

**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th January 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

Jill Byrne JB Committee Member & Junior Organiser

1. **Introduction** JSB welcomed all new members to the committee and that 2023 would be a good year for Wheathill in it 30th anniversary year.
2. **Apologies**

Received from Andrew England.

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

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: Reported:

That the photo boards have all be updated, he raised again the issue of Juniors photos, stating that the proposed site for the board was not possible as the board was too wide.

After some discussion it was agreed to add the juniors’ photos to the lower half of the senior’s board. It was also agreed for the time being to add names where we do not currently have photos.

**Action: PD**

The honours board updates have been sent to Alpha Signs who has promised to update the boards within a month.

**Action: PD to pursue**

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

AF Reported:

The presentation evening was well supported and was a great success.

The Cyril Gallie scratch final was not played due to player indifferences. It was agreed that the prize money would be distributed evenly between the semi finalists

**Action: AF**

New Years Eve scramble was a great success, the finance sheet is to be passed to DG

**Action: AF**

The club fund raising day was a success and raised £144 there appears to be a discrepancy of £20 between the money collected and the finance sheet.

**Action: DG to investigate**

The Blades winter competition and the Trophy and Plate are progressing well

All the men’s section Silverware competitions are published on the notice board, anyone not paying before the draw will not be included.

For the remaining winter competitions lifting and cleaning will be permitted in all cut grass, this includes cut grass adjacent to the fairways and on the par 3 holes. A notice to this effect is to be published on the notice board and applies to all sections

**Action: AF**

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

DG reported:

The replacement John Boothman memorial tree has purchased and that the finances are healthy.

GM requested clarification on the expected men’s section expenses in order to set a budget for 2023.

DG explained that the only real expenses are the league fees which are covered by the general account.

It was agreed that the Ladies finances be included in DG’s monthly report.

**Action: DG**

The current finance is as shown in Appendix 1.

**8. Captain’s Report**

GM reported:

That his report is covered by the competition committee’s report.

The only addition is that he has received only one complaint regarding the 10-qualifier rule.

The Cleaning area development continues to be delayed, alternative options to complete are being considered.

1. **Management Report.**

AE Reported:

Nothing to report

1. **Ladies Section Report**

JW Reported:

Although the weather and staff illness required us to be a bit flexible, December got underway with the Chicken Run. Despite us being unable to have our traditional carvery, a good time was had by all with the chicken-based prizes being well received. Our Christmas Roll Up was also disrupted, this time by the weather, so we all moved indoors to test our putting skills and to try out a golfing themed board game invented by Jill Byrne.

My thanks go to Gerry for the raffle he organized, at the New Year’s Scramble, which raised a fantastic £260 for our charity – Prostate Cancer UK.

Becky Thompson, our new ladies’ secretary, has also taken on the role of Media Liaison Officer and has already had 2 articles published in the local press. She is keen to raise Wheathill’s profile and is also happy to produce pieces for the Men’s Section, if they provide her with the relevant information and photographs.

**Action: GM to consider**

1. **Seniors Section Report.**

IB Reported:

Not a great deal to report with the exception that so far, the seniors have had a couple of successful competitions which were the Christmas Corker and the Seniors Texas Scramble. Both of which were well attended enjoyed by all.

The other thing I mention at our last meeting was my intention to introduce a new competition at the tail end of the season for members with the most qualifying rounds to be eligible to enter and compete.

Pete has kindly drafted out some details and we will discuss at the next Senior’s meeting.

It will be a senior’s event and I have provisionally booked a date with the Pro Shop for a date early in October.

1. **Junior Section Report**

JB Reported: The junior Roll Ups that were established initially to encourage our juniors to get their handicaps last season are now firmly established as a weekly event. We are meeting slightly earlier until the clocks change and will then revert to a 2.00 p.m. start.

The Juniors have begun to enter main club competitions and I will be encouraging this to become a more regular occurrence.

We have registered to run Girls Golf Rocks again this summer and I know Oli is encouraging other friends to become members as we move towards the summer.

King’s players will also increase in number after Easter, and we have 5 members from there who have been playing since September.

There have been several clashes with Event dates as far as the Somerset set up is concerned so not all dates in our diary are accurate and I will hope to send any changes to Jim if they can be changed on the Member’s page copy. I also intend to send him more junior information and photos to update the site.

1. **AOB**

**Mixed Competitions**

JSB requested that the filters in Club V1 be removed to enable full access to other sections for the organisers of mixed competitions namely Karen Forward & Geoff Gilbert.

AE investigated and to remove a filter would cost £100. He is happy to cover the cost and Geoff Gilbert has been nominated to access all.

We don’t believe there is a cost in changing the state of the user. The status just needs to be amended to release the filter.

Post meeting note the main committee would be happy to pay £100 to allow Karen Forward to have the same access. AE please confirm.

**Action: AE**

**InterPub League**

It was agreed that the handicap limits for this competition would be restricted to 28 men and 36 ladies. Players with no handicap would be restricted to a max handicap of 18.

This is ongoing depending on conditions and level of entries.

**Action: AE**

**Wheathill’s 30th Year Celebrations**

The incoming Captain’s will be meeting to consider memorabilia for competitions throughout 2023. They will also consider celebrating the 30th within the larger competitions. For example, Captain’s Day, Mixed Charity and opens.

The Pro-Shop are considering a day of celebration. To be confirmed.

**Quiz Nights**

Could we reintroduce Quiz nights? AE is keen to do this. Possibly January or February next year.

**Action AE**

**Decanter**

IB has a decanter he would like to dedicate to a competition. Possibility the Yellow Ball Competition or another. Men’s competition committee to review and suggest.

**Action: Closed**

**Handicap Committee**

Wheathill does not have a current Handicap Committee which is a requirement of WHS

In addition, the current section handicap secretaries do not have full access to either the WHS website or Club V1. This issue has been taken up with management several times without a resolution.

The competition’s secretaries require a report from the WHS which details the number of qualifying games played v’s date. This allows a list to be posted on a regular basis informing players on the status of their qualifying games.

The committee agreed that a Handicap Committee should be formed under the Chair of PD with David Eynon, Alan Forscutt and Fiona Cruse.

An inauguration meeting should be held in order to define the terms of reference, this will then be followed by a meeting which is to include both Mark Singleton and Janet Fear from the SGU.

**Action: PD**

**Order of Merit**

JW asked if we have an order of merit for Medals and Stableford’s, AF agreed to investigate the options in ClubV1

**Action: AF**

**New Members**

GM is requesting a list of new members

**Action: AE for GM**

**Website**

Concern was raised on the future of the website.

**Action: Committee members come up with ideas**

Meeting closed at 20.31

The next meeting will be held on February 23rd 14:00 in the Club House

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Janette Stewart-Burnett Date: 23rd February 2023

Chair

Appendix 1

