

## WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

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

**Apologies:** A MacKay

### **Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 14th March 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

#### **Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**

- (i) Still no progress to report on the clubhouse locking options. **Chairman**
- (ii) The revised contract with PHS has been signed. It was agreed to purchase hand-dryers for both the Gent's and Ladies' washrooms. JAG will liaise with Dave Metcalf to expedite this. **Chairman**
- (iii) The Secretary advised that we still need a further five players for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at Ryton. The Lady Captain will encourage more ladies to enter, and the Secretary will seek additional gents. **Secretary & Lady Capt.**
- (iv) IM reported that he still has not been able to raise the possibility of money for the juniors with the Rotary Club. **IM**
- (v) The Match Set is waiting for a response from Junior Organiser to set a date for the new Hotspur Trophy. **Match Sect**
- (vi) There is still concern over water ingress in the committee room. The Chairman will discuss this with plasterers. **Chairman**
- (vii) The Secretary advised that a new computer had been purchased at a cost of £205. Subsequently the printer had 'died' and the spare proved not compatible with Windows 10 so a new one had been purchased for £35.

#### **Correspondence**

The Secretary advised that he had received an e-mail from an individual enquiring about the possibility of 'summer membership'. He had been advised the Club does not have such a category of membership.

#### **Finance and Membership:**

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(It was noted that at this meeting there should have been a full financial statement with review of progress against budget. The Treasurer advised this would be available for the May meeting.)

1. The Treasurer gave an update on membership. We have gained one additional member. The expectation is the 'footballers' will be re-joining shortly.
2. The Treasurer advised that we have received £1,675 from the insurance company following the recent break-in. It was agreed that when we receive the insurance quote for 2016/17 we seek additional quotes for comparison.

**Treasurer**

### **Greens Matters**

The Chairman tabled the report of the Greens Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Key points:

1. John Deere will be contacted to arrange repair of the tractor.
2. A review of various items of redundant machinery will be undertaken. Whilst some is kept for spares efforts will be made to dispose of those not needed for this purpose.
3. The triangle behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> has been re-painted and replacement 150yard markers on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> put in. The posts around the 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> and all red litter bins have been painted. The marker posts on the fence line on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> have been upgraded. The cost of replacing some 'tatty' ladies' tee markers will be investigated.
4. The tees are to be sprayed to combat moss.
5. The Committee will re-consider when the major maintenance of the greens is scheduled following the problems/comments concerning the tining done in January.
6. All bunkers will be raked on Saturdays prior to play.
7. The Committee will consider what work needs to be done on the winter tees prior. It was agreed some need enlarging/altering.
8. Some bunkers require remedial work.
9. A notice will be erected for the ladies entrance to prevent the problems with ladies coming in through the men's locker room.
10. The Sea Buckthorn will be looked after as it starts to bud.
11. It was agreed to organise a divot-filling party on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. 4.00pm start. The Secretary will advertise in the news-letter and the Chairman will liaise with the Green-Keeper.
12. The ladies requested the 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> tee-box be placed on the far side of Killie for their open on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The Treasurer will inform the Green-Keeper.

**Chairman/Sect**

**Treasurer**

Date of next meeting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.

### **Competition Matters**

- (i) The Club team of Garry Henderson, Stephen and John Glass, Ian Gray and Les Graves had beaten Alnwick 3/2 and will progress to round 4 of the Mail on Sunday Classic. It was agreed that the Club will meet the travel expenses of the team if drawn away in the next round.
- (i) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott represented the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes and had beaten the team from Dunstanburgh 4&2 to progress to round 3.
- (ii) John and Stephen Glass had represented the Club in the Inter-County foursomes. They lost to Backworth on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- (iii) The Match Sect advised that some members had taken advantage of the Supplementary Scores to regain their © status.
- (iv) It was agreed to run a mixed 9-hole Irish Rumble on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bank Holiday. Shot-gun start at 4.00pm. The Match Secretary will post a start sheet. **Match Sect**
- (v) John Glass has agreed to manage the Wednesday match –play team. The Match Secretary has the entry form for the County Championship (division 2) and will liaise with JG to finalise the team. **Match Sect**
- (vi) It was agreed to maintain preferred lies until the end of April.

#### **Captain's Matters**

Three possible captains were named. The Chairman will approach them to ascertain if they are willing to take on this role. **Chairman**

#### **Ladies Section**

1. The Lady Captain outlined the idea of a 9-hole mixed Irish Rumble on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This will be in '1890s' clothing and be followed by afternoon tea. The secretary advised that the course will be being prepared for the Seniors Open on that day. Accordingly the Lady Captain will investigate alternative dates. (Subsequent to the meeting a date of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September has been agreed.)

#### **Juniors**

1. Hotspur Trophy date – see under matters arising.

#### **Update on the Bridge**

The Green-keeper is making steel mesh support for the foundations. The Tuesday group will remove the large gorse bush to allow access for further excavation work. All being well the foundations will be completed by the end of April. The pump to deliver the concrete will cost £600 and a surveyor will be needed to take final levels prior to the concrete pour.

#### **House/Social Matters**

1. JS advised that the Opening Day event had made a loss of £25.

2. The Ladies coffee morning and Bingo Night had gone off successfully.
3. A Race Night has been arranged for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. This has been advertised by posters and in the newsletter.
4. JS will be running a quiz in May and The Secretary a car treasure hunt in June.
5. IM gave an update on the July wedding. Arrangements are proceeding well. The Match Sect advised that we can purchase on a 'sale or return' basis from both Coors and Bookers. IM advised that we do not need to source ice. As soon as the organisers advise on drink needs we will need to liaise with the Stewardess to arrange an order.
6. JS raised the price we levy for drinks. The Treasurer advised they had not increased for about 4 years. It was agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer would undertake a full review of prices in conjunction with the Stewardess and make recommendations for the next meeting to consider. They will also consider the future of draught beers in view of the low turn-over.

**Chairman/Treasurer**

### **Personnel Matters**

The Green-keeper is on holiday for a week from 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **Environment Agency**

Nothing to report

### **AoB**

1. The Secretary advised that an advert had been placed to appear in the Gazette and Morpeth Herald before the end of April. This advertised a fee for the remainder of the year of £230. He will liaise with IM to ensure the website prices agree.
2. The Secretary and Match Secretary will attend the NNL AGM at Magdalene Fields on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.
3. The Chairman expressed concern over the heating/use of oil in the Clubhouse. The Secretary agreed to look at the timings and adjust if necessary.

**Secretary**

### **DoNM**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am in the clubhouse.