



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> May 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
Jill Byrne	JB	Committee Member and Junior Organiser
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Andrew England	AE	Proprietor

**1. Introduction** JSB welcomed the committee and was pleased there was a full attendance.

**2. Apologies**

There were no apologies

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

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

**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: Nothing to report

A document explaining changes to the WHS handicapping system had been received, PD explained some of the new rules which are been introduced

The handicap committee is to review the document in order to implement any new rules or interpretations.

**Action: Closed**

The stroke index displayed on numerous tee boards have not been updated to reflect the new course stroke indexes. I have passed the updates necessary to the Pro Shop for updating. See Senior Captain's report.

**Action: PD to chase the sign company**

PD again raised the issue of Juniors photo boards as he was not in agreement to using the spare spaces on the Seniors board.

It was agreed to obtain a slightly smaller board of a similar design to that of the other captains that would fit in the corner by the double exit doors that lead to the carpark

**Action: Closed**

## **6. Handicap & Competitions Secretary's Report**

AF Reported:

The Winners of the winter Blades competition was J Stewart and B Burnett.

Captain's v's Vice Captain's competition which was cancelled due to bad weather has been rescheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

AF explained his proposal for a men's section order of merit, it will be competed for over 6 medals, the medal winner getting 10 points and 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> place. The player with the highest accumulative points total from the 6 medals being the overall winner.

The top three from each division will be entered into an end of season competition, the senior's section have a similar system.

**Action: Closed**

Men's section finances are nearly in sync with the club finances.

Silverware handicap limits are set at 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

Team captains have been tasked with entering their results on the white board in the foyer.

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

DG reported:

The reconciliation between the treasurer and AF has now reached agreement However no monies have been received for both the New Year's Scramble and Easter Scramble,

**Action: AF**

It was agreed that the senior members fees for competing in the EGU Race to Woodhall Spa competition will be funded by the senior's section.

£17 has been transferred to the lady's section for the race to Woodhall Spa

**Action: Closed**

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

## 8. Captain's Report

GM reported:

### **Cleaning Area**

A gentleman known to SW has accepted the job to refit the cleaning area, it is hoped he can carry out the work during the next month, Monies available are £1880. A new grate has been manufactured and a start is imminent

**Action: GM**

### **Men's Open**

Some entries being seen, without the attendance of SW no report

**Action GM**

**An order of Merit** has always been close to AF's heart. On his own initiative and financial backing he has devised one and is keeping all the base data A notice clarifying how it works is being prepared, AF was thanked for his endeavours and the committee wished him well.

**30-year Anniversary Mementos**, accepted by the main committee, the cost to the Men's section will be approx. £90

### **Upcoming Competitions**

**Lintern, over 24 entries, 16<sup>th</sup> June,**

**Max handicaps**, information from the Secretary confirmed 28 for men and 36 for ladies in mixed events

**Minimum of 10 qualifiers**, a monthly list can now be produced to aid members, it will be displayed on the noticeboard. GM to inform the Seniors committee of its availability.

**Action: GM**

**Competitions sheets are up for a minimum of 5 weeks.** Some members are saying they did not see them, The Competition Secretary was instructed to clear the board of all old notices.

**Action: GM**

**Medal weeks**, Request the diary reflects a competition on every day, with no clash with proshop stableford

**Action; JSB**

In his opening statement GM praised the ground staff and the work they have done in keeping the course in such good condition considering the weather experienced this month.

Concern was expressed that the compressor had a lower operating temperature limit of 4 degrees C due to ice build-up. Consideration to be given on the potential for thermal lagging.

**Action: Close**

Work on preparing the site for the grid is still on hold awaiting the builder an alternative person to prepare the site is to be pursued.

**Action: Close**

GM suggested 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

**Action GM to discuss with AE on going**

GM commented he continues to chase information of New Members joining Wheathill. He wanted to set a precedence of communicating with new members as his role of Club Captain, welcoming them. To date this information has not been forthcoming.

**Action: AE on going**

## **9. Management Report.**

AE Reported:

## **10. Ladies Section Report**

JW Reported:

May has been a busy month, with a Friendly at Isle of Wedmore, 3 league matches, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shambles, the G&T Bowmaker, the Rainbow Maker and the Coronation Foursomes....so I'll just give a brief summary of events.

Despite disappointing results in our matches away at Bath and Stockwood Vale, Wheathill ladies are still top of Division 2. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shambles was a great success and, thanks to the raffle and Mark's 1<sup>st</sup> hole challenge, added £633 to our charity account.

The Gin & Tonic Bowmaker was well supported and was, quite fittingly, won by Gin Stewart, Bill Burnett, Dave Kirby and Jerry Swinburn. The Rainbow Maker was won by Jill Byrne, Lucy Sleeth-Stevens and Elizebeth England...and it was lovely to see our juniors taking part and doing so well.

The Coronation Foursomes was a close fought contest with Gin Stewart and myself scrapping through, on countback. Gin & I also managed to defeat Came Down to progress to the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Daily Mail Foursomes.

Our Ladies Invitation Day, which was postponed due to the heavy storm forecast, has been rescheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Thankfully the Course and the weather improved for Kate Cleverley and myself to take on 4 rounds in the Big Golf Race. We thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and would like to thank everyone who has supported this event. We look set to raise in the region of £1400 which makes all the miles worthwhile.

## 11. Seniors Section Report.

IB Reported:

Firstly, I must inform you all that Jim Williams has resigned from the post of Seniors Captain. A replacement for the roll has so far been unsuccessful and if anyone can come up with a likely candidate then I will approach them.

### Ball Washers

Although having authorisation to purchase 3 units from the committee Andrew thought it a good idea to try a couple to see how they go and kindly ordered them. They are now installed, one at the fifth hole and the other as you walk of the fourteenth.

I was a bit disappointed about the lack of rigidity of the ball washer posts and at a cost of £37 each and wonder if a treated wooden post would have been a better proposition, costing a lot less. However, the ball washer itself seems of reasonable quality and hopefully they will last the pace.

The cost of the ball washers, posts, fixing brackets, 1 bin and carriage came to £464 excluding vat.

I have asked Jim Palmer if he would repair the ball washer which was situated at the 12<sup>th</sup> hole which he has kindly offered to do and has taken it away to try and salvage it.

If this is replaced to its original position I feel that if we got one more as you walk of the fifteenth green to serve the 16<sup>th</sup> ladies tee and also the yellow and white tee we would be fully covered.

Post meeting note: Jim Palmer has managed to repair the broken ball washer at no charge.

Reference to the interim stickers for the stroke indexes.

I did not approach Rob Hardy as he has spent most of the month arranging 3 funerals.

If still required, I will ask him at the seniors meeting next Monday at which we will also be discussing the seniors order of merit with David Eynon.

Lastly, I would to thank Andrew for the four ball voucher which I have sent off to the seniors captain at Farrington Park in return for the voucher which they kindly presented us with.

The meeting agreed to purchase one more ball washer after waiting a couple of weeks to get experience of how the new ones perform.

### **Action AE and IB**

As a result of the numerous requests for more ball washers I B has conducted some research.

Two different types are available from the USA at a price of £450-£500, however there two types made in the UK plastic price £138 + VAT and one metal price £230 + VAT.

The meeting authorised the purchase of 3 plastic units

**Action: Closed**

A complete review of ball washer positions to be undertaken

**Action: Close**

IB stated the that friendly match with Rushmore Park was tomorrow and that due to an administration error the match at home to Brean GC has been cancelled.

The main committee agreed for Rob Hardy to produce interim stickers and have noted the request for new ball washers. Ian will enquire regarding costings.

**Action: Closed**

IB requested a fourball voucher for the senior's section

**Action: Closed**

## **12. Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

The knockout round v Taunton & Pickeridge went very well with us succeeding 2-1 at home at the end of last month. Luckily, we will be playing at home again in the semi-final against Worlebury on 18th June with the same team of Oli Hopkins, Bertie Haywood and Ronnie Baldwin.

Elizabeth and Lucy joined me to play in the Ladies Rainbow Maker at the last minute having not been able to raise a team for the Jamboree due to County Golf training, National Judo competing, DofE and County Tennis commitments. All three of us played well and were extremely pleased to win on countback. In the recent bank holiday competitions juniors were placed in prizewinning teams and club members have been incredibly supportive in congratulating them and making them really feel part of the club.

The Junior Championship is taking place on Sunday 11th June over 18 holes with a 9 hole Development Cup competition following behind for those players not yet with a handicap.

We continue to welcome King's and Sexey's players on a regular basis and we also have some even younger new players taking lessons with Martin and who should be joining as members soon.

## **13. AOB**

**Mixed Competitions Club V1**

JW asked to keep open the access to club V1 issue.

Following the meeting set up by Pete Dunford for WHS with Somerset Golf Union. It was agreed at that meeting Geoff Gilbert would have full access. This has not happened.

Geoff at the last Men's Competition Committee meeting made it clear although initially he was happy to take full responsibility for adding in the men/ladies for all mixed competitions. He is concerned he cannot fulfil this, due to being away or working. He subsequently has felt uncomfortable asking Karen to add ladies to an upcoming men's competition, due to personal circumstances. When he was promised access.

This issue remains unresolved, PD gave an alternative solution to resolve the issue which was dismissed. Access to ClubV1 for both men's and ladies' competitions secretaries to enable them to load competitions is required, this is only partial and not total access

**Action: Closed**

### **Wheathill's 30<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations**

GM explained 60 engraved tankards for the men and 36 heavy glass engraved mementoes for the ladies are being proposed.

The 60 mementoes at £6 each, this will be paid as follows: £90 from each section men's and senior's sections and the remaining £180 from the general fund.

The 36 glass mementoes at £8 each will be funded 50% by the lady's section and 50% from the general fund.

In summary the mementoes costs are as follows; \_

Men's section to fund £90

Senior's section to fund £90

Ladies section to fund £144

General Funds to fund £324

Cups to be stored by Ian Barrett

**Action: IB**

### **Quiz Nights**

Could we reintroduce Quiz nights? AE is keen to do this. Possibly April or May. GM to act as Quiz Master.

Sarah (2) is keen to support an evening.

**Action: Closed**

### **Cleaning Bay**

Concern was raised that the compressor installation in the cleaning bay has an ambient temperature limitation of 4 degrees.

A quote for insulation is required

**Action: Closed**

## **Diary**

With the notification of Andy McDougall standing down this year from doing the club diary. He will be asked if he can action a couple of requests before passing the diary on. JSB to approach a potential diarist and DG to ask if a charge for the diary of £1 can be included in the subs.

Subs to be raised to £7 which includes £1 to cover the cost of the diary.

The club diary will be prepared by Pete Westcott and JSB

**Action: Closed**

## **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

**Action: GM**

## **General Issues**

A small PA system is being provide next week by Sean Woodward  
Trial installation was not successful, to be pursued

**Action: GM**

The men's section has requested a cabinet in the men's locker room to house the new PA system and other items of general use.

**Action: Closed**

## **Defibrillator**

JW requested access to the unit should be available when the club house is closed  
And that the training should be repeated.

**Action: AE & GM**

## **Lydford Trophy/Plate**

Apparently, there is no such thing as the Lydford Plate, it might be a cup.

**Action: JW to investigate.**



The Honours Board is incorrect the Lydford Trophy was won by C Anderson.  
Board to be corrected.

**Action: PD**

### **Club Championship**

Agreed the entry fee which will include food

**Action: AE to come up with food ideas**

### **Captains Day**

Food as per the 30th Anniversary Competition

**Action: AE**

### **15<sup>th</sup> Tee box**

AE explained the reasoning behind placing the white trees on the same box as the yellow tees was to protect the tee boxes.

### **Dress Code**

It has been noted that the dress code is not being adhered too possible mainly by visitors and pay and play.

AE requested that committee members stand on the first tee between 10 and 2 at weekends to monitor and correct improper dress code.

**Action: All Committee Members**

### **Wheathill Flag.**

Price for new club flag to be obtained

**Action: PD**

The next meeting will be held on June 28th commencing at 18:30 in the Club House

Signed:

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June

2023

Chair

## Appendix 1

### Wheathill Golf Club Accounts 25th-May-2023 to 4th-June-2023

	General Section	Mens Section	Junior section	Seniors section	Seniors invite
Opening balance	£2,083.20	£455.48	£290.86	£1,820.54	£84.00
Income					
24th-May S/Ford				£11.50	
Seniors invite					£52.00
From Seniors ref					
W/Spa		£17.50			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,083.20</b>	<b>£472.98</b>	<b>£290.86</b>	<b>£1,832.04</b>	<b>£52.00</b>
Expenditure					
Ladies momentoes	£144.00				
A.F.Staionery	£56.98				
D.G.Postcret	£14.90				
Mens momentoes	£180.00	£90.00		£90.00	
To mens ref W/Spa				£17.50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,687.32</b>	<b>£382.98</b>	<b>£290.86</b>	<b>£1,724.54</b>	<b>£136.00</b>
Cash at bank	£4,243.70				
Cash in Hand	£22.00				
Total	£4,221.70				
Ladies Section	Main Account £1195.94 Charity Account £1254.94. NB-these figures not included in above				

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