

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note: items deemed confidential may have been removed from the published minutes.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 11th January 2016

Present: J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas, K Dalby (Lady Captain), J Gray, L Wraith,

Apologies: J Simpson, I Moyes

Membership:

It was noted that Pete Holleran is not re-joining the Club so is no longer a member of the Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 30th November 2015:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (i) The Chair reported that he has had a communication from The Environment Agency that they will not be doing any work until February 2016 at the earliest.
- (ii) It was reported that the Club cannot get out of its current electricity contract with SSE so no further action can be taken on energy costs.
- (iii) The Chairman is still investigating clubhouse locking options. **Chairman**
- (iv) The Secretary advised that following contact with the NNL League Secretary the situation wrt 2s on Field Days is that (i) a club can decide whether or not to have a 2s but (ii) if it does, then this must be run in accordance with the League rules. In the light of this it was decided that Warkworth will not run a 2s sweep at its field day.
- (v) The Secretary advised that he had written to xxxxxxxx conveying the committee's decision on carry over of fees for 2016.
- (vi) The Treasurer will contact PHS hygiene services as a matter of urgency and if they are not prepared to reduce their charges the Club will take up the quote from the alternative supplier.
- (vii) It was confirmed that the proposed competition on 17th February for the Pat Johnson Trophy is for the 2015 edition. The intent is to run it as a mixed competition in 2016.
- (viii) The low number of attendees at the Presentation Evening was discussed. It was agreed it should continue in the same format but efforts will be made to increase the number of winners attending.

- (ix) The low numbers at the NYE event was discussed. It was agreed that if we are to run something on NYE it needs to be better organised further in advance so it can be properly marketed,
- (x) The Secretary will progress arrangements for the joint 125th anniversary event with Ryton GC. **Secretary**
- (xi) No report from IM concerning possible funding for the Juniors from The Rotary Club. **IM**
- (xii) The Chairman has approached A MacKay concerning his possible co-option to the Committee but no answer as yet. **Chairman**
- (xiii) The tickets for the English Golf handicapping workshop were passed out.
- (xiv) Gavin Wales has asked that his new trophy be a junior bogey competition. A date needs to be agreed for this event since it is not on the fixture list. **Match Sect**

Correspondence

1. A letter from xxxxxxxx concerning a charity event was read out. It was agreed to provide a raffle prize. **Secretary**
2. Two requests from members that their membership be suspended for medical reasons were discussed. The Secretary will communicate Club policy, namely:
 - The current year's fees are to be paid.
 - The Committee will suspend all playing rights from a stated date but the individual remains a member of the Club. Suspension for a maximum of 6 months. Supporting evidence for suspension (e.g. a doctor's note) is required.
 - The member can apply for an extension of the suspension, subject again to supporting documentary evidence.
 - At the year-end the fee due for the subsequent year will be calculated taking account of the length of any suspension.

Finance and Membership:

1. It was reported that a budget spreadsheet for the 2015/16 FY has been drawn up and this will be used to monitor performance at the end of each quarter. The first quarter shows that green fee income is up by ca£1,000 and other heads are in line with budget. Expenditure is in line with budget.
2. In the interim months the Treasurer will provide a simple update statement against the heads used in past years.

Greens Matters

1. The revised OoB around the clubhouse needs marking. It was noted that no change is needed to the scorecard.
2. The verti-drainer has not yet been ordered and the action is on-hold pending an improvement in the weather
3. The new marker posts along the filed side of the 9th fairway cannot be seen from the tee and need some distinguishing feature adding. **Greens Cttee**
4. Possible solutions to the muddy area around the path by the Ladies winter tee are being considered. **Greens Cttee**
5. There remain some fence posts that need repairing. **Greens Cttee**

Competition Matters

- (i) It was confirmed the Pat Johnson Trophy for 2015 will be a 9 hole mixed Irish Rumble on Wednesday 17th February. The Secretary and Lady Captain will liaise to organise. **Secretary**
- (ii) There are only 5 slots left to be filled for the open Texas Scramble scheduled for Sunday 6th March.
- (iii) The annual handicap review will be arranged in February by the Match Sect/Lady Match Sect. If available, the Secretary will attend also. **Match Sect/Lady Match Sect**
- (iv) The Match Sect confirmed that the Club has entered the Daily Mail Classic. The Club has a bye in the first round and needs to identify a team for the next round. **Secretary**
- (v) As in past years the Club will be represented in the Daily Mail foursomes by the winners of the 2015 foursome K/O, Joe Henderson & Kyle Brown. If they are not able to represent the runners-up were M Scott & M Patterson.

Captain's Matters

The Club still does not have a Captain. It was agreed we need to be pro-active in this and in the first instance the Chairman will approach xxxxxxxx. **Chairman**

In the absence of a Captain we will need to identify an individual to take responsibility for the match-play team

Ladies Section

The danger of the drive off the 7th tee box was again brought up. Two warning bells with relevant notices will be put up. **Treasurer**

Juniors

(i) It was agreed to call the cup donated by Gavin Wales the Hotspur Cup. The Secretary will contact him to get input on format etc. **Secretary**

(ii) It was agreed to have 8 junior coaching events in 2016. **Secretary**

(iii) The Match Secretary reported that the A Marshall Trophy is missing. He will check if the D Cook still has it. If not, a replacement will be purchased. **Match Sect**

(iv) The Match Sect will purchase replicas for each Junior Trophy in advance of the start of the season. **Match Sect**

Update on the Bridge

The Chairman reported that the bridge re-build is going ahead. Some foundations have been dug and the wood is being prepared. However, poor weather is impeding progress.

House/Social Matters

(i) The Secretary reported that we will be hosting another 'Dark Skies Evening' on 8th February 2016. Tickets are now available on the Eventbrite website. **Secretary**

Personnel Matters

None

AoB

(i) The Secretary asked for guidance on a price for the Club outing. It was agreed up to £45 was reasonable.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th February 2016, 10.00am in the clubhouse.