

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Present: J A Gray (Chairman), G Sawley (Captain), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), C Douglas (Lady Captain), K Dalby, A MacKay, D Metcalfe, J Gray, J Douglas, R Barratt

Apologies: D Coates, I Moyes

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 23rd January:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (i) No progress with the leaking roof. The Secretary will take this forward. **Secretary**
- (ii) The Treasurer provided an update on the VAT refund prepared by the Accountant. The complexity of the task was emphasised but it is hoped some progress will be made in the next couple of weeks and there should be a slight positive impact to the Club's finances. **Treasurer**
- (iii) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as Safe-Guarding Officer but he has still not yet publicised the position. **Secretary**
- (iv) The Secretary advised that the Club has been allocated a defibrillator and this should be delivered shortly. **Secretary**
- (v) The notices have been posted advising of the CCTV operation.
- (vi) The 'Big Raffle' is now underway.
- (vii) The Treasurer reported that the Green-Keeper has ordered new brushes for the shoe cleaner.
- (viii) It was noted that the fridge has been removed from the trolley shed. There is a fryer still there. The Secretary will make a further attempt to deal with the number of apparently unused/unowned trolleys.
- (ix) The paper towel holder and cigarette bins have been delivered and fixed.
- (x) The Captain has tidied up the various locker room notice boards.

Correspondence

Emails concerning the course had been received from three members. These are all dealt with under the Greens agenda item.

A letter concerning the upgrade to the Coastal path has been received. The relevant party will contact the Club in the future to discuss any issues arising.

A letter from the Co secretary asked for use of the course on Sunday 25th March 2018 for the annual NUGC v NJGA match. This was agreed.

A letter from the County concerning the re-rating of the course. The Secretary will respond and co-ordinate.

Secretary

Finance and Membership

Item withheld

The Treasurer reported that so far 44 members have not re-joined. Of these 12 have definitely resigned or are deceased. A further 4 have had their membership suspended for a variety of reasons. The Secretary will contact the remainder to ascertain their intentions.

Greens Matters

The minutes of the 6th February were discussed. It was noted that the bridge is making good progress and thanks will be sent to those who have assisted the Green-keeper. It was agreed to hold an opening ceremony early in the summer. The Secretary will co-ordinate.

However, there is no doubt that the course has suffered whilst the bridge is being built. Concern was also expressed that work such as the additional gorse has been deferred and that it does not help credibility when planned items are not carried out.

There is on-going confusion concerning teeing-up/not teeing-up. It was agreed that hitherto we should conform to the decision of the 2015 AGM but that at the next AGM a proposal to make this a matter for the Committee to decide taking account of conditions will be made.

Then three e-mails received concerning the course were also raised and the Captain gave a report on the feedback he has been getting from members. In the light of the concerns it was agreed to hold an additional meeting of the Greens Cttee on Thursday 2nd March when there would be a course walk and (i) desired standards for course presentation and (ii) plans for the next five years start to be developed. These will then be communicated to members followed by periodic updates on progress. The Secretary agreed to produce draft standards for the Committee as a starting point for their discussions.

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Competition/Handicap Matters

- 1) It was reported that the Club representatives in the Daily Mail Foursomes, Garry Henderson and Dave Gray, are playing the first round match away to Percy Wood at 12.00noon on Sunday 12th March.
- 2) The Club representatives in the inter-county foursomes are confirmed as Ross Young and Garry Henderson. The draw is awaited.
- 3) A recent communication from England Golf concerning the recording of non-qualifying scores and 4BBB competitions was discussed. The Match Secretary was given the details and will have responsibility for ensuring compliance.

- 4) It was agreed that, for simplicity, any 2s money not won would be rolled forward to the next competition, regardless of the format.

Captain's Matters

The Captain advised that Carly Henderson is going to sponsor the shirts for the match-play team. He will take this forward.

He also gave an update on his first nine weeks in office and the feedback he is getting from members. Comments on the course are dealt with under 'greens'. Other matters concerned the number of mistakes emanating from competition results reporting and a number of other matters. It was agreed that the mistakes in the 2017 fixture book are unacceptable and it will be re-printed. The Secretary will liaise with the Match Secretary over this.

Ladies Section

The difficulty of getting around the trolley shed was again raised. See under 'matters arising, (x)'.

Juniors

The Secretary advised that six junior coaching sessions have been provisionally arranged in conjunction with the Junior Organiser.

Seniors

It was noted that the results of the Seniors Open, as a 4BBB, will need to be reported back to clubs. The Match Secretary will liaise with the Seniors Section over this.

Update on the Bridge

See greens report

Environment Agency/Flooding

No progress to report.

House/Social Matters

The Secretary gave an update on arrangements for the Inter-County event on Sunday 9th April. He will circulate relevant members individually to remind them of their involvement.

Following a meeting of the Finance Group the price of drinks had been increased. Members were informed via the newsletter.

In the absence of IM there was no update on forthcoming events.

Personnel Matters

It was reported that the assistant Green-Keeper has got a full-time job as a gamekeeper and so will no longer be available. It is hoped that XXXXX will be able to assist – to be confirmed.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of employing an apprentice.

Secretary

Honorary Membership

Deferred to next meeting.

AoB

1) Thanks to Derek Ross for cleaning the windows.

DoNM

Next meeting Monday 20th March at 10.00am in the clubhouse.