

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30th March 2022**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett JSB Chair

Dave Gregory DG Club Treasurer & Seniors Captain

Jan Street JS Ladies Captain

Pete Dunford PD Club Secretary

Steve Chinnock SC Club Captain

Dazz Martin DM Competition and Handicap Secretary

Andrew England AE Proprietor

1. **Introduction** JSB welcomed the above participants and opened the meeting at 18:30
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jill Byrne

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting 26th January 2022**

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

**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:

The only correspondence received since the last meeting was an update from the SGU which has been posted on the notice board

The Captains Photo boards (Historic) are at the photographers and are expected to be returned in a few days.

This year’s Captain’s photos are being framed and will be back next week, except for the Junior Captain as I am still awaiting the photograph.

The Honours Boards will be updated on the 20th April and will include the new trophy given by the Chair.

Competitions folder needs updating and made available for general information, maybe also on the web site.

**Action: Alan Forscutt via SC**

In previous years we have entered a team of four into the EGU team mixed competition. This competition no longer appears to be running

The rules for the Captains V Vice Captains Decanter were amended to remove the requirement to select Committee members

The original intent of this competition was to include a cross section of members who do not normally play in competitions.

This year I regret to say this was not the case as the teams were made up of regular golf colleagues and mates, consequently I have received several moans about the team selections.

It appeared to be Avalon C v’s Halfway House Society.

The competition format needs changing to involve more male players

**Actions: PD**

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

DM Reported:

That the rules for registering rounds on England Golf and How Did I Do have changed. Intent to register must be done at the club before the round and the score entered and verified at the club and not at home or away from the club.

He explained that the Lombard Trophy has been replaced by the St James Place Plate. The cost is £3 per player and a minimum of 25 players is required any less and the club pays the deficit. It was agreed the qualifying round will be played in conjunction with the 18th June stableford. As the men’s section funds were in the red AE agreed to lend the £50 deposit until such times that the men’s funds became healthy.

DM restated his intention to resign as soon as suitable replacement/s became available.

AE agreed that access to Ladies Section Handicaps for mixed competitions would be granted to one nominated individual which was agreed would be DM

**Action: Closed**

PD to ascertain if there is a legal requirement for a handicap secretary

**Action: PD**

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

That £600 will be returned to the senior’s section account and there £52 invoices to be paid.

The Men’s section is currently £32 in arrears.

3 or 4 advertisers are yet to pay the diary invoices

Latest Figures are attached in Appendix 1

**8. Captain’s Report**

SC Reported:

I have spoken to both Andrew and Guy regarding my proposal to alter the cleaning areas and favourable comments were received from both. Dave Kerswell has provided a verbal quote and when his written quote is to hand, I will present it to Andrew and Guy for formal agreement

The competition committee is now up and running and is proving to be most successful after a few initial hiccups.

New members Texas Scramble, Andrew would not let us have a shotgun start due to other bookings on that day coupled with staff shortages. The Tee sheet is now up on the notice board, and we have received a fantastic response with over 60 members taking part.

I was approached by both Andrew Mark approached me to reprimand a party of men after the yellow ball competition which was held on the 21st March. I have done this and reported back to them with apologise from all concerned.

The twigs and branches littering the course after the winter storm have mostly been cleared, thanks to the roll up team, Jan & Steve Street and Sean O’Neill.

SC requested that something be down about the approaches to some of the holes which have suffered traffic over the winter.

The possibility of evening the roughness with new soil and then reseeding was discussed as an option.

**Action: AE**

1. **Management Report**

AE Reported:

The golf course is progressing into the summer season, light renovations will take place over the next two weeks.

This is to include verti-cutting, solid tining and top dressing.

The greens will also be fed to help boost growth, however the cold weather doesn`t help in that regard.

We are now on grass tees and there will be no placing or prefer lies as of the 1st April. Winter wheels are not required.

We have Taylor Made and Callaway Demo Days in April.

After 3 months off this winter for an operation, our greenkeeper handed his notice in. We have a new member of the green staff, Daniel, (off 8 handicap) starting in April. He joins Justin, Simon, Mike, Guy, and Andrew, along with our evening shift of Dave, Alan, and Brian.

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JS Reported:

We had a most enjoyable social evening at the beginning of the month at the Quarry Inn – 18 ladies, including a couple of new members enjoyed good food and some fun skittles. It was so good for us all to be able to get together socially.

The Captain’s v Vice Captains competition on 12th March was fiercely contested and won, by a small margin, by the Captains’ team. Whilst I was happy to have been on the winning side, I was more thrilled with the generosity of our members who donated to a collection for the crisis in Ukraine to the total of £340 (which with GiftAid will amount to £425) – an amazing amount which was forwarded to the Disasters Emergency Committee. A fine example of what a great club Wheathill is.

The Celee Trophy held on 19th March was well supported – the winning team were Jen Warmington, Joan Stone and Karen Forward. Yesterday we held a Tribute Day in memory of Liz Mettam, and former members Sue Harrop and Judith Rowsell joined us for the day. Judith enjoyed it so much she re-joined the club – good news for the ladies section. We all enjoyed playing on the full course again following the fine weather last week. Sadly, the Ladies Get Together this coming Saturday has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

There has been a good response to the New Members Texas Scramble due to be held on 9th April – fingers crossed for fine weather on the day.

Congratulations to Gin Stewart and Jen Warmington who won their Daily Mail match at Long Sutton they now have a bye in the next round.

1. **Seniors Section Report.**

DG reported:

The senior’s section had its annual yellow ball competition on Monday 21st March, unfortunately due to a misinterpretation of the rules 6 groups played a different format to the rest of the field.

We have decided to void the result and replay the competition on April 27th, and thanks must go to the pro shop for allowing us to do this.

I also appear to have upset Mike Low in arranging a date for the senior’s Somerset Bowl fixture at home to W.S.M, Mike has decided to step back from this match because of this, so I will continue to organise the team for this fixture.

I believe this shows the importance of everyone knowing their role, and as is in this case of vice captains, knowing what is required of them when their time to be captain arrives.

My apologise to Mike for my error.

The away days this year will be at Weymouth and Tall Pines.

For the next 3 months block bookings for medals and stablefords will be for 1 hour only leaving others to book their own tee times for the days in question, and we will discuss at the end of this period whether this has been successful.

We have our first friendly match at home to C.S.T on 31st March, and we are competing in the Jurassic challenge at Lyme Regis on April 11th

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

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The Development programme with King’s has begun well and we have three new members joining the Squad for the Summer Term.

The course was closed on the day we were going to play the Committee Cup so this will be rearranged at a later date.

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1. **AOB**

**Qualifiers** (Active Rounds)

It was confirmed casual rounds of golf were now ACTIVE rounds and not qualifiers. After a short discussion it was agreed that ten number Active rounds required in a rolling year to qualify for silverware competitions.

At the start of the golfing year the pro shop to produce a list of all players not having achieved 10 rounds in the previous 12 months

This is to be communicated to all members in a newsletter

**Action: PD**

**Keepsake**

DM raised the 2020 and 2021 Club Champions had not received a keepsake for their success.

It was agreed that a quantity of 5 for each competition could be purchased, thus protecting against price rises for 5 years

**Action: DM**

**Movement of Temporary Mat of the Ninth**

JS asked whilst playing off mats could the mat on the ninth be moved forward for the Ladies.

This was agreed

**Action: AE to implement**

**4th June Jubilee Day**

Due to the number of street parties it was thought that participation would be low, it was therefore agreed to cancel the event.

**Foyer Clock**

SC offered to get the clock repaired.

**Action: SC**

**Blades Competition**

PD raised concerned that without authority the Blades competition had been closed before all the matches were finished and again without authority in future it will be a knockout and not league based.

The meeting accepted that at least one more match should be played by the weekend to determine who goes through.

Post Meeting Note: The relevant match was agreed to be played on Sunday 3rd April.

Subsequent to this agreement the effected players were told a coin toss had been done and those players have been removed from the competition.

This is not an satisfactory way to run golf club competitions.

Meeting closed at 20:00

The next meeting will be held in a venue 30th March in the Club House

Signed: J Stewart- Burnett Date: 27th April 2022

Chair

Appendix 1