

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 9th May 2016

Present: J A Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas, K Dalby (Lady Captain), Mrs J Gray, A MacKay

Apologies: L Wraith, I Moyes

Membership: It was noted that J Simpson has resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 11th April 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) It was noted that the 125th event at Ryton is now fully organised with a full team. Participants have been informed of the arrangements.
- (iii) In the absence of IM no progress to report on the possibility of money for the juniors from the Rotary Club. **IM**
- (iv) The Match Sect is still waiting for a response from Junior Organiser to set a date for the new Hotspur Trophy. **Match Sect**
- (v) The Treasurer has discussed the water ingress in the Committee Room with Charlie Brown and it is hoped a resolution will result. **Chairman**
- (vi) The Secretary reported that he had re-programmed the boiler and that the effect would be monitored over the coming weeks.

Correspondence

1. See comments under 'Environment Agency'.

Finance and Membership:

The Treasurer tabled a review of income and expenditure at six months compared to the previous year. The key points are that the Club is performing in-line with budget. The bank balance is almost identical with last year but this year the rent has been paid. In the case of expenditure the Treasurer explained the reasons behind variances in Clubhouse expenditure, wages and sundries were clarified to the satisfaction of members.

Income is running ahead of budget largely due to a 30% increase in green fees. Membership income is as per last year.

Item withheld

Greens Matters

There was no written report from the most recent Greens Cttee meeting so the Chair gave a verbal update.

1. Six members had helped at the divot-filling party and significant progress has been made in filling divots. The greens staff have subsequently done the rest of the course.
2. Greens are to be sanded and seeded.
3. There are concerns over the gang-mower used to cut the semi-rough. No action at present other than to purchase a new rear roller.
4. The course will be treated for daisies shortly.
5. The previous treatment to eradicate Pearlwort has not been successful and is to be repeated.

Competition Matters

- (i) The Club team of Nev Holden, Stephen and John Glass, Ian Gray and Les Graves beat Morpeth on the 19th to progress to round 5 of the Mail on Sunday Classic. The draw for the next round is due this week.
- (ii) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott, representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes are playing their match against Burgham on Saturday 14th May.
- (iii) The Bank Holiday Irish Rumble had gone well. It was agreed to run a mixed Yellow-Ball on the May Bank Holiday. The Match Secretary will post the entry sheet. **Match Sect**
- (iv) The Treasurer will furnish a cheque for £30 as the entry fee for the County Championship, 2nd Division. The Match Sect will post the entry and liaise with John Glass to finalise the team. **Match Sect**
- (v) The Secretary highlighted that our stroke indices do not conform to the current Congu guidelines in a number of respects. It was agreed he would draw up a revised SI chart for consideration and subject to agreement this would be introduced when the cards are next reprinted. The Lady Captain will check if the Ladies SI require any change. **Secretary**
- (vi) The Secretary reported that the Club has been asked to stage the final of the NLCGA – Cecil Leitch Trophy on Thursday 14th September 2017. This was agreed. The Secretary will advise the Competition Secretary. **Secretary**
- (vii) The Lady Captain and secretary will work together to try and get pairs for upcoming Mixed Comps and the Mixed Open. **Lady Capt/Sect**

Captain's Matters

The Chairman advised that he had approached the suggested individual but he had declined to become Captain. The Match Secretary will approach the next possibility. **Match Sect**

Ladies Section

1. The Lady Captain advised that after a ballot it had been agreed that she and Penny Lewis would take up the invitation to play for Northumberland against Yorkshire at Harrogate.

Juniors

1. It was noted that the coaching starts this evening.

Update on the Bridge

The Chairman reported that the foundations are being dug today. The shuttering will be constructed with the intention that the concrete foundations will be poured before the end of May.

House/Social Matters

1. There was a discussion on what to do about social events following the resignation of JS. Despite concern over lack of support it was agreed to continue to try events. As previously agreed the secretary will organise a car treasure hunt for a date in June. The Lady Captain will investigate the cost of a hog roast to be run, perhaps in conjunction with a quiz in September.
2. It was noted the intended meeting between the Chair, Treasurer and Stewardess to discuss drink prices had not yet taken place. The Chair will expedite this asap. **Chairman**

Personnel Matters

None

Environment Agency

The Chair advised of a letter received from Maria Hardy from the EA in which she updated on progress (minimal). She indicated she will be back in contact in the near future.

AoB

1. The Secretary gave a brief report on the recent NNL meeting. The two key points were:
 - a. In future all clubs will be required to purchase, in advance, 5 tickets for the League dinner.
 - b. It is essential that when a club runs a field day the scores are entered and reported to the CDH before the results are sent to the League Sect.
2. It was agreed that it is unsatisfactory that those paying £10 for use of the trolley shed derive no benefit since it is always open during the day. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange for a Yale-type lock with ca 20 keys to be purchased. Those who had paid the £10 would be

given a key and that thereafter the shed would be kept locked. The Secretary will publicise this before it is actioned.

Chair/Sect

3. The Secretary advised that he had been contacted by the Performing Rights Association and asked various questions about Club status/use of music etc. A response from the PRA is awaited.
4. It was reported that some players had been bringing dogs onto the course. This is against Club rules. The Secretary will post notices to that effect.

Secretary

DoNM

Monday 13th June at 10.00am in the clubhouse.