



**MINUTES OF THE WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB MAIN COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Janette Stewart-Burnett	JSB	Club Chair
S Woodward	SW	Club Captain
Anne Scott	AS	Ladies Captain
Pete Dunford	PD	Club Secretary
Dave Gregory	DG	Club Treasurer
Jill Byrne	JB	Committee Member
Alan Forscutt	AF	Men's Committee Representative
Mark Singleton	MS	on behalf of Andrew England

**1. Introduction** JSB welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Apologies**

Jim Williams.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 25th October 2023**

The minutes of the last Meeting were agreed, proposed by DG and seconded by AF

**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:

Darren Martin & Karen Forward are both eligible to enter the England Golf Road to Woodhall 4BBB competition.

They have both been registered and the entry fee paid.

PD asked if there was any interest in entering the PING Mixed 4BBB.

**Action: Anne Scott to gauge interest within the membership**

Honours Boards have been updated; it has been noted that there are still some spelling errors.

**Action: PD**

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

AF Reported:

Medal weeks continue with only the highest scores submitted for various orders of merit. Entry fee has been raised to £6.

The advantages of being entered for various orders of merit and the Lydford plate is being advertised

Payment for competitions is now mandatory once the entry sheet has been removed from the board and the relevant draw taken place. Payment is therefore due unless a substitute can be found.

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

DG reported:

Not a lot to report, £20 has been paid into the wrong account, to be rectified

**Action: DG**

DG's proposal to increase the membership levy to £10 from next year was agreed.

**Action: AE**

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

SW reported:

He has received a good response from all members on his appointment as Club Captain.

Will be talking soon to last year's captain seeking advice and guidance on the do's and don'ts of a captain's role.

The New Year's Day Scramble was well attended and enjoyed by all.

A £50 gift has been presented to Geoff Gilbert for his sterling job of work last year.

It was suggested that Astro turf is tried on the second tee.

**Action: AE in Hand**

AE stated that the mats currently deployed on the course based upon experience are already in the best place.

It was agreed that a card specific to winter temporary tee and green positions will be produced which will allow qualifiers to be played in the winter Once the winter course has been ratified and approved by the SGU.

**Action: AE**

## **9. Management Report.**

MS Reported:

The Constitution is being updated.

### **Action: Committee to review and provide comments**

The levy is for full gold and full silver membership categories. BRS competition entries is currently not viable and not in the Golf Clubs best interest.

The course is holding up well in the frosty, wet and windy weather so far this season.

Spiking, verticutting, overseeding and top dressing is planned in early spring, conditions permitting.

The Golf Pros will be looking into the new rules for the start of the season

### **10. Ladies Section Report**

AS Reported:

Not much to report, we haven't really started yet. Our first meeting will be in February.

Continuing with our Shire and Tuppy Competitions/ matches.

Race Night, I have consulted with Vicky re possible dates, and we have with your support decided on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Will update at the next MCM.

Can we think about changing the date of the Mixed Open next year as we always have the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> July when Vicky & Mark are away?

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

There were no seniors report this month

### **12. Junior Section Report**

JB Reported:

Junior membership is strong with 41 current members and the majority being active players. Three of our juniors are involved in County Squads and development and Martin continues to enlist and coach new juniors on a weekly basis and through his Summer Camps. Girls Golf Rocks has been a success and new initiatives are being trialled year on year. The King's link continues and hopefully we will see more integration from these players as the season progresses.

It has been great to see more juniors involved in main club competitions and to have the Junior Captains photo board installed in the clubhouse.

The League set up continues to thrive and we will be in the South Division this year with Long Sutton, Enmore, T&P, Cricket St Thomas and Yeovil.

### **13. AOB**

#### **Entering competitions**

Consideration be given to booking and paying for competitions via either ClubV1 or BRS.

**Action: Closed**

## **Reporting**

JSB explained reports from each section should be simple and not too detailed covering any news which will be of interest to the main committee.

**Action: Closed**

## **Qualifiers**

The subject of qualifiers was again raised as there was a difference of opinion within the committee.

This topic will be added to the next agenda and a decision must be agreed, is it 5 or is 10?

A full discussion was had at this meeting. Endeavouring to cover all the individual committees concerns. The driving factor for a conclusion was the reduction in revenue due to the introduction of general play cards. Entries in medals and stablefords have reduced considerably. Even with the introduction of weekly medals and stablefords and order of merit competitions.

Based on this driving factor. A vote took place. The result being for silverware a requirement of 10 qualifying cards are required over a 12 month rolling period 5 of these cards must be either medals or stablefords.

This decision will need to be promoted heavily in the New Year as the requirements need to be in place for the start of the 2024/2025 season being September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

**Action: Closed**

## **Diary Sponsorship**

JSB's proposal to limit the amount of sponsorship and make up the shortfall of £1 from the levy was agreed.

The meeting finished at 15:00

## **Fund Reductions**

Judith Rowsell raised this topic at the AGM.

The entry fee to medals and stablefords has been increased to £6 and next year the levy will be increased.

## **Competition Book**

The competition book needs updating.

Greater clarity is required on the rules governing the Blades competition.

**Action: AF**

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 10:00 am in the clubhouse.

Signed  
24<sup>th</sup> February 2024

PG Dunford

Date:

Acting Chair

## Appendix 1

Wheathill Golf Club Accounts 1st-October 2023 to 28th-January-2024

	Genral Section	Mens Section	Junior Section	Seniors Section
Opening Balance	£1,244.60	£528.30	£247.71	£1,652.56
Income				
Seniors texas scramble				£27.00
Mens Oct 7 day Medal		£4.20		
21-10-S/ford		£0.70		
Snrs Xmas Corker				£74.00
Xmas Cracker				£20.00
Totals	£1,244.60	£533.20	£247.71	£1,733.56
Expenditure				
Post crete/Turps	£13.85			
Engraving D,Eynon	£10.00			
Jnr Lge Fees			£90.00	
Anne Scott-Photos	£59.96			
Ian Barrett-Ink				£28.47
Ian Barrett- Match wine				£14.25
Totals	£1,160.84	£533.20	£157.71	£1,690.84
Fund Raising cash =£124.02 at bank				
Total in hand=Nil				
Total at bank =£3666.61				