

WARWORTH GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2014

WARWORTH GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 13 January 2014

Note: some items deemed by the Committee to be confidential have been excluded from the published minutes.

Present: J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Simpson (Captain), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, G Sawley, M Patterson, P Lewis, L Wraith

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting Held 16 December 2013: These were approved. TC advised that one copy would be placed in the minutes book in the clubhouse and a copy posted to the Club website.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

It was noted that all matters had been actioned.

Correspondence:

JG read out a letter received from the seniors section that disassociated the section from the criticism of the state of the course as detailed in the letter from a member read at the AGM.

It was agreed to donate fourball prizes to two forthcoming charity events. **Action: TC**

Finance and Membership:

Confidential item withheld

Handicap Secretary

It was agreed to pay the annual fee to the handicap software suppliers asap so that we could have access to the update and allow the annual handicap review to be completed. **Action: JD**

JD will arrange for trophies to be engraved. **Action: JD**

Missing trophy won by S Lamb. **Action: JD**

Ladies invitation day. JD to liaise with JD over a date. **Action JD/PL**

Greens Report

It was reported that a meeting is to be held later this week after the committee has agreed what action is to be taken over the letter from a member.

It was agreed the missing panel in the greenkeepers shed should be replaced asap. MP to liaise with GD and the greenkeeper. **Action: MP/GD**

Update on the Bridge

JG read out a letter from Tony Derbyshire (Footpaths Officer). He thanked the Club for its action in securing the area and its action in terms of both signage and minor diversions to allow safe use of the

footpath. However, he expressed the opinion that the bridge did not meet current safety standards and should be removed and replaced with a sloping path that allow members to cross Killie. He also made some comments over additional signage at the beach end of the path and a better warning bell.

GD reported that the indication from the insurance company is that it will pay for the bridge to be repaired and that two companies had been to examine it.

It was agreed that, notwithstanding the thoughts of the footpath officer, the bridge should be repaired.

It was agreed that:

JG would write back to the footpath officer advising of what we intended. **Action: JG**

(Withheld) would be approached to draw up plans for submission to building companies so that could quote for the work. **Action: GD**

MP would liaise with the Greenkeeper to arrange for a sign at the beach end of the path.
Action: MP

Update on Flooding of 1st Green/Second fairway

JG reported that he and GD had met with the Duke's agent concerning the two problems, namely water egress from the drains from the farmer's fields and the pond outfall.

He reported that the agent had been very helpful and that he is to set up a site meeting with the Environment Agency and Club to discuss what can be done. It was agreed that D Gray should be at this meeting also.

Action: JG

Discussion of the letter received concerning the course and other matters.

Members had a long discussion taking each of the points in turn. The outcome is summarised below.

1. Bunkers: it was agreed that some bunkers are in poor condition and often in need of raking. It was noted that it may be necessary to reduce the number of bunkers if we are to improve maintenance within the staffing time available.
2. Winter teeboxes: it was agreed that the 4th and 6th, in particular need attention.
3. Slitting: there was some confusion over what was being criticised but it was noted that perhaps there had been some discussion at a previous meeting over the need/no need for slitting and this might not have been effectively conveyed.
4. Rabbits and Molehills: this is a long-standing problem and will be addressed if possible. Already the Club carries out extensive mole catching but one has only to look at the surrounding field to see the extent of the problem. We will seek to have better rabbit management and endeavour to ensure any rabbit damage affecting parts of the course in play is mended more speedily.
5. Hole positions: it was felt this comment could only refer to a position sometimes used on the 4th green. This will be discussed with the greenkeeper.
6. Slow greens: the committee felt that whether or not the greens are slow is a matter of opinion. It was, however, noted that over the course of the season we receive far more positive than negative comments over the state of the greens. It was agreed that as a starting point we could use a stimpmeter to measure the speed of the greens and publish this information. Once we have an empirical starting point we will be in a position to decide if the speed is what we are happy with. For the coming season the Greenkeeper will be instructed to cut to 3 or 3.5mm for major competitions.
7. Non-qualifying winter competitions. R&A rules clearly state that the conditions of any competition is a committee decision. At the 2012 AGM there was a groundswell of opinion that winter competitions should be non-qualifying and members questioned why Warkworth is one of the few, if not the only, Northumberland club to have winter competitions as qualifiers. The qualifying rules were clearly posted at the start of the Turkey Trots and we do not see any reason to change these.

8. Concerning concerns over the time taken to post results, the committee notes that Congu rules are quite explicit and that we conform to these. It was noted that whilst persons playing in further competitions in advance of the results being published do not have a handicap update the rules are quite clear as to how the individual determines the correct handicap to play under. It is the responsibility of every player to know and apply these rules. For the benefit of members, the Match Secretary will post a notice advising of the action to be taken in such a circumstance.
9. Finally the Committee states unequivocally that it has absolute confidence in the standard of work of the Club's employees is appreciative of what is achieved in the reduced time available since that action taken in 2012 to reduce costs.

The action to be taken is summarised:

Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 to be taken up with the Greenkeeper at the next meeting: **Action: MP**

Item 4: Club to source additional rabbit control measures: **Action: TC**

Item 8: Match secretary to post advisory notice: **Action: JD**

A letter will be sent to the author of the letter to advise of Committee decisions: **Action: TC**

Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 10th February, 2.00pm in the clubhouse (apologies in advance from TC)

Please note the March meeting has been moved by one week to Monday 17th March 2014 ,2.00pm in the clubhouse.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Management Committee Meeting Monday 10 February 2014

Note: the committee has deemed a number of items confidential and these have been withheld from the published minutes.

- 1 **Members Present** JAG in the chair, GVD (Treasurer), JD (Handicap Secretary), GS, MP, PL (Lady Captain), LW (Minute taker)
- 2 **Apologies for Absence** – Received from T Capron, I Moyes, J Simpson
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014**
Item 5 should read Pin not Tee positions.
The minutes were agreed as a true record with the above amendment. Proposed GVD seconded MP
- 4 **Matters Arising from the minutes**

5 **Correspondence**

JAG had written to Tony Derbyshire, NCC Footpaths officer detailing the action the club was proposing to take in the immediate future regarding the collapsed bridge and the signage he proposed.

Email from Jason Budd – Northumberland Golf Partnership re a meeting about funding on 12th March from 6pm – 9pm at The George Washington Hotel. JAG and GVD would be the delegates from WGC.

JAG reported on the NUGC AGM at The Northumberland Golf Club. Membership had dropped by 1000 in 2013 and was expected to fall by a further 1000 in 2014. The English County Card and The Northumberland County Card were both badly supported. Concern was raised that golfers who were more than one club had to have their County Fee and the EGU Fee paid by each club or by themselves. JM would look into this. (Dual or triple membership).

6 **Finance & Membership Report GVD**

Confidential item withheld

7 **Greens Committee MP**

Work was in progress repairing several bunkers and reconditioning machinery. Repairs to the tractor brakes were not as costly as expected. If we were reducing the number of bunkers the Greenkeeper suggested the pot bunker by the lhs of the seventh hole.
Thanks to members MP, GS, Michael Sawley and Alistair McKay for trimming the gorse bushes. Weather permitting they will be doing further gorse surgery behind the 6th tee. GS was thanked for providing a bird safe litter bin on the second tee box
The shed roof has been repaired.

Following requests for swifter greens and possible problems with the grass it was decided a discussion would be taken at a future meeting as to whether or not we should employ the services of the STRI for professional advice. In the meantime the committee requested the greenkeeper to do fortnightly stimpmeter readings together with a greens committee member. The date, weather conditions and stimpmeter readings on perhaps 3 selected greens would be published for members.

JAG suggested that the rough grass area between the back of the 5th yellow tee and the front of the 5th/14th medal tee could be levelled and prepared for use as a winter tee or an extension to the 5th yellow tee, thus creating an area on the front of the yellow tee for a winter tee. This is sorely needed as the current winter tee adjacent to the brick hut is too small. Members agreed to look at the site and give an opinion.

GVD had been in touch with the insurers regarding the bridge.

We await further developments. (GVD)

JAG,GVD,and Dave Gray had attended a meeting at the club with Steve Stubbings – Northumberland Estates Agent and Maria Hardy Principal Officer of The Environment Agency regarding the flooding issues on the course that have followed The Castle Dykes Project.

On a separate flooding matter we are still concerned about the amount of water pouring out of the field drain beside the humps on the second fairway. Steve Stubbings - Northumberland Estates estimated a cost of (withheld) for the job and he did not feel the Estates Dept had finances to direct to the work. Dave Gray felt the work could be done by club members at a much cheaper cost and had already taken levels etc and had ideas where the pipe should run across the course and allow the water to be channelled across the road and into the estuary.

8 Handicap Committee Report

Danny Finlay NUGC wished to discuss some computer handicap / membership issues with JD. A 4 ball was approved for The RVI Children's Appeal

JD explained about the online booking system which is already on the computer software. He wishes to have further experimentation with it and then would hope that the men's section would be able to have a trial using it around Easter time.

12 trophies were missing and were needed for engraving. JAG said some members took trophies home with them after the Presentation Evening

The County Foursomes Team would be S Glass and N Holden.

9 Captain's Matters

The Captain has posted his blog on the website. This will be updated on a regular basis

10 Ladies

The Lady Captain asked if the formats for the Mixed Competitions could be agreed once and for all.

The competitions will be played as follows:-

Competition	Format
Robinson Cup	foursome strokeplay
Brian Ross Memorial Trophy	greensome strokeplay
P Johnson Memorial Trophy	greensome stableford

Ladies Invitation Day will now be played on Sunday 27th July

The Ladies are having a **BINGO** Evening on Thursday 20th March

The Ladies Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 5th April. 10.00am – 12.30pm

11 AOCB

Steve Lamb would be asked to put the lock on the trolley shed door. Storage fees agreed at The AGM are applicable.

The initial entry code is **(withheld)**. This will be changed from time to time

Warkworth GC is not listed in the AA book. Secretary asked to investigate(TC)

A Working party is required to construct a path from 1st tee to level area on the fairway that is suitable for pedestrians, trolleys and sit on buggies. Liaison required between Greens committee and Greenkeeper needed

LW commented on the disgraceful state of the rubber matting in the front entrance and suggested that we could use the tiles left over from work on the ladies toilet. It was felt that tiles were not the answer for the entrance as beer kegs and gas bottles were sometimes stored there. It was agreed that an alternative form of flooring be looked at.

GS requested an up to date list of members and telephone numbers placed behind the bar

12 Date and Time of the next Meeting – **Monday 17th March 2014 at 1.00pm**

John A Gray Chairman

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Present: J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Simpson (Captain), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, G Sawley, M Patterson, P Lewis, L Wraith

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting Held 10 February 2014:

- (i) It was noted that the income line in the financial report was incorrect
- (ii) It was noted that the formats for the mixed competitions should be:

Robinson Cup	foursomes strokeplay
Brian Ross	greensomes strokeplay
Pat Johnson	greensomes stableford

Following these amendments the minutes were approved.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (i) It was reported that JAG/GD had attended a fund-raising workshop in Washington. However, this was primarily aimed at clubs in Tyne and Wear though there may be something similar for Northumberland. GD to investigate further.
Action: GD
- (ii) JD reported that no action was needed following the communication from Danny Findlay.
- (iii) JD reported that he had investigated the on-line course booking system for men's competitions and that he intended to trial it and introduce it later in the year. It was noted that there needed to be extensive training/guidance for members to ensure the system was introduced efficiently. It was agreed that prior to its introduction there would be seminars and information sheets.
Action: JD
- (iv) It was reported that some trophies are still missing.
Action: JD
- (v) It was noted that S Glass and N Holden will be representing the Club in the County foursomes.
- (vi) TC will follow up the missing entry for WWGC in the AA book.
Action: TC
- (vii) No action yet on the entrance tiling.
- (viii) GD will provide the Stewardess with an up-to-date membership list with phone numbers to be kept behind the bar.
Action: GD
- (ix) GS reported an on-going problem fitting the new lock on the trolley door.
Action: GS

Correspondence:

- (i) A letter from a member concerning his delayed renewal due to back problems was considered. It was agreed that he should not have a reduction in fees. TC to write and advise him of the decision.
Action: TC
- (ii) A letter from G Owens concerning provision of advice on prostate cancer was considered. His proposal was agreed.
Action TC
- (iii) A request from R Wilson that his eight year- old grandson, Freddie, be allowed to play in adult competitions was considered. It was noted that he individual does not have an adult handicap. It was agreed that Mr Wilson be advised that when Freddie gets an adult handicap the request will be reconsidered, but also that there will be issues over playing with adults.
Action: TC

(iv) A letter from J McLean concerning junior memberships was considered. TC to advise him how to progress this matter. **Action: TC**

(v) It was agreed the Secretary should decide on the regular requests for prizes in the form of free rounds without further recourse to the Committee. **Action: TC**

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

Handicap Secretary

It was noted that the Club contact list needs to be updated.

Action: JD

Following the confusion resulting from a national club competition being entered by a previous captain unbeknown to the Match Sect and the consequent need, at the last minute, to get a team together, it was emphasised that all competition matters should be dealt with by the Match Secretary. Any member receiving any communication concerning competitions should forward it to the Match Sect.

Action: All

JD reported that the notice advising of the procedure to update a personal handicap in advance of the result of a competition being posted is now on the notice board and the website.

Greens Report

MP gave a detailed report; Key matters were:

- (i) The Club would like to get advice from the STRI if finance can be found. This is not possible at present.
- (ii) The Green-keeper will be recording green speed using the stimpmeter from May. The results will be posted for the benefit of members.
- (iii) It was agreed to extend the existing 5th winter tee box rather than build behind the existing yellow tee box.
- (iv) Other winter tee boxes are to be levelled, starting with the 1st.
- (v) All machinery except the gang mower has been serviced.
- (vi) There is concern over the patchiness of some tee-boxes due to poor seed growth. It is thought this might be due to poor quality seed used last year. The green-keeper is ordering top-quality seed for use this year.
- (vii) New parts have been ordered for the sprinkler on the first. These will be fitted as soon as delivered.
- (viii) GUR marking has been completed around the water damage on the second fairway.
- (ix) Damage to the bridge has resulted in damage to the pip-work serving the far end of the course. It is intended to repair the pipe-work asap.
- (x) The irrigation control box requires some new parts. Until this is fixed the box can only be used on manual. It was agreed the relevant parts be ordered.
- (xi) Core sampling of fairways shows that the winter slitting has had a positive effective with water penetration now considerably deeper than previously.
- (xii) A working party is convening w/c Monday 24 March to level the yellow 4th tee. Volunteers very welcome.

Captain's Matters

The Captain:

- (i) thanked everyone concerned in getting a team together at the last minute for the match at Dunstanburgh.

- (ii) would like to run a 'fun' competition on Easter Monday. It was agreed he would work directly with PL on this. **Action JS**
- (iii) asked that the minutes formally recorded his commendation of staff on the excellent state of the course at this early date in the year.
- (iv) noted that the events board in the foyer has not been updated this year. It was agreed that the Stewardess would continue to do this. **Action: TC**

Ladies' matters

PL reported that:

- (i) the Ladies are to pay for the two foyers to be painted
- (i) the RH toilet is leaking. JD to arrange for its repair. **Action: JD**

She asked advice on right-of-way since the loss of the bridge. It was agreed that players crossing from the 5th should give way to those driving from the 7th/16th.

She noted that weekly competition winners need to be notified to IM for posting to the web-site.

Update on the Bridge

JD reported that he is still awaiting a final estimate, and that as soon as this is received he will communicate with insurance company.

Members agreed that the Club would not follow-up the proposal from the green-keeper to carry out the repairs.

Personnel Matters

Item withheld

Any Other Business

- (i) IM reported that the Co-operative Funeral Service is interested in sponsoring two competitions. Members felt there are already enough competitions but hoped it might sponsor an existing competition and they were agreeable to this being renamed the XXXX cup sponsored by XXXX. IM to liaise and advise of any decision at the next meeting. **Action: IM**
- (ii) IM will set up a secretary's web address for TC **Action: IM**
- (iii) IM will look into the possible linking of the web-site to the on-line competition booking when this goes live. He will liaise with JD on this. **Action: IM**
- (iv) It was noted photos are still needed for the web-site. IM to liaise with the Captain over his for the site and the lounge. A committee photo will be taken at the next meeting.
- (v) It was agreed to order new plates and arrange cleaning of the kitchen filters. **Action: GD**
- (vi) JD reported on the possibility of a VAT refund following the recent court ruling.
- (vii) The comment of a member about publicly posting the minutes to the web-site was considered. It was agreed to continue but the published minutes should be amended to ensure anything of a confidential nature such as finance and personnel matters be redacted prior to posting. **Action: TC**
- (viii) It was agreed it would be helpful if the senior's captain attended committee meetings. The Chair will approach him with the invitation. **Action: JAG**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14th April, 1.00pm in the clubhouse.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note: some matters of a confidential nature have been excluded from the published minutes.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 14 April 2014

The Chair welcomed the Seniors Captain, Colin Chandler, to his first meeting. It was noted that he sits in the capacity of observer with no voting powers.

Present: J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas (Match Sec), I Moyes, G Sawley, M Patterson, P Lewis, L Wraith, C Chandler

Apologies: J Simpson (Captain)

Minutes of the Meeting Held 17 March 2014:

These were approved as a true record..

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (x) JD reported back on the proposed introduction of the on-line booking system for men's competitions. He reported that the demonstration had been well received by the main members but that there had been some concern expressed by seniors. He reported that the issue of removing booked names had been clarified by the software writers. Also, security issues for those who used the clubhouse computer for bookings had been resolved. It was agreed, in principle, for the system to be introduced and that JD would produce a user's instruction sheet for consideration at the next meeting.
Action: JD
- (xi) There had been no progress on retrieving the missing trophies. It was agreed to post a list of what was missing and who has it. Any trophy held by a person who is now a non-member would be followed up by phone.
Action: JD
- (xii) It was reported that the AA no longer publishes the list of golf courses other than on its web-site. TC reported that he had provided the AA with details of the club and photos and Warkworth will added to the AA data-base when it is next updated
- (xiii) No action yet on the entrance tiling.
- (xiv) GD has still to provide the Stewardess with an up-to-date membership list with phone numbers to be kept behind the bar.
Action: GD
- (xv) GS reported that the trolley room door lock is now in place. Formal thanks to Steve Lamb were recorded.
- (xvi) It was reported that there has been some progress with the coffee machine and that it now produces hot coffee. However, tea making, in particular is still a problem. TC will take this up with the stewardess.
Action: TC
- (xvii) PL reported that the ladies toilet is still leaking. JD to resolve this. **Action: JD**
- (xviii) The Co-operative Funeral Service is to sponsor the Bates Cup. **Action: IM**
- (xix) VAT rebate – GD reported on his conversation with the VAT office. It was agreed he would lodge a formal claim notice though it was noted that any rebate would be some time in the future as the VAT commission is going to appeal the original decision.
- (xx) TC advised that the minutes published to the web-site and in the club-house were now subject to redaction of anything to do with finance/personnel and where individuals could be identified if the matter was in any way controversial.

Correspondence:

None

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

Handicap Secretary

It was noted that the new seniors' honour board and the 2013 winner's nameplates had been delivered. It was agreed to order 3,000 scorecards.
Action: JD

Greens Report

MP gave a detailed report; Key matters were:

- (xiii) STRI advice is not being followed up at this time due to cost constraints.
- (xiv) The Green-keeper will be recording green speed using the stimpmeter from May. The results will be posted for the benefit of members.
- (xv) Work on the winter 5th tee-box has been deferred until the work has a detailed plan and all the necessary materials are available.
- (xvi) Other winter tee boxes are being levelled, starting with the 1st.
- (xvii) All machinery except the gang mower has been serviced but the tee-cutting machine needs some adjustments. Also, the fairway mower is in need of repair.
- (xviii) Greens are currently being cut to 6mm.
- (xix) Summer tee-boxes have been over-seeded.
- (xx) New parts for the sprinkler system are on order from John Deere with the exception of the first tee-box where parts are need from Rainbird and these are proving difficult to obtain. In the meantime it is thought the first can be done manually.
- (xxi) Pipework to the far end of the course has been repaired and tested.
- (xxii) Repairs to the sprinkler control box should be completed this week.
- (xxiii) The first tee-box has been edged and the posts are being painted. The rope around the 6th tee-box will be replaced when repairs/painting are completed.
- (xxiv) GS has made a bird-proof box for the 2nd tee. He intends to provide grass seed mix boxes for the 1st/10th, 6th and the yellow 3rd if materials can be sourced.
- (xxv) Priority work for the coming week will be grass cutting on fairways and tees.
- (xxvi) Comments have been made about holes being 'crowned' However, MP has watched new holes being cut and is satisfied this is not a problem.
- (xxvii) The issue of some weed growth on tees/greens will be taken up with the green-keeper.

Captain's Matters

In the absence of the Captain there was no report. However, under this heading the Committee discussed a couple of issues:

- (v) Concern was expressed over the timing and format of the 'Captain's Choice' event on Monday 21st April. In particular there was concern that starting at 3.00pm meant the course would have to be closed early on a bank holiday with likely loss of income and that an event starting at 3.00pm would end around 5.00pm with a consequent loss of bar income. In respect to the format, feedback from a number of regulars on the 9 hole events was that 3 club competitions should be for winter and that they were unlikely to play in one at this time.
- (vi) The continued lack of a posted sheet for the outing at Ryton.

It was agreed the Chair would contact the Captain asap to discuss these concerns.

Action: JAG

Ladies' matters

A proposal from PL that for the major ladies' event on 5 May a temporary 5/14 tee-box would be cut on the far side of Killie in order to reduce any congestion. PL will liaise with the green-keeper over this.

Action: PL

Update on the Bridge

GD reported that this is now largely outside our hands. The insurance company has made an initial (low) offer that our agent considers far too low. Discussions are now on-going between the two parties. It was agreed a notice would be posted up-dating members on progress. **Action: TC**

Personnel Matters

Item withheld

Any Other Business

- (ix) IM with liaise with PL over photos of ladies' officials. **Action:IM/PL**

- (x) It was noted photos are still needed for the web-site. IM to liaise with the Captain over his for the site and the lounge. A committee photo will be taken at the next meeting.

- (xi) The missing three photos of the captains for the lounge board is to be followed up. It was noted that two were no longer members. **Action: GD**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 12th May, 1.00pm in the clubhouse.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 12 May 2014

Present: J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas (Match Sec), J Simpson (Captain), I Moyes, G Sawley, P Lewis, L Wraith.

Apologies: C Chandler

Committee Membership: Members noted, with regret, that M Patterson had tendered his resignation from the Committee. It was agreed the Secretary would write to him thanking him for his contribution during his time on the Committee.

Action: TC

Minutes of the Meeting Held 14 April 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (xxi) On-line booking system – it was agreed that TC and JD would meet to put together instructions to members on using the system together with an implementation schedule. The target is for the system to go live at the beginning of August.
Action: JD/TC
- (xxii) There had been some progress on retrieving the missing trophies. JD will continue to chase those remaining.
Action: JD
- (xxiii) No action yet on the entrance tiling.
- (xxiv) A list of members and contact details is now available behind the bar.
- (xxv) The temperature of water from the coffee machine remains too cool to make good quality tea. TC will take this up with the stewardess.
Action: TC
- (xxvi) It was noted the leaking toilet has been fixed.
- (xxvii) Following the report that the Cooperative Funeral Service is to sponsor the Bates Cup it was noted that they will sponsor a second one. This was offered to the Ladies section but they advised they had no need of any new trophies so it was agreed a second Men's' cup would be selected for sponsorship by IM/JD. **Action JD/IM**
- (xxviii) VAT rebate – GD reported that he had contacted the VAT office and lodged a claim. However, feedback from the VAT office is that at present they have no knowledge of any agreement and nothing will happen for some time.
- (xxix) It was noted that the honours boards had been updated with the exception of two where the suppliers had provided the wrong names. These are being followed up by JD.
Action: JD
- (xxx) It was noted that 3,000 scorecards have been delivered.
- (xxxi) PL reported that the Greenkeeper had provided a temporary tee on the north side of Killie for the recent competition.
- (xxxii) Photos of Ladies' officials are now on the web-site.
- (xxxiii) Missing photos of past captains are still being sought.
Action: GD

Correspondence:

- (i) TC reported that a couple had approached the Club with a view to erecting a marquee on the grass area adjacent to the car-park for a wedding reception on 4 July 2015. It was agreed this could go ahead at a cost of (item withheld). TC to advise the couple and JD to make any necessary amendments to the 2015 competitions to ensure there is nothing major on this day.
Action: TC/JD

- (ii) TC reported a request to change the date of a seniors' competition due to the original being on a day the Stewardess is away. It was agreed the new date of 5 September was satisfactory. TC to advise the Seniors' captain. **Action: TC**
- (iii) JAG reported that he had had an informal approach about a possible change of date of the Joe Shotton event. However, he advised that he had not had a formal request. JAG to follow this up with Paul Douglass and if a change is needed he was mandated to take Chair's action and report back to the next meeting. **Action: JAG**
- (iv) It was noted that an informal meeting had been held to discuss the letter received from (withheld) concerning the state of the course. It was noted that the points he had made were already subject to action by the Club. TC to write a reply. **Action: TC**

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

Handicap Secretary

No issues to report other than those already covered in matters arising

Greens Report

GD gave a report following the meeting held with the Greenkeeper on 1 May.

A key matter is the failure of the fairway mower. It was noted that the estimate for repair is at least £1,000 for parts and approaching this for labour. In the meanwhile a machine has been hired at a cost of £XXX per week. It was reported that this machine is for sale at a price of £XXX. Bearing in mind the projected cost of repairs plus the monthly hire charge it was agreed sensible to purchase the hire machine.

A further matter is the need for repairs to the semi-rough mower. However, the Club does not have the financial resources to do this at present.

It was agreed to get the tractor repaired.

It was noted that savings to the NI rate have enabled the Club to engage the assistant Greenkeeper for an extra day. It was emphasised that this time is to be used for project work, not as an extra pair of hands for routine tasks. His priority initially will be work on improving the bunkers (see also later).

The new seed mix boxes provided by GS should be a significant factor in maintaining the condition of the tees. It was emphasised that if these are to be used by members then they must (i) be kept full of mix and (ii) be placed in convenient locations on the tee boxes, close to the tee markers. The Greenkeeper to be advised of this.

Bunkers – members noted the on-going concern over the condition of some bunkers and the adverse comments of members. A key problem is that the Club cannot afford sufficient staff time to properly maintain all the bunkers and that consequently a 'bunker strategy' needs to be agreed and rigorously implemented. Initial discussion have been had with the Greenkeeper and it is felt we need to reduce the number of bunkers by filling some in and so reducing time needed for maintenance. Initial thoughts have been given to those that could be removed due to factors such as (i) position, (ii) difficulty of maintaining in a good condition and (iii) propensity to fill with water following rain. It was further agreed that some could then be replaced by low maintenance features such as hollows and gorse. As a start the bunker to the left of the 2nd fairway could be taken out since the higher water table that now exists means it is regularly unplayable following rain. However, it was agreed that the Committee needs to ensure members are supportive of any strategy and we will seek a small number volunteers to work with the Committee on developing a bunker strategy. It was further agreed that since this is such an important and emotive issue that future minutes will report progress under a separate heading, rather than within the Greens Report.

Captain's Matters

The Captain reported that:

- (i) There is to be a 9 hole, shotgun start yellow-ball competition starting at 5.30pm on 26 May, bank holiday Monday.
- (ii) On Friday 30th May starting at 7.30pm he is organising a quiz and pie and pea supper.
- (iii) The Captain's outing is fully organised and he will be collecting monies on the day.
- (iv) That he has secured a barrel of Caffrey's at no cost to the Club.

- (v) That Captain's day on 21 June is being sponsored by Blackshaw's Garage.
- (vi) That he is intending to organise a Race Night towards the end of June.

Ladies' matters

PL advised that the first Sunday roll-up sweep had been contested by 7 competitors despite the poor weather and that a second is to be organised on 1 June.

PL asked that the path into Killie from in front of the 7th tee be restored where gorse had grown over. This was agreed.

Update on the Bridge

GD reported that we are still awaiting the report from the loss adjuster and until this is to hand nothing further can be done.

It was noted that a progress report had been posted.

Personnel Matters

Item withheld

Any Other Business

- (i) It was noted that Michael Sawley is making a superb job of restoring the tables.
- (ii) PL advised that the replacement upholstery is now with us.
- (iii) TC requested a list of members' e-mail address to be used to publicise forthcoming events. **Action: GD**
- (iv) Further to the wedding dealt with under correspondence, JG reminded the committee that a similar event has been agreed for a Saturday in August 2015. JD needs to know this date and take note of it when finalising the 2015 fixtures. JG to advise him of the date. **Action JG/JD**
- (v) JD/GD to arrange a meeting with the Duke's agent to discuss the Club's financial position viz-a-viz the rent. **Action: JG/GD**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 9th June, 1.00pm in the clubhouse.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 09 June 2014

Present: J Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas (Match Sec), L Wraith, C Chandler

Apologies: G Sawley, P Lewis, I Moyes, J Simpson

Minutes of the Meeting Held 12 May 2014:

After amending the cost of the rented fairway cutter to **withheld** per week, these were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

(xxxiv) On-line booking system – it was reported that TC and JD had met and their recommendation is that the on-line booking system goes live with its first use for the competition scheduled for 09 August 2014. It was noted that a form for each member with his verification code and PIN will be made available from the bar. It was further noted that detailed user instructions will be issued shortly.

Action: TC/JD

(xxxv) Some trophies are still missing. JD is to carry out a full inventory of those we have and then chase those missing as necessary.

Action: JD

(xxxvi) To move the entrance hall tiling forward, GD is to contact Michael Sawley ask him to paint the foyer at a price to be agreed. When this is done the Ladies section will pay for new flooring. LW will co-ordinate this.

Action: GD/LW

(xxxvii) It was noted that the water temperature from the coffee machine now seems to be OK. However, members are still ordering pots of tea from the Stewardess with no income accruing to the Club. GD will follow this up with the Stewardess.

Action: GD

(xxxviii) JD reported that a sponsored replacement for the Bates Cup is currently being engraved. If it cannot be found the second sponsored trophy will be the Castle Cup.

Action: JD

(xxxix) JD reported that the honours boards are now up-to-date and accurate.

(xl) Missing photos of past captains are still being sought.

Action: GD

(xli) TC reported that he had given a firm quote to the couple who had expressed an interest in a wedding marquee but had heard nothing back

Action: TC

(xlii) LW reported that the replacement to the upholstery in the lounge is in hand and PL is progressing this matter.

Action: PL

(xliii) JAG reported that following discussions with Paul Douglass, the Joe Shotton day would stay as per the published fixtures.

(xliv) It was reported that due to lack of interest the 9 hole drawn Sunday sweeps were not to continue.

(xliv) TC reported that he had replied to M Nicholson concerning his recent letter.

(xlvi) CC reported that the seniors friendly with Percy Wood had been postponed due to inclement weather and re-scheduled for Thursday 21 August.

(xlvii) It was noted that the meeting with the Duke's agent has yet to be arranged.

Action: GD/JAG

Correspondence:

It was noted that the soft drinks supplier will no longer provide a mixing unit as the Club usage is insufficient. Accordingly we will have to use bottled drinks.

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

Handicap Secretary

It was agreed that the Match Secretary should take on the monitoring and review of junior handicaps. He will liaise with George Bremner on this. **Action: JD**

Greens Report

The Greens report came from an update provided by GS and further information from GD.

It was noted that the new fairway cutter had been received and is in use.

It was reported that the greens cutter had broken down. As a temporary measure the heads had been transferred to the tee-box cutter. However, the required parts have been delivered and the greens machine should be back in service shortly.

It was noted that the gang mower was now working and being used to cut the semi-rough.

Following the recent appeal for interested members to form a course strategy group only one person, namely Mel Patterson, had put his name forward. It was agreed that LW would seek a volunteer from the Ladies section and CC from the seniors. **Action: LW/CC**

It was agreed the recent measures of green speed (7.0 and 7.6) were too slow and we should aim for 9.0-10.0. Therefore it was agreed that the cut be lowered by 0.5mm to 4.00mm and then the speed tested. Any further decrease would depend on the outcome of this reduction.

It was agreed the fence line along 7/8/9 should be strimmed.

LW commented that it had previously been agreed that Killie and the hill on the 3rd would be strimmed twice per year. This to be actioned.

It was agreed that a winter programme of work needs to be agreed shortly. It was noted that the strategy group should deal with this but in advance of this it was agreed that the course would not be slit this winter and the time saved used to deal with other outstanding matters. It was also agreed that in advance of any plan the cost of planting gorse/broom be investigated. **Action: GD**

It was reported that spraying to reduce perennial weeds is underway. Also the Club's recently appointed 'rabbit controllers' had shot 20 in May. However, this has had only limited effect since (i) many remain and (ii) there is no control on surrounding land and rabbits do not recognise borders.

It was noted that the Green-keeper had asked for volunteers to rake bunkers whilst he is on holiday. It was agreed that the following could assist:

Tuesday 24 June – CC (start about 7.30am)

Friday 27 June – TC (start to be ascertained)

Tuesday 1 July – MP/GS to be approached

Friday 4 July – JAG

It was further noted that a divot filling party would be useful. GS to liaise with the Greenkeeper to identify a suitable date/time.

It was agreed we need to order bunker sand. However, the minimum quantity providers will deliver (ca20 tons) is too much for the Club to be able to (i) afford in one go and (ii) to store. It was agreed to approach Alnmouth GC to see if we can piggy-back an order with them. **Action: TC**

Captain's Matters

In the absence of the captain there was no report. However, it was noted that:

1. A band has been booked for captain's day evening
2. The planned Race Night is now scheduled for August.

Ladies' matters

LW reported that the Ladies section had agreed to purchase a new strimmer at a cost up to ca. withheld. LW will deal with this after the Greens Cttee has agreed what would be best.

Update on the Bridge

GD reported that there has been no progress since the previous offer. This is insufficient to replace the bridge. It was agreed we should continue to press for a better offer. If this is not forthcoming or is insufficient we will need to agree what to do – e.g. repair if possible, dismantle and build a path. Whatever, this will require discussion with members.

Personnel Matters

None

Any Other Business

- (vi) It was noted that Michael Sawley has made a superb job of restoring the tables and the Ladies section are sending him a thank-you card.

- (vii) TC reported that Paul Douglass has offered to arrange some evening social events. It was reed he could go ahead on this. **Action: TC**
- (viii) GD will provide detail so that TC can write to NCC concerning some survey work as part of the action to resolve the water problems on the 2nd fairway. **Action: GD/TC**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 7th July, 1.00pm in the clubhouse. **Note: this is a change from the previously published date.**

WARCKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 07 July 2014

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

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

Apologies: none

Membership: The Chairman informed the meeting that Graham Sawley had resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

Minutes of the Meeting Held 12 May 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

(i) On-line booking system – it was confirmed this will go live as planned for the am/pm medal on 09 August. Detailed instructions have been sent to all members for whom we have an e-mail address. Notices will go up this week directed at those who have not received instructions electronically. It was further noted that normally entry sheets go live two weeks prior to the competition but for the first competition the entry will go live three weeks in advance (i.e. on 19 July) to allow time to deal with any problems that arise. TC/JD are to be on-hand on 09 August to deal with any problems arising from the need to enter on the day and the revised system for inputting results. There is an issue with the Club Championship on 16 August due to the fact that a member can enter only once and the event is 36 holes. However, JD has a way round this that will be advised to members when the sheet goes live on 02 August. Action: TC/JD

(ii) PL/LW were thanked for carrying out the full inventory of trophies. It would appear the only ones not in the Club's possession are the Deuchar Cup (location unknown), Coquet trophy (S Glass), J Shotton (Mas J Watson) and Championship Medal (N Holden). The Dock Cup requires re-assembling (JD to action) and we are missing the Cup (but not base) of the Slater Cup. The Co-op funeral parlour is to sponsor a second trophy and JD/IM will liaise to agree which. Action: JD/IM

(iii) To move the entrance hall tiling forward, GD has contacted Michael Sawley ask him to paint the foyer at a price to be agreed. This will go ahead when he has time. When this is done the Ladies section will pay for new flooring. LW will co-ordinate this. Action: GD/LW

(iv) GD has met with the Stewardess and it has been agreed she will continue to provide pots of tea but the profit will be split between her and the Club.

(v) Missing photos of past captains are still being sought. Action: GD(vi) TC reported that the couple who had expressed an interest in a marquee wedding on the car-park had decided not to go ahead.

(vii) It was noted that the re-upholstery in the lounge is now complete.

(viii) CC reported that since adverse weather had resulted in both the home and away legs against Percy Woods seniors being postponed it had been decided not to rearrange either leg this year.

(ix) It was noted that the Match Secretary has taken over junior handicaps and that George Bremner has been advised of this.

(x) It was noted that there have been no further volunteers to join the course strategy group.

(xi) TC advised that, concerning the survey on the drainage on the 1st/2nd he was uncertain who, at NCC he was supposed to be writing to and what question he was asking. No member could enlighten so he is to contact Gary Scott. Action: TC

Correspondence

The Chair reported on messages received from two past members. Both have enquired about rejoining and whether there would be any reduction in fees for 2014/15. It was agreed to consider this under Finance and Membership later

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

It was agreed the Secretary would follow up the possible of a solar array and caravans as additional income sources. Action: TC

Concerning the matter of membership requests deferred from correspondence, it was noted that both had been members in 2013/14 but left to join another club. It was considered that to allow them back with a fee reduction would set an unwelcome precedent. It was agreed that they be advised to join as winter members from 01 October and pay the appropriate fee which, as usual, would then be offset against the 2015/16 fee. The Chairman to convey this decision to the relevant parties. Action JAG

Handicap Secretary

Following the decision to fill divots (see Greens report later) it was agreed that all newly filled divots be deemed GUR. The Match Secretary to investigate the effect of this on the qualifying status of any competitions held whilst the local rule is in place and to advise the starters for the Field Day on Saturday 12 July. Action: JD Greens Report

It was reported that the greens cutter had broken down again after its recent repair. As a temporary measure the heads had been transferred to the tee-box cutter. The green-keeper is hoping to be able to fix the matter this week.

It was reported that we have paid for the new strimmer but are uncertain if it has been delivered yet. GD to investigate. Action: GD

It was agreed the fence line along 7/8/9 should be strimmed only if there is time. Since there is much else, considered more important, to do, it is likely the line will not be strimmed until the end of the season.

It was noted that both sides of Killie have been strimmed as requested.

It was reported that spraying to reduce perennial weeds is complete

We continue to shoot rabbits (25+ in June) but with limited success in terms of reduced damage.

Those members who had raked bunkers during the holiday of the green-keeper were thanked.

It was noted the divot filling party is scheduled for Thursday 10 July. It was agreed to start at 4.00pm.

The Captain will be in attendance at 3.30pm to co-ordinate with the green-keeper. CC and JAG will be there to assist and TC will put out a message to members for help. The Chairman will open the bar for the free drink for participants. TC to advise the Stewardess and green-keeper of arrangements. Action: TC

It was reported that the water pipe to the far end has been fixed and that the 5th and 6th can now be watered. However, it was noted that we are awaiting a visit from the engineer to fix the problems with the sprinkler distribution board and until then all watering has to be controlled manually.

It was agreed to maintain the cut height at 4.0mm until the automatic watering is repaired. GD to advise decision to Green-Keeper. Action: GD

Work is urgently required on the recently levelled fourth winter tee. GD to advise the Green-Keeper of this. Action: GD

TC reported that after contact with the Secretary at Alnmouth GC they are agreeable to us adding bunker sand to their next order. However, this will not be until early 2015. It was considered this could fit well with plans to re-furbish some bunkers over winter. This matter to be considered later when the winter programme of work is agreed. TC to advise Alnmouth GC. Action: TC

Captain's Matters

The captain gave a brief report on recent events. These included the outing to Ryton, the good performance of the match-play team under Darrin's guidance, the quiz night and Captain's Day. He thanked all those who had helped. He advised future events are a Race Night on 16 August (fixed), another quiz night in September and an event when the Three Dead Beats will again perform. He confirmed the Dinner dance as 07 November.

He advised that another edition of the Captain's log will be ready for the web-site shortly and that two visitors from his home course in Masham had complimented the Club on the course.

He requested permission (granted) to go ahead with sponsorship of a set of flags.

Ladies' matters

No matters to report.

Update on the Bridge

GD reported that our agent is still hopeful of getting an increased offer from the insurance company. It was agreed to continue to press but that by the end of the season we need to progress the matter with a view to presenting options to members.

Personnel Matters

None

Any Other Business

I. League Open day, Saturday 12th July. This is a two session start. JD will do session 1, 8.00 to 9.30 and JAG session 2, 11.30-1.00. JD to return to do the cards in the evening and enter in the computer. Assuming divot filling goes ahead starters will need to advise competitors of the local rule. The Captain and Les Graves will also be assisting when not playing.

Action: JD/JAG

II. Gent's Invitation Day, 03 August. Agreed we should provide prizes. JD to advise TC of likely prize fund 1 week in advance and TC to source prizes. The Ladies offered to take money/give out cards – offer gratefully accepted. Also, need to take phone numbers so prize giving can take place.

Agreed to have proper starters – Captain to do first session and TC second. Presentation by the Captain to take place in the evening. JD will come up to do the cards. Action: JD/TC/JS/PL as appropriate

III. Club Championship – agreed to revert to the practice of presentation by Captain by the 18th green immediately after the conclusion. This should be about 5.00pm. JD will come up to do the cards. Action: JD/JS

IV. Joe Shotton Day – it was agreed the Club would contribute a case of wine for the prize fund. TC to source same. Action: TC

V. Since the change to the Ladies' Invitation Day to Sunday 27 July, Saturday 02 August is a free day. It was agreed to run a medal on that day. Action: JD

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 7th August 1.00pm in the clubhouse. Note: this is a change from the previously published date.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Thursday 07 August 2014

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

Apologies: none

Minutes of the Meeting Held 07 July 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (xlvi) It was noted that the system's first competition is the am/pm medal on 09 August. JD will be in the clubhouse from 07.30am to resolve any problems encountered with the new signing on/scorecard input system. He also intends to be present similarly on 16 August for the start of the Club Championship. It was reported that the only problem encountered to date concerns a member who has Warkworth as his second club and does not appear able to 'see' the start sheets. We are following this up with HDID.

Action: JD

- (xlix) As the Castle Cup has been located it was agreed to use the sponsorship to replace the J R Forster Cup

Action: JD/IM

- (l) It was noted that Michael Sawley will paint the foyer when he has time.

Action: GD/LW

- (li) Missing photos of past captains are still being sought. Dave Parker was seen at the recent Invitation day and he has promised to provide a photo asap.

Action: GD

- (lii) It was reported that the drainage survey on the 1st/2nd is now complete. JD/GD to discuss a way forward with the Duke's agent.

Action: JAG/GD

- (liii) JAG reported that he had informed the two members interested in re-joining of the Committee's decision on fees and that the matter is now in their hands to progress or not.

- (liv) It was reported that following review of the R&A rules it is not possible to declare newly filled divots as GUR for a Qualifying Competition. Accordingly a notice had been posted making the newly filled divots GUR for general play but not for official competitions.

- (lv) The Secretary reported that there has been no progress on the idea of income from a caravan site. Concerning the solar panels he is having a site meeting with a surveyor from Minel Energy on Friday 8th August.

Action: TC

Correspondence

The Secretary read out an e-mail received from XXXXX concerning the difficulty of seeing people in Killie and coming from the 5th tee-box whilst standing on the Ladies' 16th. PL and LW agreed with the sentiments. A number of possible solutions were discussed. It was agreed putting warning bells was probably the best option. GD to take this forward with the Greenkeeper. JD will supply a redundant cylinder.

Action: GD

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

It was agreed winter membership for 2014/15 would be £125 for the period 1 October to 28th February. The Chair raised the need for the accounts to be audited prior to the AGM. LW will approach Karen Little and will advise the Treasurer of the outcome. If she cannot do the job the Captain has a colleague who might be able to assist.

Action: LW/GD

The Secretary asked the Treasurer to send the appropriate remittance and remaining cards to the County Secretary.

Action: GD

The Secretary will provide the Treasurer with the necessary detail so he can send the Junior Patrons money and names of Patrons to the secretary.

Action: TC

Handicap Secretary

The Handicap Secretary advised of three rulings needed during the month. These covered the abandoned Coquet/Island Trophy, the countback needed to resolve a tie after the seniors outing and the closing date for the KO trophy. All had been resolved satisfactorily.

The captain asked that there be a 9 hole Texas Scramble on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August with a shotgun start. This was agreed and JD will post a start sheet. **Action: JD**

It was agreed the Turkey Trots be qualifying whilst run from the summer tee-boxes but non-qualifiers when moved to the winter boxes. The summer boxes will be used for as long as possible, dependent on the weather.

The abandoned Coquet/Island Trophies have been re-scheduled for Saturday 27th September.

JD reported that he is taking two weeks holiday after the Club Championship. The Secretary will act as Match Secretary whilst he is away. TC will meet with JD to have a lesson in how to use HDID/Club 2000.

Greens Report

It was reported that the greens cutter is now working satisfactorily and that the strimmer had been delivered and was in use.

The fence line along the 7th/8th/9th has been strimmed.

The Chairman reported that the recent divot-filling working party had been the most successful for several years with more than 15 members turning up to help.

Rabbit damage continues to be an issue. Of particular concern is the damage being done to the bunker to the left of the 5th green. TC agreed to see if repairs can be done asap. **Action: TC**

It was reported that the sprinkler system is now fully operational again.

It was noted that the winter 4th tee-box would not be available for use this year. The intention is to cut a temporary tee on the area of the old 3rd green.

The Ladies asked that a temporary tee be cut on the far side of Killie, as before. This was agreed and the Lady Captain will liaise direct with the Greenkeeper on this. **Action: PL**

The Chairman asked members to bring forward ideas for the winter programme for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: ALL**

Captain's Matters

The Captain expressed some concern over the viability of the forthcoming Race Night, due to the known absence of several regular event attendees. As a result he is cancelling this for 16th August and will endeavour to re-schedule.

Other forthcoming events are a Quiz Night on 20th September, the return of the Three Dead Beats on 11th October and he reminded members of the Dinner dance on 07th November.

Ladies' matters

The Lady Captain asked about running the Temple Trophy on 7th October. It was pointed out that this falls during the annual period when greens are verti-drained etc. It was suggested the Ladies run this Trophy on the date scheduled for their final medal, namely 30th September. The Ladies Committee will consider this at its next meeting.

The Lady Captain asked that the bench outside the clubhouse be moved to the hut next to the 5th tee-box with the one on the decking replacing it. This was agreed.

Update on the Bridge

There has been no further progress. It was agreed we need to finalise this matter by the end of September so that we can take options to the AGM in November.

Personnel Matters

The Treasurer reported that the Assistant Greenkeeper will be off work for at least 2 months. He updated the Committee on sick-pay implications. A major concern is the continued maintenance of the course. Whilst the Greenkeeper will be able to maintain grass-cutting etc there will not be time for some other routine matters such as bunker-edge strimming. A number of possible solutions were discussed and it was agreed to mandate the treasurer to take appropriate action asap. **Action: GD**

Any Other Business

- I. Following the poor attendance at the Gents' Invitation Day and the Centenary Trophy it was agreed that when the 2015 fixture list is agreed:
 - (i) The Centenary Trophy and Invitation Day revert to Saturdays.
 - (ii) Any competitions run on a Sunday be 'minor' trophies.
 - (iii) We would liaise with Alnmouth (Foxton) to ensure that the Joe Shotton does not clash with any major event being run there.

- II. The Treasurer reported that BT is installing fibre optic cable. This should speed up internet access and result in a slightly lower bill.
- III. IM asked for the receipts for the sponsored trophies so he can re-claim the money.
- IV. IM asked the Club to provide a prize for the Amble Darts Club raffle. This was agreed. **Action: TC**
- V. It was noted that there had to be better liaison between the Match Secretary and Treasurer when 2015 membership is coming in so that the two data-bases interface. This will mean amending the application form to collect additional information such as EGU number and other club membership details.
Action: TC
- VI. The Chair reminded members that the date of the AGM had been brought forward to Tuesday 11th November and it will be necessary to finalise the agenda/papers etc. in October.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 15th September at 10.00am in the clubhouse. **Note: this is a change from the previously published date.**

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 15th September 2014

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

Apologies: J Simpson (Captain), C Chandler (Seniors Captain)

Minutes of the Meeting Held 07 August 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

(i) In general the On-line competition booking is working well though there have been some instances when players have not signed in before play. TC will highlight this in the next newsletter. There remains the problem of players with two clubs not being able to book. JD will work with HDID to find a resolution to this. It was noted that a prospective member from Tyneside has said that the availability of on-line booking will be a significant plus when he finally makes a decision as to which club to join.

Action: JD/TC

(ii) A replacement for the J R Forster Cup has been purchased using the sponsorship money from the Co-op Funeral Parlour.

(iii) Upgrading the foyer is progressing well. Thanks to Michael Sawley for his work, the Ladies section for the floor tiles and Michael Hindhaugh for the signing-in bench

(iv) Photos of all past-captains have been obtained with the exception of Michael Lucas.

(v) The drainage survey of the 1st/2nd has been sent to the Duke's Agent. The further information recently provided by Dave Gray will also be sent and if we have not heard anything in a week the Chair & Treasurer will contact the office to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter. Action: JAG/GD

(vi) The Secretary reported on his recent meeting with a supplier of solar panels. The financial implications were discussed. The Committee agreed that whilst the figures were favourable, the payback time and initial capital outlay made the installation of panels was something we cannot afford at this time. The Secretary further reported that there has been no progress on the idea of income from a caravan site.

Action: TC

(vii) The Treasurer reported that County Card money had been sent but he had not been able to deal with the Junior Patrons as the Secretary had not yet provided the necessary information. TC promised to act on this asap. Action TC/GD

(viii) TC reported that a prize had been sent to the Amble Darts Club.

Correspondence

The Secretary read out an e-mail received from a member concerning the state of the course, especially a perceived disparity between its condition on special events such as the Seniors Open and other Open Days and regular Saturdays. Members discussed the points at length. Overall they did not agree with the sentiments in the e-mail. The Secretary will draft a letter of reply for approval by the Chair Action: TC

The e-mail from Dave Gray with additional information about the drainage problems was read out.

Resulting action has been noted under matters arising (v), earlier.

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

It was reported that there had been no reply from XXXXXXXX concerning auditing the accounts. Since this has to be done in October it was agreed we have to pay the commercial rate. Action: GD

Handicap Secretary

JD reported that the re-scheduled Coquet/Island Trophy start sheet is now open.

It was agreed the Turkey Trots would have start sheets on HDID and where possible the system would be used for winter competitions. JD will produce a schedule of winter competitions

Action: JD

The Match Secretary will table a draft 2015 competition schedule for consideration at the meeting towards the end of October. The Secretary reported that he has communicated with Alnmouth GC over the 2015 date of their Invitation Day so we can ensure there is no clash with the Joe Shotton. Alnmouth GC advise that the Invitation day will be the equivalent Saturday as this year, i.e. 25th July.

Action: JD

There was a discussion over problems with the results for the Club Championship. It was agreed that next year it is essential the Match Secretary or a deputy is in the clubhouse at the end of the completion to process the results immediately.

Greens Report

Work has been done with wire netting on bunker faces to try to prevent rabbit damage. This appears to be working. TC reported that we have approved another person to shoot rabbits in a further effort to reduce numbers.

It was reported that the sprinkler system is not working properly again despite it recently being repaired. This has resulted in some flooding. We are awaiting a visit by the engineer to try and rectify the problem. The bank on Killie is to be strimmed again. It was agreed that the winter programme would concentrate on upgrading/restoring bunkers and bring the tee-boxes up to a higher standard. If possible the path down the hill from the first tee will be improved/lengthened. Consideration will also be given to improving the sight-lines from the Ladies' 16th/Men's 7th into Killie. It was also agreed to implement a members suggestion that some posts be put in the rough on the right of the 2nd to aid in ball location. GD to advise the Greenkeeper.

Captain's Matters

In the absence of the Captain there was no report.

The Secretary will contact the captain to confirm dates of forthcoming events.

Concern was expressed that the Captain was not in the Clubhouse to make the presentation after the recent Texas Scramble that had been organised at his request.

Ladies' matters

It was confirmed that the Bingo evening would go ahead in October.

The Lady Captain asked if it was possible for the Ladies' 4th/13th tee boxes to be swapped over.

However, it was noted that this suggestion had not been agreed by the Ladies' committee.

Therefore, it was referred back. If approved, then the Lady Captain will liaise with the Handicap Secretary who will ascertain if there are any problems over the distribution of stroke indices.

LW asked about the possibility of grants. The Secretary advised that he had been investigating possibilities but so far none had been found that the Club is eligible to apply for.

Update on the Bridge

The intent is to take options to the AGM in November for consideration by members. The Treasurer will put together a costed option paper for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.

Options will include, at the minimum, three, (i) a new bridge, (ii) repairing the existing bridge, (iii) a graded path though Killie. (In respect of the last of these it was noted that Darrin Hindhaugh has given information on cost of hiring machinery).

Personnel Matters

It was noted that the Assistant Green-keeper has returned to work.

AGM Matters

The Chair circulated an action plan with dates for preparation for the AGM.

Any Other Business

(i) It was agreed that we should hold copies of buggy insurance certificates as a failsafe to ensure all members using buggies have insurance as required by the Club. Action: TC
(ii) It was agreed to introduce an incentive scheme to try to attract new members. Initially any member who introduces a new member will receive a £50 voucher to be spent over the bar. Action: TC

(iii) IM asked if the Club was interested in taking on trainee green-keepers under the HE internship scheme. It was agreed he would investigate the implications further and report back at a future meeting. Action: IM

(iv) The Chair reminded members that the Golf club Secretaries' Christmas meeting is to be held at the Club on Friday 5th December. He will check that this is in the diary.

Action: JAG

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 13th October, 10.00am in the Clubhouse. Please note this is a change from that agreed at the meeting due to the non-availability of the Captain on the previous date.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note: Items confidential have been withheld from the published minutes

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 20th October 2014

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

Apologies: J Simpson (Captain), C Chandler (Seniors Captain), P Lewis (Lady Captain), L Wraith

Minutes of the Meeting Held 13 October 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (lvi) JD confirmed he had reported the issue of booking at two clubs to HDID.
- (lvii) Photos of all past-captains have been obtained with the exception of Michael Lucas.
Action: TC
- (lviii) The Chair reported on the meeting with the Duke's Agent to discuss drainage issues. This had been also attended by the Treasurer and Dave Gray. The outcome is that DG and the Estate will together draft a letter to go to the Environment Agency detailing the problems resulting from the action taken to re-create the salt marshes along the old river bed.
- (lix) The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to the Northumberland Union concerning an award to Elliott Proctor.
- (lx) The Chair advised he had not yet circulated the letter from a member referred to in the previous meeting but will do so asap.
Action: JAG
- (lxi) It was noted that notices concerning the running of the Turkey Trots and local rules concerning bunker repairs and greens maintenance had been posted.
- (lxii) The Match Secretary advised that the deadline of posting the final card-checked results by noon on Sunday had been met and that this target will continue to be met.
- (lxiii) It was noted that keys had been cut and the alarm list confirmed. The alarm company has been informed of the revised call-out list.
- (lxiv) The Chair that he had not yet had chance to consult the Constitution wrt substitutions.
Action: JAG

Correspondence

None to report

Finance and Membership:

No update on the previous report.

Handicap Secretary

The Match Secretary tabled a draft fixture list for 2015. After some comment it was agreed he should circulate it electronically for comment with the intention of confirming the list at the next meeting.

Action: JD

It was agreed we need to be more imaginative over winter competitions since members are a little fed-up with a diet of yellow balls. It was noted that Graham Sawley has some interesting ideas and it was agreed that the Match Secretary will meet with GS and draw up a schedule for January/February to incorporate some new formats.
Action: JD

Greens Report

- (i) The electrics do not seem to be working wrt the switching solenoids for the sprinkler system. JD will deal with this.
Action: JD
- (ii) It was reported that the second fairway has been seeded and all greens tined and top-dressed.
- (iii) The move to the winter tees will be at the start of November. Thereafter winter maintenance work will be the main focus of the Greenkeeper. It was agreed that JAG and GD will meet on

Wednesday 22nd October to finalise the priority order for bunker work. The Secretary reported that following the recent newsletter some offers of labouring help were being received. He will collate these and then we can decide how this extra labour can be best used.

Action: TC

Captain's Matters

In the absence of the captain there was no report. However it was noted that a 'wine list' for the Dinner dance has been posted.

The Presentation Night was confirmed as Friday 28th November. JD will ensure trophies are in place and clean. If JD is not available, the secretary will assist the Captain.

The Christmas party was confirmed as Saturday 13th December. It was agreed that this evening be used as the presentation night for the Turkey Trots.

The Secretary will e-mail the Captain to update him.

Action: TC

Ladies' matters

In the absence of ladies no report.

Update on the Bridge

The need for a report to go out with the AGM papers was emphasised. It was agreed JAG and GD will meet on Wednesday 22nd October to write this and then send it to the Secretary by Saturday 25th October for despatch with the rest of the AGM papers.

Action: JAG/GD

Personnel Matters

None

AGM Matters

Papers will be sent out by e-mail on Sunday 26th October. All are now with the exception of a report from the Ladies' section and the Bridge.

3rd Party Insurance

The Secretary drew the attention of members to a collective members' insurance policy covering 3rd party risk. Since this is very reasonable it was agreed to make a proposal on its adoption at the AGM. The Secretary will take this forward.

Action: TC

Report on the League AGM

The League AGM had taken place at Rothbury GC on Wednesday 15th October. However the Captain had not attended as planned to represent the Club. Fortunately, at the last minute, the Treasurer had been able to go, accompanied by Graham Sawley. The outcomes were:

- (i) None of the proposals from Dunstanburgh GC had been supported.
- (ii) It had been agreed to consider further the idea of a seniors league and that Graham Sawley plus the Secretary will represent the Club at meetings to consider this proposal further.

Any Other Business

- (i) Item withheld

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 4th November, 9.00am in the Clubhouse (note: this meeting is to finalise any matters prior to the AGM as such is un-minuted)

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 13th October 2014

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

Apologies: C Chandler (Seniors Captain)

Minutes of the Meeting Held 15 September 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (lxv) It was reported that we have resolved the matter of individuals who are members of two clubs not being able to book on-line. However, it is considered there is a defect in the HDID system on this matter and this needs to be resolved by a programme rewrite by HDID at the next update. JD will convey this to HDID. **Action: JD**
- (lxvi) Upgrading the foyer is complete. Thanks to all concerned. **Action: TC**
- (lxvii) Photos of all past-captains have been obtained with the exception of Michael Lucas.
- (lxviii) A meeting has been arranged with the Duke's agent on Wednesday 15th October at 10.00am to discuss drainage. GD and JAG to attend on behalf of the Club. It was agreed that Dave Gray should be invited also. **Action: JAG/GD**
- (lxix) It was reported that the monies and list of payees to the Junior Patrons has been despatched to the Secretary.
- (lxx) It was reported that a reply had been sent to the author of the letter concerning the course discussed at the previous meeting.
- (lxxi) It was noted that a schedule of proposed winter competitions had been posted.
- (lxxii) The secretary reported that he now has an almost complete list of buggy insurances and he is chasing the couple outstanding. **Action: TC**
- (lxxiii) It was noted that the membership incentive scheme has been publicised.
- (lxxiv) There was nothing to further to report on the idea of trainee green-keepers under the HE internship scheme.
- (lxxv) The Chair confirmed that the Secretaries' event on 5th December is now in the diary.

Correspondence

An e-mail from a member was read out by the Chair. It was agreed it was too long to consider there and then and that members need time to read it. It was therefore agreed that the Chair would circulate it and it be considered at the next meeting. **Action: JAG**

A letter from the Northumberland Union concerning a possible recognition of the work done by Elliott Proctor during his long service as Secretary. The Committee agreed that the idea of giving him permanent course courtesy at all Northumberland courses was a good one and that Warkworth would go along with this. The Secretary to advise the President. **Action: TC**

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld.

The Captain initiated a discussion on bar stock and stock-taking procedures. The Committee decided it was content with the current arrangements.

Handicap Secretary

It was noted that there was some confusion over the running of the Turkey Trots that should have been resolved before the series began. It was agreed that all monies (other than an optional 2s pot) should go into the prize fund with the overall winner and each weekly winner getting a guaranteed prize. Prizes further down the leader board would depend on the amount of money in the pot. It was noted that the first three rounds were to be played from the summer tees and were qualifiers for handicap purposes. The final four rounds from the winter tees would be non-qualifiers but to ensure equity all players beating

the Course SS would have reductions in the usual way. The Secretary to post a notice.

Action: TC

The Match Secretary confirmed the draft fixture list for 2015 would be available for consideration at the next meeting.

Action: JD

It was noted that a notice with a local rule to deal with the recent repair work to bunkers needs to be posted. The Match Secretary will deal with this.

Action: JD

It was agreed the practice of posting on HDID 'provisional competition' results which had not been confirmed against the cards was not satisfactory. It was therefore agreed that under normal circumstances the Match Secretary would post the final, card-checked result on notice-boards and HDID by noon on Sunday. If, for any reason, the Match Secretary cannot meet this deadline he will contact the Secretary who will undertake the task. The only exception to this will be the Club Championship which as has been previously agreed will have the final, confirmed, card-checked result posted immediately after the second round is completed.

Action: JD

Greens Report

It was reported that the sprinkler system is not working properly again despite it recently being repaired. This has resulted in some flooding. We are awaiting a visit by the engineer to try and rectify the problem. The bank on Killie has not been strimmed due to other pressing work.

It was noted that due to a mix-up over dates (not our fault) the work by contractors on the green had been carried out later than planned. The Match Secretary advised that Congu regulations expressly forbid Committees declaring a competition 'non-qualifying' due to routine greens maintenance and so the next Turkey Trot would be run as planned.

The Treasurer tabled a report from the Green-keeper in which he expresses his concern over the decision not to slit this year. After some consideration it was decided to continue with the already agreed winter work, concentrating on bunkers and tees. It was agreed that it would not be possible to deal with all outstanding bunker work in one year and that these needed to be prioritised. Members to e-mail their priority list to GD/JAG before Wednesday 15th August. GD and JAG were mandated to agree a priority list taking account of comments and convey this to the Green-keeper.

Captain's Matters

The Captain confirmed that he would be providing wine at the annual dinner dance. He also advised that black tie was 'preferred' not required. He will liaise with the Chairman over the seating plan. TC confirmed he had sent out an e-mail asking those attending to pay asap.

Action: JS/JAG

The annual presentation night was confirmed as Friday 28th November.

Action: JS

The Christmas party was confirmed as Saturday 13th December.

Action: JS

Ladies' matters

It was confirmed that the Bingo evening was going ahead on Thursday October 16th.

The Lady Captain advised that the Ladies' Committee had decided not to proceed with the idea of swapping the 4th and 13th tees.

Update on the Bridge

The intent is to take options to the AGM in November for consideration by members was confirmed. The Treasurer will put together a costed option paper for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting. Options will include, at the minimum, three, (i) a new bridge, (ii) repairing the existing bridge, (iii) a graded path through Killie. (In respect of the last of these it was noted that Darrin Hindhaugh has given information on cost of hiring machinery).

It was noted that this is likely to be a matter generating much discussion at the AGM and that members, especially the Chair, need to try to foresee likely questions and have ready answers. It was also emphasised that the Chair will be speaking on behalf of the Committee and that it is important that members do not interfere unless specifically asked to comment.

Personnel Matters

None

AGM Matters

It was confirmed the AGM notice has been posted on notice boards and to the web-site. The meeting to confirm matters was confirmed as Tuesday 4th November, time tba.

Any Other Business

- (ii) The Secretary advised that the NNL AGM will take place on Wednesday 15th October, 7.30pm at Rothbury GC. It was agreed the Captain would be representing the Club. The Committee agreed to support the proposals from Dunstanburgh GC on nominations for A teams and concerning the President's Bowl. It was agreed, in principle, to support a Seniors League, subject to various matters being resolved satisfactorily prior to any final agreement.

(iii) It was reported that we need to update the alarm contact list. It was agreed the list will be the Secretary, Treasurer, Ian Moyes and, subject to his agreement, Graham Sawley. JAG will arrange for keys to be cut as necessary for the list members and a briefing on procedures. Once this has been done the secretary will write to the Alarm Company with the contact details of the list members.
Action: JAG/TC

(iv) The Captain raised an issue concerning substitutions at meetings when a member cannot attend. The Chair agreed to consult the constitution and report back at the next meeting.

Action: JAG

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 20th October, 1.00pm in the Clubhouse.

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 09th December 2014

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

Apologies: J Simpson (Captain), C Chandler (Seniors Captain)

Minutes of the Meeting Held 20 October 2014:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (lxxvi) Photos of all past-captains have now been obtained.
- (lxxvii) The recent communications from D Gray concerning the drainage problem were noted. In the light of the comments it was agreed a further meeting needs to be held with Maria Hardy. The Chair will deal with this and liaise with DG. **Action JAG**
- (lxxviii) The comments made in an e-mail from a member were not discussed due and were deferred to the next meeting. The Secretary will send a reply to the author and the Chair will ensure discussion at the next meeting. **Action: JAG/TC**
- (lxxix) It was noted that the competition result for Saturday 6th December had not been posted in accordance with the agreed deadline. It was emphasised that this deadline is non-negotiable and must be met. **Action JD**
- (lxxx) The Chair updated members on the constitution with respect to substitution attendees. The Committee affirmed itself content with the current practice.
- (lxxxi) The Match Secretary confirmed that the fixture card has been proofed and is now with the printer.
- (lxxxii) Following the recent presentation evening it was noted that the only trophy now missing is the Castle Cup. However, it was reported that there had been no medals for the am/pm medal winners and the Lifeboat Shield had not been there to present. It was agreed that this situation is not acceptable and the Match Secretary will ensure it does not happen again. **Action: JD**
- (lxxxiii) The Secretary reported that the 3rd party liability agreed at the AGM starts on 1st January 2015 and that members will become covered when they have paid their annual subscriptions (or first instalment if using the Club's staged payment option.)
- (lxxxiv) The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to the Senior's Captain elect concerning ex gratia payments.

Correspondence

None to report

Finance and Membership:

Item withheld

The Treasurer advised that annual subscription letters will be sent out this week.

Handicap Secretary

It was agreed that the remainder of the winter competition programme for January/February 2015 would comprise 4 rounds of the winter league, one Texas Scramble and four 'new' competitions. The Secretary will forward competition formats to the Match Secretary and that he would decide the sequence.

Action: TC/JD

It was agreed the normal charging format for winter competitions (other than the Winter League) should be £2.50 entry/£1 optional 2s. For the Winter League rounds the format will be £1.50 entry/£1 optional sweep/£1 optional 2s.

Action: JD

Greens Report

- (iv) JD will arrange with Kevin Lewis for the electrics for the sprinkler system to be mended.

Action: JD

- (v) It was agreed that the remainder of the winter programme will comprise completing the bunker work, tee boxes, machinery maintenance and improving the areas around the gorse bushes between the 4th and 7th. In respect to the last item a working party will be formed to assist and ca20 new gorse plants will be bought. This will start on 6th January 2015. The Committee emphasised that out of this programme they require the summer tee-boxes to be in good condition and fully prepared for the start of the 2015 season.
- (vi) It was agreed that the 'muddy path' being used to walk round Killie will be improved using wooden edging and wood chippings. The Treasurer will source the chippings.
- (vii) The Green keeper's holiday period will comprise 19th December – 5th January but he will work during that period to prepare the course for the Bottle Bash on 27th December.
- (viii) Warning signs are needed at the top and bottom of Killie and for the new warning bell in Killie. The secretary will advise IM of wording and he will produce the signs and pass to the treasurer for erection. **Action: TC/IM/GD**

Captain's Matters

The Christmas party was confirmed as Saturday 13th December. It was confirmed that this evening be used as the presentation night for the Turkey Trots. The Secretary will co-ordinate. **Action: TC**

Ladies' matters

LW reported that the Ladies' section will pay for engraving their trophies.

LW advised that there was uncertainty over current local rule concerning bunkers since the notices are posted in the Mens' locker room. The Secretary agreed, in future, to post course condition notices on the notice board in the foyer area and to send copies to the Ladies' for posting in their locker room.

LW asked if the Club had thought of trying the R&A for money to help with the bridge. It was agreed that the new 'bridge sub-group' (see under Bridge) would take this forward.

PL reported that this will be her last meeting as Lady Captain and that the new Captain, Joan Gray will be attending from the turn of the year. PL was thanked for all she has contributed.

Juniors

The Secretary reported on e-mail conversations with Roy Wilson. He advised that he has asked if either George Bremner or Roy would be willing to be co-opted onto the committee to present Juniors' issues. In the meanwhile it was agreed:

1. In future the Club would provide replicas to junior trophy winners. It was noted that this year the secretary has done so.
2. There would be a series of junior coaching events for juniors in 2015. **Action: TC**
3. We would aim to have a junior league team. **Action: TC**
4. We will investigate the possibility of a Junior Open in 2015. **Action: TC**

Update on the Bridge

In the light of the decisions taken at the AGM it was agreed appropriate to for a Bridge sub-committee be formed with the specific brief of taking forward the Bridge. This to consist of, at the outset, the Chair, Treasurer and IM. To be convened by the Chair. The sub-committee has authority to progress the Bridge and can co-opt other members if appropriate. A report will be made to each meeting of the full committee. **Action: JAG**

Personnel Matters

None

Any Other Business

- (v) The Secretary gave a brief report on the recent meeting held between the North Northumberland clubs and the Northumberland Golf Partnership. Other than noting that attracting and maintaining membership was the main issue with every club there was little to report yet, but the Northumberland Partnership organiser has taken away the comments from the meeting and will come back in due course with proposals.

- (vi) The recent meeting with Tony Kirsop from NCC was noted. The Bridge sub-committee will take anything relevant forward.
- (vii) It was agreed that the Club commit some funds to an advertising strategy. A group comprising the Secretary, IM and Captain will get together to agree this.
- (viii) It was reported that the Warkworth House Hotel is going to sponsor the Warkworth House Trophy.
- (ix) It was agreed to have a 1 hour meeting with the specific brief of generating ideas to increase participation and membership. This will take place on Tuesday 16th December, noon, in the Clubhouse. **Action: ALL**
- (x) In the absence of a Captain it was noted that others need to take on organising events he would normally have done. It was agreed that the Chairman would organise the evening event for the season's opening day and the Secretary the Club outing. **Action: JAG/TC**
- (xi) It was agreed the Secretary and Treasurer would liaise to ensure clubhouse opening/closing during the green keeper's holidays. **Action: TC/GD**
- (xii) It was agreed to have a 'self-help' New Year's Eve party in the Clubhouse with bar to 12.30am, pool supper, music and dancing and a raffle. The Chairman will organise this. **Action: JAG**
- (xiii) The Chairman will produce and circulate a schedule of committee meetings **Action: JAG**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 12th January 2015, 1.00pm in the Clubhouse.