

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note: some matters deemed confidential have been withheld from the published minutes

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 13th June 2016

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

Apologies: A MacKay

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 9th May 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) No response the possibility of money for the juniors from the Rotary Club. **IM**
- (iii) The Match Sect reported that after conversations with the junior organisers they will arrange for the Hotspur Trophy to be played on a convenient date.
- (iv) There is no progress with the matter of water ingress into the committee room. The Treasurer will discuss this with Garry Henderson. **GD**
- (v) The Secretary has yet to deal with the stroke indices for the men's course. **Sect**
- (vi) The keys are now available to users of the trolley shed. The Secretary will notify members of the revised arrangement and it will be implemented at the beginning of August. **Sect**
- (vii) There has been no further contact from the Performing Rights Society. It was agreed to do nothing until/when they contact us again.
- (viii) The Secretary advised that a notice about dogs on the course had been posted and included in the newsletter.

Correspondence

1. See comments under 'Environment Agency'.
2. Email from Alastair MacKay expressing concern over the open bolts in the recently poured bridge concrete posing a hazard to path users. The Greenkeeper will be instructed to place a temporary cover until such time as the wood is bolted on. **GD**
3. Following an e-mail from a member it was agreed to re-paint the lettering mill-stone at the entrance to the Club. **Chairman**

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

The Secretary reported that our bank details had been supplied to the firm managing the finances of teeofftimes.co.uk so payments should now be made correctly.

The Treasurer advised that following recommendations from a member the Club's insurance had been moved to a new company with an annual saving of ca£1,700.

The Treasurer advised that by moving supplier we will be able to save ca£750 on waste disposal but this cannot be enacted until the present contract expires next year.

Members were advised of a recent communication concerning the VAT refund and that the Treasurer will be submitting a new claim.

GD

Greens Matters

The minutes of the Greens Committee held 6th June are appended. Key matters:

1. When finance is available the priority will be to purchase new/reconditioned gang mowers for the semi-rough.
2. The course will be treated for daisies shortly. (The previous attempt had been postponed due to high winds.)
3. The previous treatment to eradicate Pearlwort has not been successful will be repeated as soon as weather conditions permit.
4. There is an issue with fairy rings on the practice green and the 5th green. In the 1990's the Club had successfully treated fairy rings with a proprietary product. Investigations will be made to ascertain if this is still available.
5. Repairs to the bunker on the left of the 8th green will form part of the winter programme.
6. Efforts have been made to improve the sight-lines into Killie from the tee-boxes. However, these are insufficient and further measures will be taken. In the meantime the Secretary will communicate the need for players to ascertain that Killie is clear before driving off.
7. Concern was expressed over the poor state of some tee-boxes during a recent Wednesday match-play league match. The Treasurer will take this up with the Greenkeeper.

GD

Competition Matters

- (i) The Mail on Sunday Classic team has beaten Whitley Bay to progress to round 6. The Club has been drawn at home against Chester-le-Street. Date to be confirmed.
- (ii) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott, representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes, have progressed to round 5 having beaten Beamish Park.
- (iii) The Club had been represented by John & Stephen Glass and Garry Henderson at the County Championship played recently at Stocksfield and acquitted themselves well.

- (iv) Due to lack of entries the Robinson Trophy has been postponed. Since there are ten pairs from the Club playing in the Mixed Open it was agreed that they would compete for the Robinson Trophy alongside the mixed.
- (v) The Secretary and Lady Captain will encourage those Club members playing in the Open to take their partnerships through to the Brian Ross on August 7th. The Secretary is also of the opinion that he can get a couple more men to play if the Lady Captain can get some more ladies to play.
- (vi) It was agreed the Pat Johnson mixed trophy is scheduled too soon after the Brian Ross and should be played later in the season. **Match Sect**
- (vii) There have been on-going problems with the CDH and the Secretary pointed out that it the Club's responsibility to ensure its membership is clean. We have never 'cleaned' our entry and it was agreed the Secretary will work with the Match Sect and Lady Match Sect. to rectify this.
- (viii) It was noted that the Lady Match Sect has carried out the mid-year handicap review. The Match Sect will do the men's asap. **Match Sect**

Captain's Matters

- 1. It was agreed there is no point in trying to identify a Captain now the year is half over. However, a concerted effort will be made prior to the AGM in November.
- 2. In the absence of a Captain it was agreed we should still go ahead with a 'Captain's Day' on the usual format. The Chairman and Match Sect will work together on this. **Chair/Match Sect**

Ladies Section

- 1. It was agreed that the Club should fund any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Lady Captain and Penny Lewis when they play for Northumberland against Yorkshire.
- 2. The RH toilet in the Ladies is causing problems. The Treasurer will arrange for a plumber to fix this. **GD**
- 3. The Lady Captain is liaising with the seniors Captain to play the Interior Cup on Wednesday 22nd June as a 9-hole competition.
- 4. The Lady Captain advised that there is little interest in working with the County Development Officer. The Secretary will advise him. **Sect**

Juniors

The second sequence of junior coaching starts on Monday 11th July. Arrangements have been made to publicise this at Warkworth, Edwin St and The Links first schools. The Lady Captain has contacts at Shilbottle and St Pauls, Alnwick. The Secretary will arrange for her to be given posters for these schools too.

The Match Sect reported that following some issue with junior competitions that he had advised the junior organisers that those without a handicap need to submit three cards before they can play. These cards can be done during a competition meaning the players get experience of competitive golf whilst getting a handicap.

Update on the Bridge

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all those who had helped pouring concrete for the foundations. Work on the structure will now be suspended until the autumn but in the meanwhile the Tuesday group will be ensuring the timbers are treated ready for use.

House/Social Matters

1. The Secretary advised that he had not had time to prepare the car treasure hunt. The Lady Captain reported back on her findings re a hog roast. Overall it was decided not to arrange any events in the near future.
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 Chairman reported back on a letter received from the Maria Hardy at the EA. In summary this detailed planned work – replacement of the valve; re-instatement of the bund to its correct height; clearing the channel to the reed bed. A further meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th June.

AoB

1. The Chairman/IM gave an update on the forthcoming wedding. The most significant matter is ordering the drink. IM/Chair/GD will liaise to facilitate this. **Chair/IM/GD**
2. IM reported that he has been approached about the possibility of two further weddings in 2017. It was agreed that the dates of 28th May and 5th August be provisionally reserved and the charge will remain at £500.
3. Organisation of the Mixed open on Sunday 19th June:
 - a. Secretary will make out cards and issue these on the day.
 - b. Dave Wilkinson has agreed to be the starter.
 - c. Prizes will be £80/£50/£30 with £10 for each of nearest pin on 6th, ladies longest drive on 11th, gent's longest drive on 13th.
 - d. Joan Gray will collect cards as they are returned.

- e. There will be a raffle. Committee members will each donate a prize. TC will arrange tickets etc. Tickets on sale as cards are given out.
4. Organisation of the Warkworth Field Day
- a. Club entry sheets are currently being returned to Les Graves. He will pass these to the Match Sect who will set up a start sheet and make out the cards.
 - b. The Match Sect will hand out cards for the 08.00-09.30 slot. The Chairman will do the same for the 11.30-1.00 slot.
 - c. Cards to be returned to the Secretary who will arrange entry to the computer.
 - d. The Match Sect will be at the Club from 5.00pm to close off the competition and publish result.
 - e. There will be a £1 entry optional sweep. Person giving out the cards to take in money and record entry on the start sheet.
5. Following the recent course run by England Golf IM agreed to be the Clubs nominated Safeguarding Officer. The Secretary will pass the guidance notes to him and arrange for the matter to be publicised. **Sect.**
6. Captain's Charity 2015 – the Treasurer will provide the secretary with contact details for the 2015 Captain and the Secretary will contact him to ascertain how much was raised and towards which charity. **GD/Sect**
7. Alarms – agreed the contact order will be IM/Sect/GD/Chair. The secretary will advise the alarm company. **Sect**
8. Locking up – agreed that GD will continue as now but if for any reason he cannot do it then reliefs are Sect/Chair/IM/Ken Bailey.

DoNM

Monday 18th July at 10.00am in the clubhouse.

NOTE: this is a change from the date on the calendar and agreed at the meeting