



MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2025

Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Club Chair
Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
Darren Martin	DM	Club Captain
Malcolm Green	MG	Senior Captain
Fiona Cruse	FC	Lady Captain
Kelvin Dagger	KD	Handicap Secretary
Pete Westcott	PW	Men's Competitions
Andrew England	AE	Management

1. Introduction.

JSB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Jill Byrne

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting February 28th 2025.

The minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, and proposed by FC and seconded DM

4. Matters arising from previous meetings.

Matter arising were addressed either at the appropriate agenda items or as follows:

5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence. JSB

No correspondence has been received since the previous meeting.

Update on the acting club secretary's January report.

DG is happy to record all the competition winners for 2025.

The constitution has been updated and needs to be put on the website.

The Men's handbook has been updated and needs to go on the website.

The Club Secretary vacancy has been advertised in the foyer. To date there has been no response.

The position of the Wheathill Diarist needs to be advertised in the next newsletter.

The Vice Club Captain is happy to take on arranging the Avalon league fixtures for 2026.

The job descriptions for the main committee need updating ongoing.

6. Handicap Secretary's Report. KD

No Report.

7. Competitions Secretary's Report. PW

All the competition are running smoothly although some of the matches have been delayed because of the weather conditions.

The main thing to report from the Men's competition committee is the stablefords and medal due to be played in March if off the yellows will count as a qualifier for silverware.

8. Treasurer's Report. DG

I have not heard from Alpha Signs regarding the update of the boards, even though I have sent them all the information required. So I will be making a personal visit to get things moving.

Accounts attached.

9. Club Captain's Report. DM

Brian Glen and Dave Kerswell will now be representing Wheathill in the Daily Mail Foursomes.

10. Managements Report. AE

Despite a number of storms through the winter. The course has coped well and not only have we regularly opened. But we have been able to cut the greens and put a pretty full winter course in operation from time to time.

We have “cold star fertilizer” to apply soon to boost the greens, including iron, to fight disease and moss. The majority of tees have been hand mowed and as soon as the ground allows we will out trimming the course.

We have purchased a back-up fairway mower and the fleet of machines are currently being serviced one at a time.

The clubhouse is undergoing a spruce up with a lick of paint, new curtains, new bar flooring and a new carpet arriving for the season.

The clubhouse will be closed on the 13th March approximately.

To help promote the stablefords and medals we have put a title on the top of the starting times.

Although communication is important, can we rationalise the number of emails going out to members. We have had some request to be removed from the data base. This cause problems beyond competitions for the office. Perhaps one at the start of the month, maybe another mid-month to tidy up.

We are hosting a Golf England Regional WHS committees for competitions a seminar at Wheathill on the 8th April at 1pm. All competitions committees are invited to this informative gathering. The ‘Woman on Par’ golf promotion starts again in April.

11. Lady Captain’s Report. FC

The ladies committee carried out an independent survey of all ladies in the section regarding the ladies championship format. When my committee meet in March we will confirm and then publish the results.

Hopefully you are all aware that Judith Rowsell has decided to have her head shaved in support of her daughter who is undergoing chemotherapy at this time. All monies raised will go to Cancer Research UK and we trust that everyone will respond generously.

12. Senior Captain's Report. MB

No Report.

13. Junior Sections Report. JB

Six of the nine squad players met up for 11 holes of golf and food on 2nd February when we took a team phot with shield, now on the website.

A third of the teams for the Mary England Trophy contain a junior player. DG is now also DBS cleared.

The first junior stableford is coming up soon and the first round of the knockout v Wells B is at home at the end of April.

14. AOB

1. JSB raised allocating the club fundraising monies of £993.02. It was agreed to purchase hooks for rakes in the bunkers, plus bench seating for the starters hut. Order hooks and discuss with Jim Palmer.

Action DG?

MG would like prior to advertising the next club fundraising event announcing projects under consideration so members know where the money is going in advance. AE to discuss with the team if they would be happy to run it this year. MG's point to be advised if they are happy to run with it.

Action AE

2. MG raised closing times in the summer could they be extended? DM explained the difficulty of staffing. KD would be happy to help. Maybe a Wednesday or Thursday to 8pm. Action to raise with AE at the next meeting. AE is happy to review this and will endeavour if at all possible to extend like the first Wednesday in the month. **Action Closed**

4. FC raised the Mixed Charity Bowmaker. She is looking for sponsors who would like to sponsor a hole or donate prizes. Can we please spread the word? **Action Ongoing**

5. MG raised a few seniors wish to play a medal without entering it, as it becomes quite costly. After some discussion where in the old days it was

possible. It would be difficult to manage after the introduction of WHS. Therefore it was decided it couldn't be introduced. **Action Closed**

6. KD raised the subject of Slow Play in medals. Always a problem. The Pro-shop are happy for buggies to be used to marshal these competitions. So we are looking for volunteers. **Action Ongoing**

7. During last year's AGM Judith Rowsell raised the subject that for Silverware. The qualifiers should only be those played at Wheathill. Not, other clubs.

PW who provided reports of qualifying competitions. Felt this would have to be done manually and would be very time consuming. The committee concurred. **Action Closed**

8. DM raised the 10 qualifiers should not include general play as they can be manipulated. FC agreed. The competitions need to be monitored and reviewed in May as to whether the amount of qualifiers off the whites should be reduced for the next season. DM has also been in contact with Somerset golf for their view.

PW will be putting the qualifiers report for all men up in the foyer and send an email to the effect of reiterating what is required for silverware and anyone who has mitigating circumstances to advise him accordingly.

Actioned

Following the point raised by DM regarding qualifiers. Rather than waiting until May. Discussions took place to confirm the following season's requirements. There was a vote taken, which resulted in a majority for the requirement to be 4 qualifiers for the 2025/2026 from September 1st 2025 until 31st August 2026 on a 12 month rolling basis.

A statement to be made and put on the relevant sections boards. **Action DM/JSB** post meeting this has been actioned. **Action closed.**

9. DG raised the maintenance of Captain's gifts. Where do we draw the line with the maintenance? It was agreed unanimously to be 8 years.

Action DG

10. JSB raised how will the sponsors of the Men's pairs open be invoiced? AE advised this has been sorted and a template has been given to Dani M.

The meeting finished at 3.55 pm

The next meeting to be held at Wheathill Golf Club on the 28th March
time ...?

Signed
Chair

Date

