

## WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

**Note: items that are considered confidential have been withheld from the published minutes**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**Present:** J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, J Gray (Lady Captain)

**Apologies:** J Simpson, C Chandler, L Wraith

**Club Captain:** The Chairman advised that Mr Peter Holleran had been put forward as Club Captain for 2015. The Committee unanimously agreed and he joined the meeting.

**Membership:** Joan Gray was welcomed to her first meeting as Lady Captain. The Chairman reported that the Senior's captain will attend meetings when there is some matter that concerns the seniors section.

### **Minutes of the Meeting Held 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (i) It was noted that the photo M Lucas (past captain) is still needed. **Action: TC**
- (ii) The Chair read out a letter recently received from Maria Hardy concerning drainage. It was agreed this needs to be discussed with the Agent. Chair to action. Chair will also update D Gray following his recent e-mail on this matter. **Action: JAG**
- (iii) It was noted that the Secretary has communicated with the member concerning his e-mail covering a wide variety of matters. The Chair will ensure the e-mail is circulated to all and will arrange a special meeting to discuss same. **Action: JAG**
- (iv) The Match Secretary will arrange for medals for the 2014 winners be purchased and engraved and for medals to be purchased in advance of the 2015 season. **Action: JD**
- (v) The Secretary reported that the idea of a 'peripatetic' professional for the NNL teams (other than those with an attached professional) had proved a non-starter and that the possibility of some form of PGA sponsorship of same is being investigated.
- (vi) It was reported that the New Year's Evening party had been cancelled due to lack of support.
- (vii) IM will follow-up any matters following the meeting with Tony Kirksop. **Action: IM**

#### **Correspondence**

None to report

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

Item withheld

It was noted that the 2015 income and expenditure budget has not yet been produced. The Chair and Treasurer will meet as a matter of urgency to do this. **Action: JAG/GD**

It was agreed the Treasurer will be in the Clubhouse on 25<sup>th</sup> January to collect fees.

### **Handicap Secretary**

It was agreed to change the handicapping of Texas Scrambles be amended to remove the disadvantage currently experienced by 3 man teams. In future the handicap for 3 man teams will be arrived at by dividing the total by 6 rather than 8. **Action: JD**

There is some doubt over the future of the Lifeboat Shield and the Boy's Club Trophy. The Match Secretary will investigate to clarify the situation. **Action: JD**

It was agreed to amend the fixture list to avoid a clash. The Men's Invitation Day will be Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September with the Maurice Gaskin Trophy moving to 25<sup>th</sup> July. **Action: JD**

It was decided not to proceed with an update to the Men's handicapping software.

### **Greens Report**

- (i) It has not yet proved possible for K Lewis to repair the electrics for the sprinkler system. It was agreed that Willie Gibson will be engaged to do this work. **Action: GD**
- (ii) It was noted that the 'muddy path' around Killie had been rectified by spreading wood chippings. This work had been carried out by the Treasurer, Mel Patterson and Graham Sawley. The thanks of the committee were recorded and it was agreed the Secretary would formally communicate thanks to the individuals concerned. **Action: TC**
- (iii) It was reported that the next stage in winter work will be the servicing of equipment. There was discussion over the poor state of the gang mower and the relative merits of purchasing a new/second-hand mower against a verti-drainer. It was agreed that the green-keeper would work on the gang-mowers and that consideration of any purchase be considered at the next meeting.
- (iv) The working party dealing with the area around the gorse had been successful and would continue with the next gorse area. The intention is that the areas are ready for new gorse to be planted in February.
- (v) It was agreed the recently renovated bunkers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> be brought back into play but the newly turfed areas around them remain GUR. **Action: TC**
- (vi) The warning signs for Killie are now being laminated and will be ready for installation shortly. **Action: IM**
- (vii) The Chair and Treasurer will meet with the Greenkeeper before the next meeting to discuss bunker raking. **Action: JAG**

### **Captain's Matters**

- (i) The Club outing for 2015 was agreed. The cost will be £33 per head with an additional £10 per head for those travelling by bus. The Secretary will post a notice. **Action: TC**

(ii) The draft social programme for 2015 was agreed.

(iii) The Secretary will meet with the new Captain to discuss various matters. **Action TC/Captain**

### **Ladies' matters**

None

### **Juniors**

The Secretary had been in communication with the Junior Organiser prior to the meeting.

(i) It was agreed, 'in principle' subject to affordability that there would be six junior coaching events on 12/19/26 May and 23/30 June/7 July. Each to last 2 hours with the 1st hour for beginners and the 2nd for improvers. The Secretary will investigate costs. **Action: TC**

(ii) The Secretary reported that the replica trophies for junior 2014 winners are now with Roy Wilson.

(iii) It was agreed that the Club will seek to arrange some junior friendly matches and that CRB checks will be required for those assisting. **Action: TC**

(iv) The possibility of a Junior Open for 2015 will be followed up. **Action: TC**

### **Update on the Bridge**

It was agreed that a lady member, Rosie Barrett, would join the Bridge sub-committee and that it is essential this group meets before the next meeting. **Action: JAG**

### **Personnel Matters**

None

### **Strategy to Increase Members**

(i) The draft press leaflet was agreed. It was agreed this should go out at the start of the summer season. **Action: TC**

(ii) The Chairman will make contact with local schools in the near future. **Action: JAG**

### **Any Other Business**

(i) The Secretary will liaise with ML over the 2015 Friday sweeps. **Action: TC**

(ii) Following recent comments it was agreed an entry go in the next newsletter concerning GS' shed. **Action: TC**

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 16th 2015, 10.00am in the Clubhouse. **Note: this is a change from the previously circulated meeting date/time.**

## WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**Present:** J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), P Holleran (Captain), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, J Gray (Lady Captain), J Simpson, C Chandler, L Wraith

**Apologies: none**

### **Minutes of the Meeting Held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (viii) It was noted that the Captain's photo board is now up-to-date.
- (ix) There was nothing to report on the drainage problem other than the Chair advised that he had provided feedback to D Gray.. The Treasurer will contact Steve Stubbings (Duke's Agent). **Action: GD**
- (x) The Chair reported that he could not find the e-mail sent from a member and that he would contact said member and ask for another copy. **Action: JAG**
- (xi) The Match Secretary reported that the order for medals is in hand. He also reported that the Castle Cup has not been located and that it is now considered to be 'lost'. It was agreed to purchase a replacement. JS felt he could obtain sponsorship for it. **Action: JS/JD**
- (xii) IM will follow-up any matters following the meeting with Tony Kirksop. **Action: IM**
- (xiii) Following investigations it appears the Lifeboat Shield will still be presented but that the Boy's Club trophy will not. It was agreed to replace it with a Medal. **Action: JD**
- (xiv) The Secretary reported that messages of thanks had been sent to those members who had dealt with the 'muddy path' around Killie.
- (xv) The Secretary advised that ML had agreed to run the Friday night eclectic competition for a further year.

### **Correspondence**

A letter concerning the bridge was deferred until that item.

### **Finance and Membership:**

Item withheld

Despite the generally healthy position compared with last year at the same time with an increase in all income areas the Treasurer cautioned against optimism since a total of 38 members had not yet paid subscriptions; 14 of these are known to have left for a variety of reasons. A notable factor has been the problems at the caravan site with a number of members having moved off. Against this there are a number of new members.

## Handicap Secretary

It was reported that the licence fee for the handicapping software has been paid but the update will not be used until the end of the Winter League.

The Club needs to nominate 5 male members for the Daily Mail Classic.

**Action: JD**

The winners of the knock-out foursomes normally represent the Club in the Daily Mail foursomes.

The Match Secretary will check that they wish to; if not then the runners-up will be asked. **Action: JD**

The Match Secretary advised that the number of slots for the second set off tee times has been increased to accommodate demand.

## Greens Report

(viii) The sprinkler system is now operational again. However, whilst doing the necessary work the electrician had identified some matters electrical matters in the greenkeeper's shed that require attention. The Treasurer was authorised to spend the money needed to deal with these. **Action: GD**

(ix) Winter maintenance work on machinery is progressing. It was reported that some work needs to be done on the gang-mower wheels that is not within the competence of the green-keeper. It was agreed that outside contractors be brought in to deal with this matter. **Action: GD**

(x) The 'Tuesday' working party continues to do work around the course. Moving on from the gorse the group has now been clearing mole-hills.

(xi) Experiments are under-way to test solutions to the egress of water from field drains running under the course. The effect of these will be monitored.

(xii) The warning signs to be placed in Killie are now ready for placing. This will be done before the start of the season.

(xiii) Whilst there has not been a meeting with the green-keeper over bunker raking the Chair is of the opinion that this matter will be fully resolved for the start of the season.

(xiv) It was emphasised that all tee-boxes must be ready – signage/markings/cutting/railings etc for the start of the season.

**Action: GD**

## Captain's Matters

(iv) The Captain reported that he has now taken over organisation of the Club outing. In the light of the sheet already being full he had contacted The Hobson and obtained agreement to increase the number to 44. Deposits will be requested now with full payment by Easter.

(v) The Captain brought to the attention of the committee his concern over divots and pitch marks. Whilst this is a long-standing issue it was agreed to mention it in the next newsletter.

- (vi) The Captain asked about arrangements for his drive-in. He was advised that this traditionally takes place at 12.30pm on Easter Saturday. He will liaise with his usual Saturday playing partners over this.

### **Ladies' matters**

The Lady Captain advised that the coffee morning will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April (opening day) and the bingo evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

The Lady Captain also advised that the Ladies' section will be organising the painting of the foyer.

### **Juniors**

- (v) The Secretary advised that he had obtained a price of £XX per hour for junior coaching from the assistant professional at Bedlingtonshire GC. It was therefore agreed that the Club go ahead and arrange 6x2hour sessions on 12/19/26 May and 23/30 June/7 July.
- (vi) The Secretary reported that arrangements are now in place for DBS checking of the Junior Organisers.
- (vii) It was agreed that FB had now reached a standard such that he could be added to the database and allowed to play in all competitions of a handicap of 28. **Action: JD**

The Secretary will convey all these decisions to the Junior Organisers.

### **Update on the Bridge**

The letter from a member concerning the bridge was read out.

The Chair advised that the bridge sub-group had met and that it was of the view that we should go ahead with immediate effect to re-build the bridge 'in-house' using the monies recently received from the insurance company.

After some discussion it was agreed this was the most appropriate way forward, especially taking account of the number of offers of help from members that had been received. Accordingly the bridge sub-group was authorised to progress this with a view to having the project completed asap.

### **Personnel Matters**

None

### **Marketing Strategy**

- (iii) The press leaflet is ready. JS is seeking sponsorship and the intent is that it goes out around Easter.
- (iv) The Chair advised that he will be contacting local schools in the near future.

### **Any Other Business**

- (iii) Texas Scramble Open 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The Secretary advised that this had proved a success and there were 19 teams entering. As a result the timings had had to be altered with an additional afternoon slot to accommodate the extra teams. It was agreed:
  - a. The first tee will be booked from day-break to 3.00pm

- b. The Secretary would manage issue of cards
  - c. The Chair would be the starter.
  - d. The Captain will arrange for all bunkers to be raked on the morning of the event.
  - e. LW will manage the raffle. Members will be asked to contribute prizes.
  - f. The prize fund will be cash £120/£80/£60 for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>.
- (iv) CC raised some issues concerning the position of tee markers. After some discussion and taking account of the effect any changes would have on the course rating it was agreed no changes would be made.
- (v) The unsightly wood-pile located to the right of the entrance was raised. It was agreed this would be tidied up before the season opening day. **Action: GD**
- (vi) The Secretary referred to the proposal for a biomass boiler that had been previously circulated. Whilst the committee saw benefit in the proposal it was decided not to follow this up, at least until the bridge is dealt with.
- (vii) The Lady Captain raised the state of the trolley shed. It was agreed to:
- a. Install a secure Yale lock and to issue keys only to those who had paid.
  - b. To arrange for it to be tidied and any trolleys not belonging to some-one who had not paid to be disposed of.
- (viii) County Fixture – it was noted that this is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> March but at present we have little information. The Secretary will follow this up.  
**Action: TC**
- (ix) A membership application by an individual who had previously left owing money was discussed. It was agreed his application would only be accepted if the full fee was paid at the time of joining.
- (x) It was agreed to renovate the gents locker room at a cost of £400 was agreed (all labour free). LW suggested that the gents should organise some fund-raising to cover this cost.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 9th March 2015, 10.00am in the Clubhouse.

**WARCKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Present:** J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), P Holleran (Captain), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, J Gray (Lady Captain), L Wraith

**Apologies:** C Chandler, J Simpson

## Minutes of the Meeting Held 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015:

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (xvi) The Treasurer reported that he is still trying to arrange a meeting with Steve Stubbings (Duke's Agent) to discuss the drainage issue. The Chair advised that it is the Club's intention to deal with the problem as per the plan drawn up by D Gray as soon as finances allow. **Action: GD**
- (xvii) It was reported that J Simpson has sourced money to pay for a replacement for the Castle Cup. The Cup will be engraved as 'The Castle Cup' and then 'presented by the Mason's Arms'. **Action: JS/JD**
- (xviii) IM reported no further update from Tony Kirksop . **Action: IM**
- (xix) The Lifeboat Shield for 2015 was passed to John Douglas for presentation after the event.
- (xx) The Secretary reported that the DBS checks for the Junior Organisers are underway and should be completed shortly. **Action: TC**
- (xxi) It was agreed the Club could not provide a 5-man team for the Daily Mail Classic on the required date since it clashed with the Winter Championship. The Match Secretary will contact Linden Hall to award the tie. It was further agreed that the Club would not enter the competition in future years, **Action: JD**
- (xxii) It was reported that the Open Texas Scramble had been a success with 19 teams competing. A total of over £350 had been raised for Club Funds after deducting prize money and expenses. The number of favourable comments from competitors was noted. In view of the success it was agreed to run a further open in November 2015 and in January, March and November 2016. **Action: TC**
- (xxiii) The Chair advised that as yet he had not dealt with the lock for the trolley shed. It was agreed that as soon as the lock is in place anyone wanting to use the shed would be required to purchase a key against a refundable deposit. Once keys had been allocated we will be able to identify any trolleys not being used and deal with these. **Action: JAG**
- (xxiv) The Secretary reported that he is meeting the County Secretary on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March to finalise details of the event on March 29<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime members have been advised of the event and the likely reservation of the 1<sup>st</sup> tee on the day.

### Correspondence

Two e-mails concerning the bridge were deferred until later in the agenda.

A letter from XXXXXX concerning him re-joining the Club was read and considered. After some discussion it was agreed to re-admit XXXXXX. The Secretary will contact him to provide this decision and any conditions attached to that membership. **Action: TC**



The Chair had circulated the long-delayed e-mail received from a member last year. The Secretary had analysed the message and felt there were four main themes, namely bunker maintenance, green speed/aprons, maintenance of tee boxes and tardiness in repairing matters such as rabbit damage. Members agreed that work is progressing on each of these matters and it was agreed the Secretary write an appropriate response. **Action: TC**

### **Finance and Membership:**

Item withheld

Membership stands at 150. Three members have re-joined in February and a further few are expected in the coming months as the summer season starts.

### **Handicap Secretary**

The Match Secretary will advise the Captain as soon as the draw for the Daily Mail foursomes is known so he can arrange the team. **Action: JD**

It was agreed that play would revert to the summer course on 16<sup>th</sup> March but preferred lies would remain in place until the start of April.

It was confirmed that the Winter Championship is a qualifying competition for handicap purposes.

### **Greens Report**

- (xv) There have been further problems with the sprinkler system but it is hoped this is just a fuse. However, two leaks have been found, adjacent to the 9<sup>th</sup> green and on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway. The green-keeper is sourcing replacement fittings but this proving a little problematic.
- (xvi) Winter maintenance work on machinery is progressing. The gang-mower has been repaired and should be back with the Club this week.
- (xvii) Greens are being top-dressed. In the absence of any significant rain it has been necessary to apply a wetting agent.
- (xviii) The 'Tuesday' working party continues to do important work around the course. It is intended that the group take the task of repairing areas of damage on a regular basis, so freeing up greens staff for more skilled work. The group will be responsible for tidying up the wood pile. They will also take on the task of repairing areas of rabbit damage in a timely fashion.
- (xix) Experiments are under-way to test solutions to the egress of water from field drains running under the course. The effects of these are being monitored but no conclusions can be drawn in the absence of any significant rainfall.
- (xx) The warning signs to be placed in Killie are now ready for placing. This will be done before the start of the season.
- (xxi) The Treasurer confirmed that arrangements will be made to ensure bunkers are raked immediately prior to Saturday competitions.

- (xxii) It was emphasised that all tee-boxes will be ready – signage/markings/cutting/railings etc for the start of the season and that as well as cutting boxes, the surrounds will be a priority. **Action: GD**
- (xxiii) There is a section of fencing beside the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway that requires mending. **Action: GD**
- (xxiv) The Treasurer gave an update on electrical work being done in the shed – hand washing water heater, additional 13amp sockets etc.
- (xxv) It was agreed a divot filling party will be arranged as soon as the weather improves such that the seed has a chance of germinating.

### **Captain's Matters**

- (vii) It was noted that any outing deposits should be passed to the Treasurer who will maintain a record of payments.
- (viii) The Captain explained his idea for raising money for his charity. Approval was given for a voluntary nearest the pin on the 6<sup>th</sup> with 50% of proceed to charity and 50% pay-out to the winner. The Match Secretary will amend the entry sheet accordingly and the Secretary will put this in the next newsletter. **Action: TC/JD**
- (ix) The Captain's drive-in arrangements were confirmed. IM will take photos and pass these to the Secretary for an article for the Gazette.
- (x) The Captain asked that a start sheet for the Captain's Texas Scramble on Easter Monday be posted. **Action: JD**
- (xi) The small number of individuals wanting to use the bus for the outing was discussed since at present hiring a 40 seater coach is not financially viable. The Secretary will investigate other options. **Action: TC**

### **Ladies' matters**

It was agreed that a temporary tee will be provided on the green side of Killie for the Open on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The Lady Captain will liaise with the Greenkeeper on this. **Action: Lady Capt.**

### **Juniors**

- (viii) The Secretary will go ahead and book the asst professional at Bedlingtonshire for junior coaching. LW will investigate if there is any funding available from Rotary to support this (it is known they provide some funding to the cricket club for junior coaching). **Action: TC/LW**

### **Update on the Bridge**

An e-mail from a member concerning the decision taken by the Committee to go ahead with re-building the bridge despite the AGM resolution was read out. Members considered that the decision taken had been in the best interests of the Club once it became clear that it would be impossible to raise the required £5,000p.a. needed to finance a metal bridge; the overwhelming feeling of members at the AGM had been to replace the bridge and the course of action agreed is the only one that will deliver that outcome. The Secretary will write to the member explaining the Committees decision. **Action: TC**

A second e-mail from a member was read out querying a range of bridge issues. The Committee affirmed that all of the concerns raised had been considered prior to the decision to proceed in-house. It was noted that the Chairman had already responded in detail to the matters raised and that no further response was needed. However, the Committee was concerned that a phrase used in the e-mail had caused upset to a particular, identifiable, member of the Committee. The Secretary will write to the member about this. **Action: TC**

The Treasurer gave an update on progress. He advised that he had had a meeting with ML to discuss technical issues including method statements and risk assessments. He confirmed that the insurance company had stated that any staff and volunteers working on the bridge are covered by the Club's Public Liability insurance provided appropriate safety matters such as hard hats are in place. Notices advising the public will be posted and re-routing of the footpath will be done before any on-site work starts.

He went on to give an update on expenditure. This comes to ca£2,500 for wood, fixtures, scaffolding, concrete. He confirmed that it is anticipated the final cost will be no more than the budgeted £5,000.

When asked about a time-line he advised that work will be done when time is available and that course maintenance will remain the top priority. Consequently it is not expected the bridge will open before Autumn at the earliest. The plan is that elements of the bridge will be fabricated adjacent to the Green-Keeper's shed and transported to the site for erection.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work on this project.

It was agreed the Committee needs to keep members fully updated on the project and consequently it was agreed the Chairman will write to all members as soon as possible. **Action: JAG**

## **Personnel Matters**

The Treasurer advised that the Assistant Green-keeper will start work on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Marketing Strategy**

- (v) The Secretary advised that finding sponsorship for the proposed paper insert had proved impossible. Furthermore, other problems had emerged following discussion with the Gazette. It was therefore agreed that the paper insert was not cost effective and the money would be better spent on other advertising. The Secretary will investigate advertorial possibilities. **Action: TC**
- (vi) The Chair advised that he had been in contact with the Head of PE at the High School but it is unlikely there will be any possibilities there.
- (vii) The Secretary reported on a meeting with the Secretary at AVGC and it had been agreed to put together a package enabling visitors to play both courses from a single booking. Leaflets advertising this, and Warkworth alone, are being prepared for distribution to local outlets. **Action: TC**

- (viii) It was agreed that effective use of the Club's result entry in the Gazette is probably the most cost-effective publicity and this would continue.

**Action: TC**

- (ix) The Secretary advised that a Club column is being provided for the Ambler. The first has been submitted and hopefully will appear in the next issue, though this depends on the Ambler's editorial control and is dependent on the other news items competing for space.

- (x) The Secretary reported that the recent tie-up with [www.teeofftimes.co.uk](http://www.teeofftimes.co.uk) had attracted bookings and that two payments had been made to the Club.

#### **Any Other Business**

- (i) It was reported that the new filter had been fitted to the coffee machine.

- (ii) The Chairman requested that either a new lid for the existing large bin or a new bin, be obtained.

**Action: GD**

- (iii) The Chairman asked that a better waste bin be obtained for the locker room entrance. Preferably an enclosed one to prevent paper being blown out.

**Action: GD**

- (iv) Item withheld

**Action: TC**

#### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 10.00am in the Clubhouse.

### **WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

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#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Present:** J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), P Holleran (Captain), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, J Gray (Lady Captain)

**Apologies:** C Chandler, J Simpson, L Wraith

#### **Minutes of the Meeting Held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (xxv) The Chairman advised he is meeting with Steve Stubbings and Marie Hardy today (13<sup>th</sup> April) at 2.30pm to discuss drainage and other related matters. D Gray is attending also.

- (xxvi) It was agreed that the Match Secretary would arrange purchase of a replacement Castle Cup at a cost of ca£100. This to be inscribed 'presented by the Masons Arms)  
**Action: JD**
- (xxvii) IM reported no further update from Tony Kirksop . **Action: IM**
- (xxviii)** The Secretary reported that the Junior Organisers now have their DBS certificates.
- (xxix) The Secretary reported that an additional team open for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November has been advertised on the website and Golf Empire.
- (xxx) The Chair advised that as yet he had not dealt with the lock for the trolley shed. It was agreed that as soon as the lock is in place anyone wanting to use the shed would be required to purchase a key against a refundable deposit. Once keys had been allocated we will be able to identify any trolleys not being used and deal with these.  
**Action: JAG**
- (xxxi) The Secretary reported that he has replied to the author of the e-mail received last year.
- (xxxii) The Secretary advised that a letter had been sent to the two members involved in the altercation earlier in the year.
- (xxxiii) The Secretary advised that green fee price lists have been posted.
- (xxxiv) The Captain will source a new waste bin. **Action: PH**

### **Correspondence**

The Chairman advised of the e-mail received from the Estate concerning the meeting referred to in the matters arising.

The Secretary advised that a thank-you letter had been received from the County Secretary thanking the Club for hosting the Seniors vs Juniors match and complimenting the Club on the condition of the course.

### **Finance and Membership:**

Item Withheld

The Secretary asked when green fee income arising from Teeofftimes accrues to the account. The Treasurer advised that it is received 1 month in arrears.

### **Handicap Secretary**

The Match Secretary will advise the Captain as soon as the draw for the Daily Mail foursomes is known so he can arrange the team. **Action: JD**

There was a brief discussion about how the Match Secretary should get to know of new members. It was agreed that the Secretary will provide the Treasurer with copies of the data collection form. When a new member joins the Treasurer will send out same with the membership disc and fixture book with a request the new member completes the form and sends it direct to the Match Secretary. In the case of a new lady member the form will be returned to the Ladies' section. This procedure should resolve the problem.

## Greens Report

- (xxvi) There have been further problems with the sprinkler system and it is still not working, despite a visit from the engineer. The Club is expecting a return visit shortly. In the meanwhile the invoice will not be paid.
- (xxvii) The wood adjacent to the partly built shed needs tidying up. The Secretary will take this up with GS. **Action: TC**
- (xxviii) Experiments are under-way to test solutions to the egress of water from field drains running under the course. The effects of these are being monitored but no conclusions can be drawn in the absence of any significant rainfall.
- (xxix) The warning signs to be placed in Killie have been erected.
- (xxx) The Treasurer advised that there are still outstanding issues with bunker raking for Saturday competitions. The Treasurer will take this up with the Greenkeeper.  
**Action: GD**
- (xxxi) The section of fencing beside the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway still requires mending. **Action: GD**
- (xxxii) It was agreed a divot filling party will be arranged as soon as the weather improves such that the seed has a chance of germinating.

## Captain's Matters

- (xii) It was noted that some outing deposits are still outstanding. The Captain will post a notice advising that all monies must be paid before the event. **Action: PH**
- (xiii) The Captain advised that his 'nearest the pin' charity challenge was going well.
- (xiv) The Captain asked that a start sheet for the Captain's Texas Scramble on May Bank Holiday Monday be posted. It was agreed all monies be paid out with an entry of £2 per head.  
**Action: JD**
- (xv) It was agreed that the Secretary would book the mini bus for the outing. Those travelling on the bus would be required to pay for it. **Action: TC**

## Ladies' matters

It was agreed that a temporary tee will be provided on the green side of Killie for the Open on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The Lady Captain will liaise with the Greenkeeper on this. **Action: Lady Capt.**

## Juniors

- (ix) The Secretary advised that the juniors' coaching had been provisionally booked and will be confirmed in the next couple of days. **Action: TC**
- (x) It was reported that the Match Secretary is sourcing replicas for junior trophies so these can be presented on the day, meaning the trophy need not be taken away. **Action: JD**
- (xi) It was noted the agreed 'blue tees' had not been put out. The Treasurer will take this up with the Greenkeeper. **Action: GD**

- (xii) There was a discussion concerning juniors winning sweep monies. It was agreed the Club had been incorrect in not awarding sweep money to FB following the Bank Holiday Texas Scramble. In future juniors will receive sweep winnings since this is viewed to be due to skill not a game of chance.

### **Personnel Matters**

None

### **Marketing Strategy**

- (xi) The Secretary advised that an advert will appear in the Gazette and Morpeth Herald this week.
- (xii) The Secretary advised that JS has gained the agreement of local hoteliers/B&Bs to include a Club information sheet in the room directories.
- (xiii) The Secretary advised that Club leaflets have been placed in the reception areas of Warkworth hotels, the Warkworth and Amble caravan sites and the Amble TIC.
- (xiv) The Secretary gave members copies of a poster with a request they get them posted in outlets in their area.

### **Any Other Business**

- (v) The Social event planned for the evening of the Slater Cup will be a quiz night. JS has written the quiz. The evening will comprise the quiz, presentation of the trophy and a pie and pea supper. **Action: JS**

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 10.00am in the Clubhouse.

The July meeting will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, not 13<sup>th</sup> as previously agreed.

# **WARCKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

## **Management Committee Minutes – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

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

### **Members Present**

J A Gray (Chair), G Douglas Treasurer, J Douglas Match Secretary, P Holleran Captain, I Moyes,

Mrs J Gray Lady Captain, Mrs L Wraith Ladies' Secretary

### **Apologies for Absence**

Mr J Simpson, T Capron

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

### **Matters Arising from the minutes**

IM submitted an IDOX Grantfinder – list of possible source for grant applications via Mr Tony Kirsopp

The trolley shed repairs are still progressing. The chair will purchase 3 extra keys for the trolley shed **JAG**

Since the meeting the chair has downloaded an application form for PPL registration **JAG**

GVD will contact the roofer further to see if any remedial work can be undertaken to repair the water ingress in the corner of the committee room

Discussions will be held with The Seniors section to see whether they would be willing to use some of their funds to renovate the gents' toilets **GVD**

J S had asked the chair if he could run a quiz in the near future. It was felt that perhaps that late August/early September has a more appropriate time. **JS**

JD said that when the out of bounds changes are made for the start of next season the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> teeboxes would have to be included in the designated area. This would include an alteration to the wording on the scorecard **JD**

### **Correspondence**

Neil Beddard had written to the club thanking everyone for allowing his father's ashes (Cy Beddard) to be scattered on the course. The letter would be posted in the locker room.

Thanks were given from Cora Gray for the donation of golf courtesies in the 4 Castles Challenge which enabled them to raise funds for charity The card would be posted in the foyer.

PAT Testing – letter via TC re PAT testing charges. JAG and GVD thought the charges were much higher than those of the person already used by the club. The chair was sure that the testing had only recently been done.



IM would contact Elizabeth Cowie who has requested to use the clubhouse for a Ruby Wedding in September. The club will go ahead with the booking and staff the bar with volunteer helpers on the evening. **IM to confirm**

E mail re work Experience. This was turned down by the committee as previous work placements have been difficult for staff members as trainees cannot be left unsupervised and most of the work on the course involves working with machinery. **IM to reply**

R Young – letter of resignation from the club. GVD said it was purely for financial reasons that he had left

J Simpson info re recent sponsorship. The club has still to receive the money for The advertising in the Fixture Card, The Castle Cup and Engraving work, and the donation for the Matchplay teamshirts **JS**

## **Finance & Membership Report GVD**

**2015**

**2014**

Item withheld

The treasurer pointed out that outstanding bills for the electrical work in the shed and repairs to the irrigation system would amount to about £7,000

Item withheld.

### **The Bridge –**

Following a meeting with the Bridge committee, Michael Lucas and The Greenkeeper it was decided to postpone the demolition of the bridge until 22<sup>nd</sup> / and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. APD would purchase a length of suitable piping to extend the water supply and JAG would provide a length of armoured cable to allow continued use of the irrigation system and pop up sprinklers on the north side of the course. Michael Lucas has spoken to JAG and said that he has had no communication from Mr J Bell – The structural engineer the club has engaged to do the bridge work plans.

### **Greens Committee**

Minutes of Greens Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June (Attached)

The committee however did not think a bunker strategy was a good idea and that the bunkers should be left as they

are..

G Sawley Workshed It was queried what the eventual use of the workshed should / would be – Discussion at

The next greens meeting

### **Handicap Committee Report**

Mixed Open Competition went off very well. The Chair thanked all those who had taken part in the administration for the day and all other jobs

NNL Warkworth Open Day Competition Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Organisation / Play in 4 balls / Assistance Required JD would do the morning session. The Captain, L Graves and Mrs J Gray would help. JD said he would not be able to get the result out until Sunday morning due to work commitments

25<sup>th</sup> July Invitation Day –Entry £7.50 per player. If there was a full sheet this would raise £810. The club would take 25% of the entry money and the remainder given out in cash prizes. **GVD JD**

P Holleran would organise a 2's competition and a sweep (£1 each) on the day and take responsibility of getting the prizes to the winners **PH**

### **Captain's Matters**

Club Outing a great success. Captain's Day went off very well. PH thanked all volunteers who had made it a memorable day for him.

PH has been approached by members re 'Groupon' or similar tee off times that the club obtains via the website saying that they never knew who was to be on the course before or at the time of their daily round .. The committee thought it was impractical to have 'closed off' times so that members knew when visitors would be on the course. It was felt that for a maximum revenue so far of £200 per month at the most it was not worth the effort of having blocked off times

### **Ladies**

JG and LW were pleased that Killie had been strimmed

LW asked if some screening could be provided to hide the wheelie bin. GVD and JAG would liaise with Graham Sawley to see what could be done. **GVD JAG LW**

### **Juniors**

The Junior section was going well and now had 18 members. 3/6 of the training sessions had taken place and had been well received

Date and Time of the next Meeting **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00 am**

John A Gray

Chairman

# WARWORTH GOLF CLUB

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          IM will search for possible grants through the IDOX Grant finder.

          The application form for PPL is now in the hands of GVD and he will submit it to the appropriate authority.

          JS gave a cheque to the Treasurer on behalf of The Mason's Arms for the Castle Cup

5       **Correspondence**

          Items to note and decisions to be made - submitted by Hon Secretary **TC** (All members provided with copies):-

i) Club Championship 15<sup>th</sup> August – **JD** will attend the club at 5pm to check the computer and identify the winners. **PH The Club Captain** will also attend to make the presentation

ii) Invitation Day – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015. **Penny Lewis and Joan Gray** will be there to distribute cards and administrate. **JS** will be Starter am and **Dave Wilkinson** will be asked if he will be Starter pm.  
**PH** will present the prizes after the event

iii) Ladies Open 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015: this is already organised by the Ladies Section

iv) Seniors Open 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – **MS & GS** will be there to administrate and distribute cards. **JAG** will be the starter am and pm starter will be arranged.

v) Ladies/Gents Individual Open: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – **JAG** has asked the **Lady Captain** to promote this competition with the Lady members. **Ladies** will do cards and raffle **GVD** will ask Gillian about bacon sandwiches. **PH & JS** will tee off early and be available for administrative purposes on their return

          The Green Keeper will be made aware of the bunker raking and course preparation that needs to be completed prior to the competitions **GVD**  
**JS** will provide raffle prizes for this Singles Open Competition

vi) D Gray re:- Environment Agency Plans for Bund

          The Chairman shared David Gray's letter following information from the Environment Agency that they will commence work on the Bund at the beginning of September. The Committee thought it would be a good idea to meet again with Steve Stubbings from N/land Estates before the end of the month to voice concerns about the plans

vii) GCMA – Members have been advised by the chair of the main proposals that have been ratified by CONGU

4BBB allowance to change to 90% instead of the current 75%  
Supplementary scores accepted from all GB&I clubs that a player is a member of  
9 holes supplementary scores will now be accepted  
CSS Calculation for men will now include Category 4 players. Ladies calculations already include Category 4

Several of the decisions were also agreed and these can be found on England's Golf website. Workshops will be arranged by NUGC and appear on the website when available

viii) Tony O'Halloran: Electricity Contract Renewals – The Chairman gave GVD information about the electricity contract renewal and requested that he contacted Mr O'Halloran

## **6 Finance & Membership Report GVD**

GVD presented the recent financial activity and bar takings:

Confidential item

i) The Treasurer said that there was a concerning downward trend in bar takings. The reasons for this include: the club has not organised social functions/members are not using the bar/the bar has very limited opening hours.

ii) GVD has made a claim to the insurance company for £xxxx following the break-in

iii) The Committee agreed with the Hon Secretary's suggestion that Winter Membership would be £125 and 15 months membership for the price of 12 would be £322

iv) Negotiations with Northumberland Estates regarding the rent are still ongoing

## **7 The Bridge:**

Recent Activity – Bridge demolition and site clearance – a big thank you to those members who helped with this task. The site is now cleared and the wood has been moved.

Recent Communications – Michael Lucas has obtained the plans from the structural engineer and the Bridge Committee will meet on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10am to discuss the next steps.

## **8 Greens Committee**

i) Minutes of Greens Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July (Copies supplied to members)

GVD – Greens issues

ii) Leaking Pipes – Green keeper advised the chairman that he has found 1 coupling in shed which will repair the leak in front of the clubhouse.

iii) GVD will liaise with GS and the Green Keeper about the Work shed, security and the use of the work shed

iv) Committee members were asked to think about winter work for the next meeting. A course walkabout will take place to consider other ideas apart from the rebuilding of the bridge

v) A date for Divot Filling was arranged for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 4pm. Members are requested to support this activity and to arrive as soon as possible

v i) The next Greens Meeting is arranged for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm

## **9 Handicap Committee Report**

i) NNL Warkworth Open Day Competition Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. There were some problems with the organisation of the event and this will require further support next year. Timing of play needs further thought to ensure that our members are available to assist with tasks on the day.

ii) A consideration has been put to the Committee in respect of competitions being played in threes to help speed up play. The Hon Secretary is requested to comment on slow play in the Warkworth News. There is an expectation that players should be aware of others on the course, and allowing playing groups through if there is a delay to avoid frustration

iii) The Ladies have organised a Team game on the spare Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October for the Nancy Grenfell Trophy

The Brian Ross Trophy has been rescheduled for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am prior to the Juniors Autumn Cup. JD to produce new competition entry sheet.

## 10 Captain's Matters

The Chairman thanked the Captain for his support to the club during the year. PH said that he had represented the club in the weekly match play games and looked forward to other events during the season.

The Captain has requested a Texas Scramble on Bank Holiday Monday – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015  
The Annual Dinner Dance will be at the Sun Hotel on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015

## 11 Ladies

i) The Ladies asked if the seat at the front door could be put at the 5<sup>th</sup> teebox and the seat on the decking placed at the front door. Agreed Green Staff to carry out the transfer **GVD**

ii) Mrs Penny Lewis will replace Mrs Louvaine Wraith as Ladies' representative on the committee

## 12 Juniors

There are several Juniors who are almost ready to play in friendly matches against other clubs. Roy Wilson and George Bremner – the Junior organisers are looking to start this in the 2016 season. Freddy Bremner is currently lying in third place in the County Junior under 10's. It is hoped that he will succeed in gaining a place on the County Team.

## 13 AOCB

i) GVD & JAG held a meeting with N/Land Estates & Pickard Electricians re solar panels. A quotation will be sent to N/Land Estates outlining the possibilities of undertaking the work and the costs. The electrician was asked if the supply to the shed and the clubhouse could be combined on one meter thus saving a standing charge. However this was not thought to be practical as the output would be severely limited if a number of electrical items were used simultaneously.

ii) The proposed date for the planned Ruby Wedding celebration is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Gillian will be on holiday at this time so GVD will ask Carly if she is able to run the bar.

iii) IM & JS will meet to discuss a computer diary that can be accessed on the website. IM will also investigate a telephone that will redirect to a mobile. JS asked if IM could add on to the club website names of places to stay, eat and drink in the local area. These would primarily be the establishments that already have WGC on their own websites and be a reciprocal arrangement

iv) JS will continue to seek sponsors for club activities / events

v) Golf Club Trustees – The current: Trustees named on the lease for the course with N/Land Estate are:

Douglas Paterson (deceased) William McDonald (now disabled) and Robin McCubbin (no longer a member) It was agreed that the new Trustees would be Peter Holleran and Ian Moyes.

*Following the meeting the Lady Captain had met with a lady member who has agreed to also be a Trustee – Ms Jill Robertson. Hon Secretary to inform Northumberland Estates of the changes in due course*

vi)IM has met with a couple who wish to use the facilities of the clubhouse for their wedding celebration on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. The Committee agreed and IM will continue to negotiate the arrangements.

vii)Michael Lucas has run the Friday sweep for 2 years and due to pressure of work has now asked for an assistant towards the end of the season with a view to them taking over next year. This will be pursued through the Warkworth News.

viii)An incident has occurred where graffiti was applied to a club notice. This will be severely dealt with if any member is identified to have been involved. A notice to this effect will be displayed in the clubhouse **JAG**

JS will organise a musical quiz on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015. A notice will be placed in the clubhouse to advertise this event

15 **Date and Time of the next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am**

John A Gray  
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## Management Committee Minutes – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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	2015	2014
Bar Takings	3644	2016
Coffee	263	251
Green Fees	3836	2716
Competitions	362	381
Bonus Ball	120	

Bank Balance	9413) 12584)	8083
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Green fees (September 2015 still to come) Membership same as last year (184)	17107	15097
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Ladies/Gents Individual Open Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Mixed Texas Scramble Open Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Handicapping Workshop 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 JD had been told all details on the training course are on the club software. JD declined to go. **PH said he would attend**

Jock Simpson – Request for Social Events to be included in Fixture Book. This was deemed inappropriate by the committee. A current and future list of social events would be displayed in the clubhouse.

Playing Conditions from 1<sup>st</sup> October: - 'Preferred Lies' as directed by England Golf can be used from 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April

The committee decided that the first 4 Turkey Trots (10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October ) will be 'Qualifying Competitions' for handicap purposes' and the last 3 (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November) 'Non Qualifying' competitions for handicap purposes.



As the handicap arrangements for the Turkey Trots had been decided at an AGM then any future changes to the format would need to be proposed and decided upon at the AGM in November.

The committee decided not to introduce a new handicap category for men 28-36  
The Handicap Committee, - **J Douglas, Mrs J Gray, P Holleran** will undertake an annual review of players' handicaps.

The club software flags up when it is recommended that a player should have his handicap raised. Previously the option selected by the match secretary was 'no'. Now the selected option will be 'yes'

The Match secretary has been instructed to 'go' with the software recommendations for any player..

Facility for a handicap review for players who notch up 7 consecutive 0,1 handicap increases is in the software. This will recommend an application of a handicap increase if required **JD**

Date for presentation of Trophies – Suggest Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Plates for Honours Boards, **JD Liaising with firm** who makes them and a representative will be coming out to inspect the affected plates

The match secretary had not yet received the club championship trophy and medal from last year's winner

Notice was given of The NNGL League Dinner to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at Bamburgh Castle Hotel. A Bottle Prize for the raffle will be required from Warkworth Golf Club.

(This date is the same day as the club annual dinner dance at The Sun Hotel, Warkworth)

Competition Entry and re-entry during inclement weather. It has been noticed that some members have been deleting their names of in early morning competitions when it is bad weather, then returning in the afternoon if better weather appears, putting their names back into the competition and playing. This is not permissible. **(JD To make appropriate notices)**

Abandoning a competition (Brian Ross) It was agreed by both the ladies and Gents that abandoning a competition because of lack of competitors is the last thing we want to do. Strenuous efforts would be made by all to get members interested, change the date to a weekday etc.

The Captain asked if the club could consider playing in 3's to try and speed up play. JD said this had been mentioned previously but now that 4 ball groups were 'established' it was difficult to split them. However players could play in a group of three if they so wished.

Team events would be played in 4's over the winter period

#### 10 **AGM 2015 –**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All end of year reports from Chairman, Captain, Treasurer and Match Secretary to be emailed to Hon Secretary by 10th October 2015 at the latest

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

Football Golf The Captain asked if there would be any interest in this over the winter for non golfing members to come and play for a fee per game.

Captain elect 2016 It was agreed to post a notice asking members if anyone would like to be considered for the position

Annual Dinner Dance Sun Hotel November 21<sup>st</sup> (See League Dinner)

#### 12 **Ladies**

Daffodils – planting of bulbs would be done on left hand side of the drive into Golf Club, It was agreed that Colin Chandler would source some daffodil bulbs at the expense of the club. A working party of ladies and gents would be convened to do the planting.

13     **Juniors** No report

14     **AOCB**

Ryton GC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Members were reminded of the event and the fact that we needed a team of 20. The date was 28<sup>th</sup> May. This has since been changed. New Date TO TBA

Ian Moyes was elected Social Secretary. He would liaise with Stewardess Gillian, Jock, local hoteliers etc and keep an all accumulating diary of social events going on at the club

Ian has been negotiating with the happy couple from Felton who will celebrate their marriage at the Golf Club on Friday 22 JULY  
The Club would run the bar both in the clubhouse and in the marquee.  
Disco, Live Band, and all the fun of the fair  
William Leith would deliver and erect the marquee on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and dismantle it on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

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The cost to the club would be £400 – BHF paying a similar amount. The seniors would be asked if they would consider making a contribution

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Mixed Open (Format to be decided) Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Senior Gents Open Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Ladies/Gents Individual Open Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Mixed Texas Scramble Open Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Handicapping Workshop 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 JD had been told all details on the training course are on the club software. JD declined to go. **PH said he would attend**

Jock Simpson – Request for Social Events to be included in Fixture Book. This was deemed inappropriate by the committee. A current and future list of social events would be displayed in the clubhouse.

Playing Conditions from 1<sup>st</sup> October: - 'Preferred Lies' as directed by England Golf can be used from 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April

The committee decided not to introduce a new handicap category for men 28-36

The Handicap Committee, - **J Douglas, Mrs J Gray, P Holleran** will undertake an annual review of players' handicaps.

The club software flags up when it is recommended that a player should have his handicap raised. Previously the option selected by the match secretary was 'no'. Now the selected option will be 'yes'

The Match Secretary has been instructed to 'go' with the software recommendations for any player.

Facility for a handicap review for players who notch up 7 consecutive 0.1 handicap increases is in the software. This will recommend an application of a handicap increase if required **JD**

Date for presentation of Trophies – Suggest Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Plates for Honours Boards, **JD Liaising with firm** who makes them and a representative will be coming out to inspect the affected plates

The Match Secretary had not yet received the club championship trophy and medal from last year's winner

Notice was given of The NNGL League Dinner to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at Bamburgh Castle Hotel. A Bottle Prize for the raffle will be required from Warkworth Golf Club.

(This date is the same day as the club annual dinner dance at The Sun Hotel, Warkworth)

Competition Entry and re-entry during inclement weather. It has been noticed that some members have been deleting their names of in early morning competitions when it is bad weather, then returning in the afternoon if better weather appears, putting their names back into the competition and playing. This is not permissible. **(JD To make appropriate notices)**

Abandoning a competition (Brian Ross) It was agreed by both the Ladies and Gents that abandoning a competition because of lack of competitors is the last thing we want to do. Strenuous efforts would be made by all to get members interested, change the date to a weekday etc.

The Captain asked if the club could consider playing in 3's to try and speed up play. JD said this had been mentioned previously but now that 4 ball groups were 'established' it was difficult to split them. However players could play in a group of three if they so wished.

Team events would be played in 4's over the winter period

#### 10 **AGM 2015 –**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All end of year reports from Chairman, Captain, Treasurer and Match Secretary to be emailed to Hon Secretary by 10th October 2015 at the latest

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

Football Golf The Captain asked if there would be any interest in this over the winter for non golfing members to come and play for a fee per game.

Captain elect 2016 It was agreed to post a notice asking members if anyone would like to be considered for the position

Annual Dinner Dance Sun Hotel November 21<sup>st</sup> (See League Dinner)

#### 12 **Ladies**

Daffodils – planting of bulbs would be done on left hand side of the drive into Golf Club, It was agreed that Colin Chandler would source some daffodil bulbs at the expense of the club. A working party of ladies and gents would be convened to do the planting.

#### 13 **Juniors** No report

#### 14 **AOCB**

Ryton GC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Members were reminded of the event and the fact that we needed a team of 20. The date was 28<sup>th</sup> May. This has since been changed. New Date TO TBA

Ian Moyes was elected Social Secretary. He would liaise with Stewardess Gillian, Jock, local hoteliers etc and keep an all accumulating diary of social events going on at the club

Ian has been negotiating with the happy couple from Felton who will celebrate their marriage at the Golf Club on Friday 22 JULY

The Club would run the bar both in the clubhouse and in the marquee.

Disco, Live Band, and all the fun of the fair  
William Leith would deliver and erect the marquee on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and dismantle it on  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ian was directed to liaise with The British Heart Foundation to provide a Defibrillator for the  
Golf Club

The cost to the club would be £400 – BHF paying a similar amount. The seniors would be  
asked if they would consider making a contribution

**15      Date and Time of the next Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am**

John A Gray  
Chairman  
15 09 2015

## **Management Committee Minutes –Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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

### **Members Present**

JA Gray (Chairman) GV Douglas (Treasurer) J Douglas (Match Secretary) Mrs J Gray (Lady Captain) Mrs L Wraith (Ladies Secretary) I Moyes

2       **Apologies for Absence:** T Capron

3       **Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015:** The minutes were agreed as a true record

4       **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising from the minutes

### 5       **Correspondence**

Environment Agency work on Bund and organisation of prior meeting with N/land Estates - No response has been received from Northumberland Estates (However following the meeting GVD had been contacted by Northumberland Estates and a meeting has been arranged for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015. JAG to invite David Gray to attend)

Tony O'Halloran Electricity Contract Renewals: GVD had not had any contact with the utility company however JAG subsequently ascertained that a four year deal had been signed with SSE only last year.

G Sawley – JAG has yet to contact the member

E mail from Bill Bell – structural engineer for Bridge – JAG has had no contact from the structural engineer re the points raised at the last bridge committee meeting

### 6       **Finance & Membership Report GVD**

Item withheld

The end-of-year accounts are with the club accountant and GVD had nothing to add to the report that he gave to the meeting on 14/9/2015

### 7       **The Bridge –**

A Bridge Committee Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 20/10/2015.

Following the report on costs for new foundations GVD has spoken to APD who is confident that he would be able to excavate the large foundations using the small digger borrowed the caravan site and hand dig the smaller areas.

The Committee agreed that Ian Bruce should be employed for two and a half days per week for approximately 2 months to help APD with the bridge work.

### 8       **Greens Committee**

The Hon Secretary has asked for a list of winter work to be undertaken by the Green Keeper. JAG will email the Secretary explaining the current situation with the bridge. Work on verti-draining the greens and summer tee boxes early in the New Year as previously agreed. A Course Walkabout will be held after the bridge committee meeting on 20/10/15 Work needs to be undertaken to install white 'out of bounds' posts at the North end of the practice area prior to the rough. The 'out of bounds' around the north side of the clubhouse needs to be marked out prior to the start of the 2016 season

### 9       **Handicap Committee Report**

JAG asked JD to provide a written task by task / word for word instruction sheet for completion of the TT competition during the absence of Handicap Secretary NNGL Meeting Foxton 7.30pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – JAG & JD to attend

Proposals for the NNGL AGM

WGC Committee wishes to state that if the same player was to win both the gross and net prizes he should be allowed to take both.  
WGC Committee feels that a hole in one should take precedence over a two and any hole in one should take the whole pot  
WGC Committee would agree with the appointment of a dedicated remunerated person to run each of the NNGL Open days and would be prepared to pay a reasonable subscription to facilitate this

Fixture List 2016: JD is awaiting receipt of fixtures from the ladies and seniors sections. Following this a draft fixture list will be available for checking

Handicapping Workshop – P Holleran attended the workshop in Washington but was not available to provide a report

Date for presentation of Trophies – This will go ahead on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

The Ladies wish to give up their Saturday competition day (Saturday 8/8/15) for the Carse Salver. This competition will now be played for on a Tuesday.

Plates for Honours Boards – JD is continuing to liaise with the firm supplying the name plates. The recent order is not fit for purpose and the plates keep dropping off the boards due to lack of adhesion.

League Dinner 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at Bamburgh Castle Hotel - A Bottle Prize will be required from the Club for a raffle prize.

Competition Entry and re-entry during inclement weather – a notice has been posted making all players aware of the rule whereby a player may not cancel after 8am due to inclement weather and return to play at a later time when the weather has improved

JAG will liaise with Seniors to arrange 2 mid-week (probably Wednesday tee off prior to Seniors) Texas Scramble competitions for the Brian Ross and Pat Johnson trophies. It was agreed that teams will consist of 2 gents and 2 ladies per team.

#### 10 **AGM 2015 –**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All end of year reports from Chairman, Captain, Treasurer and Match Secretary to be emailed to Hon Secretary by 10th October 2015 at the latest

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

Captain elect 2016 – the Chairman has posted a notice in the clubhouse asking for expressions of interest in the role of the Captain for the 2016 season.

IM has posted notices, menus and attendance list for the Annual Dinner Dance to be held at the Sun Hotel on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2015

#### 12 **Ladies**

Daffodils – planting on entry drive down to GC - Colin Chandler to purchase the bulbs and will be reimbursed by GVD. Volunteers will be requested to support the planting

The Ladies are organising a bingo evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. All welcome

The Lady Captain for 2016 is Kathleen Dalby and the Vice-Captain will be Christine Douglas

#### 13 **Juniors** – nothing to report

#### 14 **AOCB**

IM has agreed a new contract with BT - £86.70per month including £23.00 per month for a mobile which will divert calls when no-one is on the premises.

JAG to make enquiries about a golf club self-locking device for the clubhouse

#### 15 **Date and Time of next Meetings** - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 both meetings to commence at 10.00 am

AGM 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the clubhouse at 7.30pm

John A Gray  
Chairman



## WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

**Note: the published minutes may have items withheld for reasons of confidentiality.**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Present:** J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas, J Gray (Lady Captain), L Wraith,

**Apologies:** J Simpson, I Moyes, K Dalby (Lady Captain elect)

### **Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 26th October 2015:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (i) The Chair reported that there is to be a meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with the Duke's agent. Attendees for the Club will be JAG, GD and Dave Gray.
- (ii) It was noted that the Club has signed a 4-year contract with SSE for electricity. Nevertheless, in the light of the recent price falls it may be worth paying any exit fee if there is a gain due to cheaper prices. The Treasurer will follow this up. **Treasurer.**
- (iii) It was reported that the daffodils have been planted.
- (iv) The Chairman is still investigating clubhouse locking options. **Chairman**
- (v) The Secretary will try to get clarification on 2s sweep in NNL Field Days. **Secretary**

#### **Correspondence**

- 1. A letter from (withheld) concerning carry over of fees to 2016 was discussed. This was agreed. **Secretary**
- 2. An e-mail from a firm interested in tendering for hygiene servicing was discussed. It was agreed to progress this. **Secretary**

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

The Treasurer reported the October figures (previous year in brackets)

Item withheld

The annual accounts were discussed. Key features noted were that the Club made a cash loss £5,372 but once exceptional items are excluded there was a cash surplus of ca £1,700.

The Club made an accounting surplus of £13,000 due largely to the release of the rent contingency.

Matters requiring further investigation are (i) the increase in green staff wages and (ii) the increase in clubhouse expenditure. The Treasurer will investigate these further and report back. **Treasurer**

It was agreed that a proper budget for 2016 be drawn up and be used to monitor performance against. **Chair/Treasurer/Secretary**

#### **Greens Matters**

1. Reported that OoB posts have been put around the remainder of the practice area.
2. The Greens Committee will meet in December. Key items to be discussed include vertidrainning, flags, moving of tee markers, slitting, broken tiles on the hut.
3. The possibility of further wood chippings was discussed. **Secretary**

### **Competition Matters**

- (i) The revised Brian Ross Trophy had been run successfully. A competition for the Pat Johnson Trophy will be run Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016. This will be a mixed Irish Rumble. The Secretary will organise. **Secretary**
- (ii) The Open Texas Scramble on 22<sup>nd</sup> November had gone off successfully making a profit of £130. The scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 will have 18 tee-times. 8 of these have already been filled, largely by repeat business.
- (iii) Due to a clash The Bottle Bash will now be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December **Match Sect**
- (iv) A competition will be organised for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 and each Saturday thereafter. The only singles competitions will be the winter league. There will be four rounds (best 3 cards to count), one in each of December, January, February and March. All others will be team/pairs events. **Match Sect**
- (v) The 2016 fixture list is at the proof stage. It was noted that following input from Paul Douglass the Joe Shotton will stay as the last Saturday in July. **Match Sect**
- (vi) The annual presentation evening had gone ahead but the Chair expressed some concern over the limited numbers. The future of this evening will be reviewed. **Secretary**
- (vii) The TT presentation is scheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Match Sect will let the Treasurer have the full list of points winners asap and the Treasurer will then source prizes. The Secretary will ascertain if the Captain will be present to present prizes.
- (viii) The annual handicap review will be scheduled for February/March. **Match Sect**

### **Ladies Section**

No Matters

### **Juniors**

- (i) No report from IM on possible funding from the Amble Rotary Club. **IM**
- (ii) It was agreed to call the cup donated by Gavin Wales the Hotspur Cup. The Secretary will contact him to get input on format etc. **Secretary**
- (iii) It was agreed to have 8 junior coaching events in 2016. **Secretary**
- (iv) The Match Secretary reported that the C Wilkinson Trophy is missing. He will check if the D Cook still has it. If not, a replacement will be purchased. **Match Sect**

### **Update on the Bridge**

The Bridge Committee has met several times. Subject to further guidance from Malcolm Allen we should be in a position to give the go-ahead for concrete pouring for the foundations after New Year.

It was noted that some volunteer help will be needed once work starts.

### **House/Social Matters**

- (i) The Chair advised that he had been informed by IM that arrangements for use of the clubhouse on New Year's Eve are in hand. **IM**
- (ii) The Secretary reported that we will be hosting another 'Dark Skies Evening' on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016. **Secretary**

### **Personnel Matters**

Item withheld

### **AoB**

- (i) The Secretary will book 3 places at the Congu handicap workshop on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Britannia Hotel. Match Sect plus two ladies to attend. **Secretary**
- (ii) The Lady Captain reported that the Ladies have started some thinking on how to mark the Club's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was agreed this should be a whole Club event. The Secretary will contact the Lady Captain (Elect) and report back. **Secretary**
- (iii) The Chairman reported that he hopes Alistair MacKay will join the committee in the New Year. **Chairman**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 10.00am in the clubhouse.