

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 14th March 2016

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

Apologies: J A Gray (Chairman), Mrs J Gray, J Simpson, A MacKay

In the absence of the Chair, The Secretary chaired the meeting

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 08th February 2016:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (i) No progress to report on the clubhouse locking options. **Chairman**
- (ii) It was decided to sign the revised contract with PHS and not to proceed with investigating the option of a hand dryer. **Treasurer**
- (iii) It was noted that lists have been put up in both locker rooms for member wishing to play in the 125th anniversary event at Ryton to indicate interest. **Secretary**
- (iv) IM reported that he seeing the Chair of Rotary tomorrow and will raise the matter of money for junior coaching then. **IM**
- (v) The Match Set will liaise with Junior Organiser to set a date for the new Hotspur Trophy. **Match Sect**
- (vi) The Secretary advised that he had sent a reply concerning the matters he had raised in his e-mail.
- (vii) It was noted that the car-park has been dealt with and The Treasurer advised that the work had cost £251.
- (viii) The Treasurer reported that the guttering had been repaired.
- (ix) The 'Sawley Shed' has been waterproofed.
- (x) A new flag has been ordered.
- (xi) The Secretary reported that he had taken unilateral action at the end of February to change the playing conditions back to those agreed by the AGM, namely, no teeing-up

Correspondence

None

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

Greens Matters

1. It was noted that white posts have been placed to delineate the revised OoB around the clubhouse and that notices have been posted to advise members. However, it was emphasised that we still need to paint a white line in accordance with the rules.

Greens Cttee

2. The greens have been top-dressed. However, concern was expressed about the time-lapse (4 weeks) between the hollow-tining and the top-dressing. There was also discussion as to whether the idea of hollow-tining at this time of year has been a successful experiment. It was noted that as a consequence it had been necessary to make the Winter Championship a non-qualifier due to the amount of sand on the greens and that it was likely all competitions would be non-qualifiers until there was some growth. The greens committee were asked to take this up with the green-keeper.

Greens Cttee

3. Nothing has yet been done to better highlight the marker post along the side of the 9th fairway.

Greens Cttee

4. The fence posts along the 7th have been repaired/replaced.

5. New flags for the pins are in place.

6. It was agreed that there needs to be a meeting of the Greens Cttee as a matter of urgency as there are various matters that need dealing with.

Chairman

Competition Matters

- (i) The Secretary advised that the Open Texas Scramble had been a success and several messages of commendation had been received from players from other clubs. Overall a profit of £280 had accrued.
- (ii) The Secretary reported that the annual handicap review had been held. The Match Sect, Lady Match Sect and Secretary had attended. As a consequence a number of changes had been made to handicaps. Affected individuals had all been informed. The changes came into effect on Saturday 12th March. It was noted that the revised guidelines will require the Hcp Cttee to meet every 8 weeks as the process of review is now on-going rather than once-a-year.
- (iii) The Secretary advised that a team comprising H Holden, G Henderson, S Glass, J Glass and L Graves had represented the Club in the Mail on Sunday Classic and beaten Hexham GC 3/2. We will now our next opponents on Friday 18th March.
- (iv) The Match Sect reported that the winners of the Foursomes K/O could not represent the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes so the runners-up, M Patterson and G Scott would be doing so.

- (v) The Match Sect advised that the procedure for Supplementary Scores had been finalised with signing-in books now in both locker rooms. Members have been advised of the procedure by notice and in the newsletter.
- (vi) The Match Sect has posted the sheet for a 9 hole Texas Scramble, shotgun start, to be played on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th March.
- (vii) The Match Sect advised he is waiting for detail of the Inter-County foursomes. As soon as this is to hand we will approach our best players to get a team. **Sect/Match Sect**
- (viii) It was agreed that due to the amount of the sand on greens the Whittle Trophy on Saturday 19th March will be a non-qualifier. Thereafter the Sect/Match Sect will liaise to determine playing conditions on a week-by-week basis. The ladies' committee will determine their competition playing conditions. **Sect/Match Sect**
- (ix) It was agreed to retain preferred lies, probably until the end of April.

Captain's Matters

Ladies Section

1. The Ladies advised that they had purchased a new water boiler and new tea-pots etc for the kitchen.

Juniors

1. The Secretary advised that junior coaching for the 2016 season has been organised. There will be 8x2hour sessions run by Mark, Asst Pro at Bedlingtonshire. Dates are (all Monday) 8/15/22 May, 18/25 July, 1/8/15 August. The Junior Organisers have been advised.
2. The Secretary reported that following a 'round-robin' circular the Junior Organisers are seeking to arrange some friendlies.

Update on the Bridge

The Chairman had provided a brief update. The steel supports have been ordered and some timber preservative work done. Work is progressing on the concrete foundations. It is hoped that the foundation work will be completed in April.

Some concern was expressed over the bridge taking priority over the course maintenance. It was emphasised that the course has to take precedence and that work on the bridge must only be done when time permits.

House/Social Matters

1. In the absence of JS the Secretary gave an update. The opening day programme has been fixed and advertised. A Race-Night has been arranged for Saturday 16th April and a car-treasurer hunt tentatively diared for a Saturday in June. It was noted that these events will require some expenditure by the Club against, as yet, un-quantifiable income from

tickets/bar sales. However, if we are to revive the social side of the Club we will need to invest some money but we will need to keep this under regular review.

2. The Ladies Bingo Night is fixed for Thursday 31st March and has been advertised
3. IM gave an update on the July wedding. Arrangements are proceeding well. However, some concern was expressed as to the purchase of drinks which the Club is organising. Whilst we cannot run out on the day we need to ensure we are not left with large quantities of unsaleable stock. The Match Sect agreed to investigate the possibility of buying on a sale-or-return basis. **Match Sect**
4. IM gave an update on the Charity Event booked for 23rd April. (Subsequently we have been advised this has been cancelled).

Personnel Matters

It was noted that the Asst Greenkeeper is now working 4 days per week, partly finance from the 'bridge fund'.

Environment Agency

The Chairman had left a written update on the recent meeting with the EA about the problems being caused by their decision to open up the Castle Dyke. In summary, the EA is intending to (i) fit a WASTOP check valve on the pipe end to prevent any water ingress in to the pond, (ii) extend the height of the bund along the length of the wildlife habitat. They are also looking at the possibility of fitting a water-flow limiter at the bund bridge to reduce the amount of water entering the wildlife habitat and circumventing the reed bed with a ditch to allow the water to drain faster after a high tide.

A further meeting will be held later in the year.

AoB

1. It was agreed that due to changes in the working patter on the Match Sect that Saturday results would be posted slightly later. However, it was emphasised that these will still be up by mid-Sunday afternoon at the latest.
2. The Secretary agreed to write a monthly blog for the website. **Secretary**
3. The Treasurer will liaise with plasterers over repairs to the committee room wall caused by water ingress. **Treasurer**
4. IM will liaise with the Lady Captain over photos for the website. **IM/Lady Capt**
5. It was agreed the Secretary will source a new computer. **Secretary**
6. The Secretary advised he will be placing an advert in the press towards the end of April.

DoNM

Monday 11th April. 1.00am in the clubhouse.