



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 27th February 2016**

PRESENT:	Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Chair
	Mike Strobe	MS	Club Captain
	David Eynon	DE	Seniors' Captain
	Pam Frith	PF	Ladies' Captain
	Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
	Chris Whyntie	CW	Handicaps & Competitions Secretary
	Les Wills	LW	Junior Organiser
	Jill Byrne	JB	Elected Member
	Pete Dunford	PD	Club Secretary
	Gunnar Ovland	GO	Invited as Club Vice Captain
	Andrew England	AE	Proprietor

**1. Introduction**

JSB welcomed everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting of 2016. She stated that we were all very sad to learn of John Parram's passing and asked that the condolences of the Main Committee be passed onto John's wife and family

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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

**4. Matters Arising from Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Matters arising were addressed either at appropriate Agenda Items or as follows:

Constitution Committee – Update

AE stated that the constitution had been in place for over 20 years with only minor amendments being necessary approximately 5 years ago; therefore there was no requirement for change. The majority of the committee supported this statement. However PD and JB were of the opinion that processes and procedures that have historically been approved by the committee should be recorded and made available to all members.

In their view it was unacceptable or practical to trawl through 20 years of minutes looking for previous committee decisions. They then suggested that this data be stored on the new club computer and be accessible to the membership. Once in place a statement on the main web site would direct members to the location of this database. After much discussion it was agreed to reinstate the working group to undertake this task:

**Action JB, PD and DG**

### Club Rules – Members Handbook

Certain committee members objected to the majority of the proposed club rules particularly the ones associated with discipline.

A review of the proposed club rules is to be undertaken and selected ones added to the club handbook.

#### **Action: PF**

PF stated the Ladies would continue to produce their own handbook.

#### **Action PF**

A statement regarding team colours is to be included into the 2017 diary.

#### **Action: GO**

The updated Club Handbook once modified to include the agreed club rules is to be passed to AE for inclusion on the web site.

#### **Action: PD**

### Seniors Winter Eclectic (Charity)

Alan Frith was invited to attend and he gave a presentation on the history of the competition and why some of the proceeds should go to BHF charity.

The presentation was as follows:

**First, however a point about running competitions.**

**The definition of Committee as per R&A rulebook**

**The "Committee" is the committee in charge of the competition or, if the matter does not arise in a competition, the committee in charge of the course.**

**In Section 2 of the rules of golf they give us some advice on running a golf competition a couple of which are:**

- 1. At Club level there may be different Committees within a Club.**
- 2. The Committee that runs the golf competition must be identified and only the members of that Committee should have the authority to make decisions in relation to those competitions.**

**All competitions at Wheathill have a designated section responsible for the competition in the competition folders.**

#### **The Seniors Eclectic**

The main committee under the vague heading of Charities decided that two competitions could not run, as there were too many charities.

So without reference to the sections or the donators of the trophies this committee decided that neither of them could run as they were, and no contributions were to be made to BHF by either the Inter Village or the Eclectic.

It appears that the donor of the Inter Village was approached and he informed the contact that he wished it to remain as it was. I was asked at a seniors committee whether I wished the eclectic to remain as it was. The then result was a change of mind over the Inter Village but not the eclectic.

**I wish it to be clearly stated that at no time have I asked or said that I wished it to change.**

However many reasons seem to have been stated as to why it could not continue as it was;

Competition not sanctioned by the main committee, (On the Honours Board!)

Competition should be like the other eclectics, (the men's section followed our guidelines afterwards), (The ladies runs all year!)

Trophy not awarded at the right time,

Trophy obtained from a car boot sale!

Competition hijacked, as the seniors eclectic was already running.

How many other statements are to be alleged before it becomes apparent that none of them are true, apart from one!

I did get the trophy from a car boot sale, one designed to make it look as if the trophy is not worth putting in the cabinet.

I resent all the other implications as all the comments made have absolutely no foundation.

I feel it has become a personal attack on myself.

If I had been approached in a normal way I may have been amenable to change, **but to have it imposed by false reasoning is unjust.**

**Changes can only be brought about by negotiation, not imposition.**

Thank you

On completion of his presentation Alan was asked to leave so that the matter could be discussed in private.

The principle that the individual sections responsible for the competitions was reinforced, and therefore the previous main committee ruling that the money raised from this event should not go to charity was rescinded.

It was also agreed that Alan was owed an apology for not being consulted prior to a decision being made.

**Action: MS**

The seniors committee is to decide how the money from this competition is spent in future years.

**Action: DE**

A list of the Charities together with supporting Charity events is to be produced and added to the 2017 diary

**Action: GO together with MS, PF and DE**

2016 Diary – Progress report

Nothing to report.

**Action: CLOSED**

Computer Monitor Update

In hand item.

**Action: CLOSED**

Committees Non Attendance

The eviction from committee following three consecutive failures to attend only applies to the Main Committee members.

**Action: CLOSED**

Honours Board

PD explained that the spread sheet of past & present winners is now complete the exception being the Roger Lock winner in 2013, it was agreed to leave it blank as the information is not available.

A discussion then took place over what additional competitions should be added to the honours boards. The Blades and the Lydford Trophy from the attached list were agreed to be included

It was agreed that the information could be passed to “Sign Solutions” for the boards to be updated.

**Action: PD to pursue**

Shoe Cleaner

AE stated that the shoe cleaner is only designed to clean cut grass from shoes and trolley, not heavy mud/clay.

A number of members have been seen using the air probes to prise mud from shoes and trolley wheels, the broken probes have now been removed.  
Brushes to be purchased and located next to the compressor together with some type of fork to enable mud to be removed from trolleys and shoes.  
It was also agreed to purchase foot brushes to be placed near the club house entrance, in order to reduce the amount of mud taken into the foyer and changing rooms  
**Action: MS**

## **5. CONGU – Club handicap**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, CONGU has introduced a Club Handicap, which would allow for clubs to raise the HC above 28 / 36 in club events in order to encourage new novice members & high handicappers to enter these competitions.

**Action: Handicap secretaries to determine those who it could apply to. Calculate the individuals new one, and discuss with them to get their view.**

**Action: ON GOING**

## **6. Avalon League, Senior team participation**

See Seniors Captains report

**Action: CLOSED**

## **7. Assistant to Club Handicap & Competition Secretary**

CW reported that Judith Rowsell would assist him in running Medals & Stablefords; she will also attend the Playing Committee as his representative.

**Action: CLOSED**

## **8. Formal Handicap Committee**

A formal handicap committee has been agreed which will consist of the handicap secretaries from each section chaired by the club Captain

**Action: CLOSED**

## **9. Course Change Proposals**

PD to provide the proposed list to AE for review

**Action: PD**

## **10. Slow play**

MS suggested better marshalling of the course. It was then discussed if volunteers from the membership could act as marshals, but it was feared that ordinary members would not receive the required respect from the players. There are a few culprits responsible for exceptional slow play, it was agreed that education of these individuals was the best solution.

It was also agreed that Marshalling will be tried again using the softly softly approach. Alan Frith, Mike Strode and Mark Singleton have been nominated as a starting point.

**Action: MS to coordinate.**

## **11. Password for Ladies Section**

AE and CW to review people who need access and passwords for access to Club V1

**Action AE & CW**

## **12. Pro Shop Stableford**

PM reported that the Ladies section has no desire to be included in these competitions

**Action: CLOSED**

**13. SGU Delegates**

PD reported that the SGU AGM will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will be attended by Rob Hardy and Mike Strode.

If Rhod Palmer's position has become vacant Rob Hardy will put his name forward.

**Action: MS** to report back from the meeting

**14. Secretary's Report & Correspondence**

Nothing to report

**15. Treasurer's report**

DG presented the following accounts:

	Wheathill Golf Club Accounts			28th January 2016 - 24th February 2016	
	General Section	Mens Section	Junior Section	Ladies Sections	Senior Section
Opening Balance	£2,846.87	£1,281.02	£541.49		
Income	Nil	Nil	Nil		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,846.87</b>	<b>£1,281.02</b>	<b>£541.49</b>		
Expenditure					
Cheque Number					
838					
Touch of Glass	£46.00				
Cheque Number					
839					
Gunnar Ovland					
Stationery	£50.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,750.87</b>	<b>£1,281.02</b>	<b>£541.49</b>	<b>£940.68</b>	
General/Mens/Junior					
Cash at bank	£4,582.38				
Cash in Hand	£8.94				
	<b>£4,582.32</b>				

DG requested the seniors provide him with their accounts on a monthly basis for inclusion in his report to the Main committee

**16. Captain's report**

No report

**17. Management report**

With regard to the Wheathill Golf Club constitution, so as to have everybody in no doubt we have no plans to alter. It ran perfectly well for 20 years and was updated in Colin Johnson's year, so there is no need to change anything yet again for the foreseeable future.

The golf course is finally getting a haircut. The greens were cut yesterday and look very healthy. The fairways, rough and banks will be cut over the next few days. We will be looking to fertilize the fairways early this season to give them a much needed boost.

The new Clubhouse competitions computer system is well on its way to being ready for the season i.e. the screen in the corridor, printer and clubhouse laptop. The computer cupboard will go and then the competitions can be sorted in the comfort of the clubhouse.

In readiness for next season can the leagues be approached as the match fees have been £12 for a few years and need to be looked at in consultation with Clubs.

The bar has been renovated with the carpets being washed throughout the clubhouse and I will bring news of the Jubilee room next time.

Mothers Day Carvery is filling up nicely and bookings have started for the Easter Carvery.

Juniors schedule for lessons with Martin going to print including sat mornings and junior holiday camps.

## **18. Ladies' Section Report**

PF reported:

The Mail on Sunday competition was postponed due to both courses not complying with the tournament rules. The competition was finally played on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately Wheathill lost 5- 0 to Farrington, always a thorn in our sides. Our team gave a good account of themselves, but were beaten on the day. The team captains' trials are to be held Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## **19. Seniors' Section Report**

DE reported that the senior's section is playing in the Avalon League 2016. Thanks go to Andrew for his counsel & to Vicki for her help offering dates for the home matches. 10 teams / two divisions of 5

4 home & away matches against:

Isle of Wedmore  
Worlebury  
Long Sutton  
Mendip Spring

The other division consists of Enmore Park / Minehead / Tall Pines / Wells / Taunton & Pickeridge. In all, some nice courses.

We are not playing Yeovilton in 2016, so:

10 League matches  
18 Friendly matches  
Plus **THAT** match against the Ladies

We will need to review at the end of the year!

## **20. Junior Section Report**

LW reported:

Firstly thank you to Dave Eynon who donated his old clubs to the juniors. We also have some of Jackie's clubs to use somewhere.

We are going to hold a quiz night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March for the juniors. A poster will be up shortly and we hope many of you will come along; we should have four or five juniors present.

Dave Eynon has also very generously offered to have a Club Captain picture of Callum taken and framed so the Junior Captain can sit alongside the other three Captains in the Clubhouse which will be lovely and a first.

No notification as yet as to whether Somerset want to do the Order of Merit in conjunction with our Junior Open on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Open will run regardless. Having made a big point that "other things" were diarised on this date without consultation with the relevant sections, it now seems the Ladies will be on another excursion on the same day which is a shame.

NB. Photo being done this weekend 27<sup>th</sup>, all in hand.

## **21. AOB**

LW has volunteered to be the ladies photographer for 2016.

### **Action: LW**

LW requested that the results of Ladies external competitions are sent by e-mail to all lady members.

### **ACTION: PF**

It was unanimously agreed to include a framed photo of the Junior Captain on the Club House wall in keeping with the other Club Captains.

### **ACTION: DE/LW**

CW stated that as members are not paying the entrance fee for running competitions prior to the draw it was agreed to permit payment on the day.

A reminder is to be published in the next issue of the club newsletter that payment is required prior to playing.

### **ACTION: AE/CW**

## **22. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 1830 on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 in the Clubhouse.

Signed:

Date:

Chair

Annex A

**HONOURS BOARDS MISSING COMPETITIONS**

The following competitions do not have an entry on the Honours Boards.

- ~~Men's open~~
- ~~Juniors Open~~
- ~~Rose Bowl Texas Scramble~~
- ~~Blades~~
- ~~Seniors 3 Club Trophy~~
- ~~Old Timers Cup~~
- ~~Inter Village~~
- ~~Men's Winter Eclectic~~
- ~~Captains V's Vice Captains~~
- ~~Ladies Ping 4 BBB~~
- ~~Ladies LGU Brooch~~
- ~~Team Captains Challenge Bowl~~
- ~~Ladies Birdie Tree~~
- ~~Ladies Gross Medal~~
- ~~Ladies Gross medal R/U~~
- ~~Ladies Par Bar~~
- ~~Ladies Most Improved Player~~
- ~~Juniors Order of Merit~~
- ~~EWGA Medal~~
- ~~Lydford Trophy~~
- ~~Men's Year Plate Div 1,2 & 3~~
- ~~Ladies Tri Match~~