

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note: items deemed confidential have been redacted.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 08th February 2016

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

Apologies: I Moyes

Membership:

Alastair MacKay was welcomed to his first meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 11th January 2016:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (i) The Chair reported that a meeting has been arranged for 29th February with the EA when the workings of the 'pipe closure' will be explained and dates for the start of work on the bund will be discussed. The Chair will communicate with Dave Gray on this. **Chairman**
- (ii) The Chairman is still investigating clubhouse locking options. He advised that it is proving more complicated than anticipated and that the alarm company will need to be involved in any decision. **Chairman**
- (iii) The Treasurer advised that PHS have submitted a revised contract that reduces the cost. However, it was agreed to approach another company before signing to get a competitive quote. **Treasurer/Secretary**
- (iv) The Secretary advised that 6 members of the committee plus the President had decided to take up their invitations to the 125th anniversary event at Ryton. The remaining places will be open to all Club members. If over-subscribed there will be a ballot. **Secretary**
- (v) No report from IM concerning possible funding for the Juniors from The Rotary Club. **IM**
- (vi) The Match Sect still needs to finalise a date for the new junior trophy. **Match Sect**
- (vii) The Secretary confirmed that a prize had been sent to Paul Barwick to support his charity event.
- (viii) The Secretary confirmed that he had communicated Club policy on membership suspension to the relevant members.
- (ix) The Secretary advised that the Outing had been booked for Friday 3rd June at Bellingham GC.

Correspondence

1. An e-mail from Dave Gray concerning the car-park and muddy areas on the course was read out. The matters he raised are dealt with elsewhere in the minutes. The Secretary will write back to DG advising him of decisions/action. **Secretary**

Finance and Membership:

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The Treasurer gave an update on membership. To date 33 members have not paid their 2016 fees. Reminders have been sent to all and it is anticipated that the majority will be paying after this. He also advised that the Club has attracted 5 new members following the offer in October 2015 and that winter membership is up considerably (probably occasioned by the very wet conditions elsewhere, though it is hoped some, at least, of these will decide to again become winter members next October.)

Greens Matters

1. It was emphasised that the revised OoB around the Clubhouse must be marked before the start of the summer season on 19th March. The scorecards have been amended to take account of the change and the Secretary will ensure the new OoB is well publicised before the season starts. **Greens Cttee/Sect**
2. The greens and tee-boxes have been verti-drained. The greens will be top-dressed towards the end of the month but the tee-boxes will not be top-dressed until a little later.
3. The new marker posts along the field side of the 9th fairway cannot be seen from the tee still need some distinguishing feature adding. **Greens Cttee**
4. The muddy area at the end of Killie is now drying up and so no action will be taken. However, if the bridge is not open by next winter we will need to take some action before the start of the winter weather to prevent a recurrence of the problem. **Greens Cttee**
5. There remain some fence posts along the 7tgh need repairing. **Greens Cttee**
6. New flags for the pins will be in place for the start of the season. **Greens Cttee**
7. It was agreed to keep the practice of teeing-up in place for a further period as the course dried.

Competition Matters

- (i) The Secretary advised that the Texas Scramble Open on 6th March is now full. Dave Wilkinson has agreed to be starter; the Match Sect will provide cards; The Treasurer will provide the prizes of £120/£80/£60 and the Chairman will be available to make the presentation.
- (ii) The annual HCP Review was agreed as 9.30am on Monday 22nd Feb. **TC/JD/JG**

- (iii) The Secretary advised that four members have put themselves forward for the pool available to play in the Mail on Sunday Classic. We should know who and where we are playing during w/b 15th February. **Match Secretary**
- (iv) The Match Sect will confirm that the winners of the foursomes K/O will be available to represent the Club in the Daily Mail foursomes – it was noted that they have not yet re-joined. If not available/eligible then he will approach the runners-up. **Match Secretary**
- (v) HCP matters:
- XXXXXXXX has a non-competition handicap and will need to submit cards in accordance with England Golf rules from 1st March to regain his © status.
 - XXXXXXXX has lost his © status but as the Committee agreed to his membership suspension on medical grounds it was agreed it should use its allowed discretion to re-instate his © status without the need to submit cards.
 - The Secretary advised that he is posting a notice on ©/non-© status and the process to regain the © status. **Secretary**
- (vi) The Match Sect advised that the hole-in-one scored on Saturday is not eligible for the HDID Boss Watch prize as the competition was (i) non-qualifying and (ii) a team event.
- (vii) It was agreed there would be a shot-gun start mixed 9-hole sweep (varying formats) on each Bank Holiday Monday. The Match Sect will be responsible for running these including being on the premises to do the cards immediately after the event ends. **Match Sect**

Captain's Matters

Ladies Section

1. The danger of driving off when not able to see into Killie was further discussed. It was noted that a warning bell has been placed in Killie for walkers to ring but this is not often used. The possibility of another bell by the tee-box was agreed but it was noted that even if this is rung there is still no guarantee that a walker will understand it or take notice and it would not absolve the player from his liability. Essentially it is the golfer's responsibility to ensure it is safe to drive and the only sure way is to walk forward to look. The Secretary will put a notice to this effect in the locker rooms and on the newsletter.
2. The Ladies are to organise some event, probably involving relevant era clothing/clubs/food to recognise the 125th anniversary. Further details later.
3. There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 26th March (Easter Saturday) and a Bingo night on Thursday 31st March.

Juniors

1. The Secretary is in the process of finalising the junior coaching for the 2016 season. **Sect**

2. The Match Sect will source a replacement for the missing junior trophy and ensure replicas are purchased prior to the start of the season. **Match Sect**
3. The Secretary advised that we are seeking to arrange some junior friendlies with other clubs.

Update on the Bridge

The Chairman advised that considerable preparatory work has been done readying the wood for use when the weather improves. The Tuesday Group is going to re-stack the wood to ensure air can circulate. It was agreed that for security reasons the wood be moved out of site behind the 'Sawley Shed' and that the area be declared GUR.

House/Social Matters

1. The initial programme for the year was agreed:
 - a. Opening day 26th March – some music event. JS to co-ordinate.
 - b. April – Quiz Night (JS)
 - c. May – Race Night (JS)
 - d. June – Car Treasure Hunt (TC)
 - e. August – Music Night (JS)
 - f. Sept. – Cheese and Wine (JS)
2. Questions were asked about the wedding planned for late July. The Chairman will contact IM as a matter of urgency to get an up-to-date picture. **Chairman**

Personnel Matters

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AoB

1. The state of the car park was discussed. It was agreed we need to do something and as a first stage the Chairman will contact NCC to ascertain if there are any road planings available. **Chairman**
2. JS gave an update on his contacts with local pubs etc to get prizes. He will contact The Warkworth House as a matter of urgency to ascertain if they are again to sponsor the Warkworth House trophy on 26th March.
3. Clubhouse guttering – The Chairman has ordered replacement brackets and when these are received the Tuesday Group will undertake the repairs.
4. The 'Sawley Shed' needs re-roofing as the felting has been blown off during the recent gales.

5. The Treasurer will purchase a new Club flag. He had investigated if buying a more expensive model would make it more resilient but advice was that it would still need replacing annually.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th March 2016, 1.30pm in the clubhouse.