I know it hasn’t been easy.

The captains v Vice Captains raised £120 for Macmillan cancer care. Well, done to the Vice Captains team.

1. **Seniors’ Section Report**

RM Reported:

Three more friendly fixtures have been played since the last report: -

Away to Long Sutton on 31st August, an outstanding 4 – 2 victory.

Away to Charminster on 14th September, another win, this time 3 ½ - 2 ½.

Yesterday at Cannington, another washout (that’s two for two against them this year)

Wheathill Seniors entered a team of 8 players in the Jurassic Coast Challenge held at Lyme Regis G.C. on 15th September. Thirteen teams took part, and I am yet to receive a reply to my email requesting final placings.

I do know the winning team was Honiton G.C. but the Wheathill after match dinner table certainly won the raffle!

The next day a team led by Gerry Morgan contested the Ivor Lewis Trophy at Yeovil G.C. Sadly, the trophy continues to reside at Yeovil after their 4 ½ - 1 ½ victory.

Paul Wooton (Seniors Treasurer) has contacted and registered Wheathill Seniors with the Alzheimers Society, has a contact reference and they are now our official charity.

DG stated that the Seniors vice-captain for 2022 will be Ian Barratt

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The O’Connor cup was won by John Angelosanto with 5 shots remaining when he reached 18 with Alexander Leonard playing all his shots as he reached the 18th.

The junior Champs were played on Sunday 26th by Oscar Martin and Ollie Miller. Ollie won the gross Trophy and Oscar won the Nett Trophy.

Ollie Miller has agreed to be the Junior Captain for next year.

We have one more league event on 10th October at B&B.

Due to lack of time the remaining two competitions we intended to run, the Crossman and Committee Cups will not be played this year.

The link with King’s has started well with three players signed up and we will be working hard to encourage more players to sign on as the year progresses.

1. **AOB**

**Playing Committee:**

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

It was agreed that consideration should be given to introducing a Men’s section in line with the Ladies and Seniors.

The Ladies Section TOR should be used as a guidance.

Gerry Morgan has been approached and agreed to act as the Avalon League facilitator

**Post Meeting Note:**

DG has proposed that a men’s committee consisting of the Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Competition and Handicap (Chris Whyntie to be approached), Avalon League faciliator, Club Secretary be formed.

 **Action: a) JSB to discuss with Chris Whyntie**

 **b) All to consider for agreement at the next meeting**

**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.

The diary is currently with the Pro Shop

**Action: Closed**

**Bench Repairs:**

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

The bench has been examined and has been declared beyond repair.

Consideration to be given on a replacement, agenda item at next meeting.

It was agreed to replace with an all-weather bench

**Action:** PD to investigate

**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:** Closed

 **16th Tee:**

A request has been made from the Seniors section to move the white tee forward for all Seniors competitions. This request was agreed

**Action: Closed**

**Townsend Trophy:**

Due to the low number of entries, it was decided to cancel the competition for this year.

**Action: Closed**

**Presentation Night:**

It was agreed to hold the Presentation Night on the 19th November, Vicky has been informed.

It was also agreed that A Touch of Glass will be used for all trophy engravement.

A list of prize winners is to be prepared.

PD stated that due to Covid a comprehensive list of trophy winners is not available, further investigation is required.

SC agreed to ask his playing colleagues if they had recollections of the any winners.

**Action: SC**

**Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 25th November starting at 8:00 pm in the Club House.

The dates for the AGM and presentation nights are to be included in the next newsletter

**Action: AE**

**Somerset Juniors Girls:**

Ladies required to provide support to this Somerset Junior Girls event at Wheathill on the 26th September

**Action: Closed**

**Men’s Club Championship 2022**

It was proposed that the is competition was moved to the third week in August.

The weekend of the 20/21st August was agreed.

**Action: All to Note**

**Photo Boards**

As there is no further space on the photo boards for this and subsequent club captains PD proposed we reduce the size of the photographs.

This proposal was accepted JSB agreed to discuss with a photographer friend.

**Action: JSB**

**Qualifiers** (Active Rounds)

It was proposed that rounds of golf that are used to amend or modify your handicap are now to be called ACTIVE rounds and not qualifiers

After a short discussion it was agreed that the number of Active rounds required in a rolling year to qualify for silverware competitions is now with immediate effect increased to ten.

This is to be communicated to all members in a newsletter

**Action: AE**

Meeting closed at 17:14

The next meeting will be held in the Club House on Wednesday October 27th at 6:00 pm

Signed: Date: 27th October 2021

 Chair