



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

PRESENT:

Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Club Chair
Gerry Morgan	GM	Club Captain
Jen Warmington	JW	Ladies Captain
Ian Barrett	IB	Seniors Captain
Pete Dunford	PD	Club Secretary
Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Andrew England	AE	Proprietor

**1. Introduction** JSB welcomed those present.

**2. Apologies**

Jill Byrne

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by IB 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: Reported:

Junior Photo Board

I have agreed with Camelot Photographic the style and size of the photo board and the Photo layout with Jill Byrne. The cost is around £220 and will be available on my Return from holiday, earlier if someone wishes to liaise with Camelot Photographic in Wincanton.

**Action: Closed**

### Stroke Index

Having spoken to Par Signs last week, they were still waiting the information from Mark. I have given them all the information

**Action: AE Ongoing**

### Club Flag

PD stated that a screen-printed flag on one side only was going to cost around £50. To have emblems on both sides of the flag would involve two layers of material which is too heavy for the flagpole.

After a bit of discussion, it was agreed to purchase one flag which would only be flown on special occasions in order to increase its longevity

**Action: PD**

## 6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report

AF Reported:

Whiteboard for teams, to date no responses except one occasion when the board has been used, The board may be able to be converted into a weekly schedule board to help advertise medals etc.

**Action: GM**

Medal weeks, the present weeklong events are more successful than the last two years, however there is no opportunity for entrants to be considered in the Titleist order of merit or the race to Woodhall Spa, both national competitions. This is because the medals are recorded manually and not on the club systems. To allow members to enter these, which is done automatically, the Sunday medal will now be a one-day event and the weeklong medal will be a 6-day event.

**Action: PD to provide details**

Cara Cup, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Won by D. Kerswell and L O'Neill. Next year the starting times will be extended to 10mins

### Upcoming Competitions

Stirrers spoon, 14 teams entered, Prizes £25, £20 and £15 for each member of the team, Section funds £30 Total, 54 \* £5 £240. Finance sheet required, 2 teams had one player short due to illness

**Action: AF**

Townsend Trophy, due to a request from several members, the date will now be in October

**Action: GM**

Captains Challenge, notices sent to all Team Captains. However, details of each team are urgently required

**Action: GM**

**Cumisky Cup.** Entry sheet on board.

Entry lists for the Winter Trophy & Plate will be up within a week

**Action: GM**

**AOB,**

Handicaps, there is too much for AF to monitor and the Seniors section (Dave Eynon) needs to accept an increased workload for all Seniors.

**Action: PD**

Rounds played and not registering with Clubv1 seem to be increasing, Members of this committee wondered if adoption of IG golf for bookings, accounts, competitions and more was the answer

**Action: AE**

Dilution of non-computer was felt to be possible after the AGM with the election of a new member. The structure of next year's committee will also allow GM to give more time to help these requirements as well as being able to spend more time on the secretarial duties. The captain will then only need to be the Chairmen

Withdrawal from competitions, is a problem and it needs addressing. In other than exceptional cases the competition entry fee should be paid, the present system of pay on the day precludes this, Could the proshop collect fees beforehand, preferably at the time of entry.

**Action: GM to discuss with AE**

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

DG reported:

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

DG stated that he has £72 in the men's section accounts associated with the Men's Open Day. He asked what to do with it.

**Action: GM to talk to Sean Woodward**

It was agreed that the entrance fee should be paid via BACS to the Men's Committee fund, and that no fees should be going through the Pro Shop.

**Action: GM/SW**

Dave G stated that £370.50 was paid for Club Championship food, the actual cost was £228 the difference of £142 50 has been credited back from AE and is now in the Men's committee fund.

## **8. Captain's Report**

GM reported:

Access to the main committee minutes seems to be limited for our members. Could a folder be created and stored with the competitions folders in the foyer?

**Action: PD**

Previously GM suggested in the May meeting utilising the purchased artificial grass on the main tees during winter months, moving regularly enabling the full course to be used and cards put it. Yeovil Golf Club use this method successfully. Further discussions were had how this approach could be adopted, perhaps a trial period.

In today's meeting AE advised he had discussions with Yeovil. AE expressed it could be done on the par 4's and 5's but needs a lot of thought, as the winter tees are in places which avoid the wet areas. AE is not dismissing the idea and a suggestion was made to contact a few members with experience in carpet laying to aid in coming to a solution.

**Action on going**

### **Cleaning Area.**

Work has nearly finished, cost £820

3 Ball washers and bins have been bought at a cost of £600

Financing of these two items need resolving including how much money last year's Club Captain has retained.

**Action: Closed**

Cost of an all-weather bench will be in the region of £400. It was decided to investigate the cost of refurbishing the existing benches before purchasing new.

**Action: GM**

## **9. Management Report.**

AE Reported:

The golf course has been in tremendous condition.

We shall be vertidrainning this week to aerate the greens. Also alleviating compaction and helping to prevent disease and to break through the thatch layer which builds throughout the season.

The extension to the 16<sup>th</sup> Tee is progressing well, topsoil ordered for next week.

The 17<sup>th</sup> ditch and tree felled area has been covered to make a bank/grass bunker area.

There were tree stumps and found stone to bury, and shots to be played from that area.

Renovations will start in October, causing minimal disruption where possible to golf, weather conditions permitting.

The Subaru stableford is on Saturday open to ladies and gents. A great prize table plus vouchers and 2 spot all included.

TaylorMade Demo Day on 6<sup>th</sup> September, Abbey Hill Day, Freeman Trophy, Rotary Day and Air Ambulance Day plus many more to come. Teams doing great.

It's a busy successful club. Melissa is working on the website, which has been signed over by Jim O'Connor

## **10. Ladies Section Report**

JW Reported:

Since our last meeting the ladies' team have had 3 League matches – 2 away and 1 at home, picking up 8 ½ points. As we approach the end of the season, apart from Stockwood Vale who look set to win the Division, there isn't very much dividing all the other clubs - which will produce an exciting finish. There were 2 ladies' competitions, in the past month – the Paul Nicholls Greensomes won by Lynn O'Neill and Kate Cleverley and the Senior Ladies Challenge Trophy won by Karen Forward. My Lady Captain's Away Day, to Honiton on 9<sup>th</sup> August, was enjoyed by all the Ladies. Sadly, due to my wrist injury I was unable to play the course but had a nice walk round with everyone! I'm hoping I can do a bit better for our Away Weekend to The Vale resort in 10 days' time.

Finally, we held a very successful event on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, for some of our newer ladies, under the umbrella of the Women on Par scheme promoted by England Golf. This involved an hour's group coaching with Martin, coffee and cake and a few holes on the main course accompanied by some of our committee members. The aim of the session was to enable newer members to meet one another and to help them move forward on their golf journeys. We received excellent feedback from the afternoon, and another has been scheduled for next month.

## **11. Seniors Section Report.**

IB Reported:

THE SENIOR'S INVITATION DAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND ENJOYED BY ALL. A BIG THANKS TO JEN FOR STARTING THE COMPETITION AND ALONG WITH JUDITH FOR THE HALFWAY CATERING ALSO THANKS TO ALAN AND PAM FRITH FOR RUNNING THE RAFFLE WHICH RAISED £150 FURTHER £60 FROM JIMS CHIPPING COMPETITION

DAVE HAS REFITTED THE REPAIRED BALL WASHER AT THE TWELFTH AND YESTERDAY I INSTALLED THE LAST OF THREE NEW ONES WE PURCHASED AT THE SIXTEENTH. STILL ON BALL WASHERS

A FRIEND OF CHRIS HYLDON HAS DROPPED OFF 3 REFURBISHED BALL WASHERS INCLUDING LITTER BINS WHICH WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY £450 FOR ONE WHEN NEW AND IS ASKING £150 FOR EACH OF THE THEM. A FEW OF YOU HAVE SEEN THEM AND I RECKON THEY ARE GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY. HOLES 1,2,4,6,8 AND 13 DON'T HAVE ONE AND ONE OF OUR EXISTING WASHERS IS GETTING A BIT TIRED AND WILL SOON NEED REFURBISHED SO IF WE INSTALLED 2 AT THE VACANT HOLES AND KEPT

ONE FOR A SPARE, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE HAVE THEM IF FUNDS PERMIT.

## **12. Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

A quiet month in terms of junior Competitions although junior members have been taking part in general Club competitions which has been pleasing to see.

The Junior Open took place on Sunday 27th with 18 players from a variety of clubs, the most entrants we have ever had. The day went exceedingly well with several handicap cuts. The most memorable round was played by Macklin Hawkins from Broome Manor Golf Club returning a gross score of 64, a new course record for the club beating the score of 65 that has stood for 10 years. He also has the chance to possibly compete in the Daily Telegraph competition taking place in a Portugal in October. In addition, three of our own players were in the prizes, Lucy placed 2nd best Nett, Tate placed 2nd best Gross and Jack 3rd best Gross.

6 juniors took part in the Texas Scramble on Monday which was also very pleasing to see.

Our next fixture is the East Division League Event on 23rd September when we hope to score well with the home advantage.

Current number of registered juniors is at 46 with Oscar Martin, past junior Captain hopefully returning to us

## 13. AOB

### **Past Captains Gifts**

DG has noticed some of the past captain's presentation plaques by the trees, plants, Beak House and so on are in a bad state of repair. GM happy to acquire the metal plates, including some for the benches and the OK was given to make full repairs. Another chair provided by Jim Holdsworth's family is now broken. Family to be contacted to see if they wish to replace it. Rob Hardy may be able to help in location the family.

Information on which ones to be provided to GM

**Action: Closed**

### **Defibrillator**

JW requested access to the unit should be available when the club house is closed  
A team from Yeovil Hospital will be attending the club to give lessons on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

To be advertised to members

**Action: GM**

### **Lydford Trophy/Plate**

The trophy or cup or plate associated with this competition continues to cause a fair bit of confusion.

A search in the loft has been fruitless, consequently DG is purchasing a suitable memento, plate is available in the pro shop

**Action: Closed**

### **Clock**

A digital mains powered clock has been purchased, it is to be repositioned and connected electrically

**Action DG**

### **3 Counties A Captain.**

DG is retiring from the 3 Counties A Captaincy, a note has been circulated via the internet advertising the position. Josh Murray has taken on the role

**Action: Closed**

Consideration be given to booking and paying for Medals & Stableford's via either ClubV1 or BRS.

**Action: AE**

DG stated that a player has been registering for general rounds and not entering cards in order to maintain his handicap.

This has been tested by DG and appears to be a fault with the WHS system.

To be discussed with Janet Fear

**Action: Closed**

PD requested the list of winners for 2023.

**Action: GM**

IB reported that three refurbished ball cleaners are available to purchase for £150 each

After discussion on who pays and what happened to the missing £220.

AE agree to pay for the ball cleaners and the missing £220 will be covered by the purchase.

**Action: AE**

The meeting finished at 19:55

The next meeting will be held on September 27th commencing at 18:30 in the Club House

Signed Janette Stewart-Burnett  
September 2023

Date: 27<sup>th</sup>

Chair



## Appendix 1