

# Warkworth Golf Club Committee Minutes Archive 2016

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 11th January 2016

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

Apologies: J Simpson, I Moyes

Membership: It was noted that Pete Holleran is not re-joining the Club so is no longer a member of the Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 30th November 2015: These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

1. The Chair reported that he has had a communication from The Environment Agency that they will not be doing any work until February 2016 at the earliest.
2. It was reported that the Club cannot get out of its current electricity contract with SSE so no further action can be taken on energy costs.
3. The Chairman is still investigating clubhouse locking options. Chairman
4. The Secretary advised that following contact with the NNL League Secretary the situation wrt 2s on Field Days is that a) a club can decide whether or not to have a 2s but b) if it does, then this must be run in accordance with the League rules. In the light of this it was decided that Warkworth will not run a 2s sweep at its field day.
5. The Secretary advised that he had written to xxxxxxxxx conveying the committee's decision on carryover of fees for 2016.
6. The Treasurer will contact PHS hygiene services as a matter of urgency and if they are not prepared to reduce their charges the Club will take up the quote from the alternative supplier.
7. It was confirmed that the proposed competition on 17th February for the Pat Johnson Trophy is for the 2015 edition. The intent is to run it as a mixed competition in 2016.
8. The low number of attendees at the Presentation Evening was discussed. It was agreed it should continue in the same format but efforts will be made to increase the number of winners attending.
9. The low numbers at the NYE event was discussed. It was agreed that if we are to run something on NYE it needs to be better organised further in advance so it can be properly marketed,
10. The Secretary will progress arrangements for the joint 125th anniversary event with Ryton GC. Secretary
11. No report from IM concerning possible funding for the Juniors from The Rotary Club. IM
12. The Chairman has approached A MacKay concerning his possible co-option to the Committee but no answer as yet. Chairman
13. The tickets for the English Golf handicapping workshop were passed out.

14. Gavin Wales has asked that his new trophy be a junior bogey competition. A date needs to be agreed for this event since it is not on the fixture list. Match Sect

#### Correspondence

1. A letter from xxxxxxxx concerning a charity event was read out. It was agreed to provide a raffle prize. Secretary
2. Two requests from members that their membership be suspended for medical reasons were discussed. The Secretary will communicate Club policy, namely:
  - The current year's fees are to be paid.
  - The Committee will suspend all playing rights from a stated date but the individual remains a member of the Club. Suspension for a maximum of 6 months. Supporting evidence for suspension (e.g. a doctor's note) is required.
  - The member can apply for an extension of the suspension, subject again to supporting documentary evidence.
  - At the year-end the fee due for the subsequent year will be calculated taking account of the length of any suspension.

#### Finance and Membership:

1. It was reported that a budget spreadsheet for the 2015/16 FY has been drawn up and this will be used to monitor performance at the end of each quarter. The first quarter shows that green fee income is up by ca£1,000 and other heads are in line with budget. Expenditure is in line with budget.
2. In the interim months the Treasurer will provide a simple update statement against the heads used in past years.

#### Greens Matters

1. The revised OoB around the clubhouse needs marking. It was noted that no change is needed to the scorecard.
2. The verti-drainer has not yet been ordered and the action is on-hold pending an improvement in the weather
3. The new marker posts along the filed side of the 9th fairway cannot be seen from the tee and need some distinguishing feature adding. Greens Cttee
4. Possible solutions to the muddy area around the path by the Ladies winter tee are being considered. Greens Cttee
5. There remain some fence posts that need repairing. Greens Cttee

#### Competition Matters

1. It was confirmed the Pat Johnson Trophy for 2016 will be a 9 hole mixed Irish Rumble on Wednesday 17 th February. The Secretary and Lady Captain will liaise to organise. Secretary
2. There are only 5 slots left to be filled for the open Texas Scramble scheduled for Sunday 6th March.
3. The annual handicap review will be arranged in February by the Match Sect/Lady Match Sect. If available, the Secretary will attend also. Match Sect/Lady Match Sect
4. The Match Sect confirmed that the Club has entered the Daily Mail Classic. The Club has a bye in the first round and needs to identify a team for the next round. Secretary
5. As in past years the Club will be represented in the Daily Mail foursomes by the winners of the 2015 foursome K/O, Joe Henderson & Kyle Brown. If they are not able to represent the runners-up were M Scott & M Patterson.

Captain's Matters The Club still does not have a Captain. It was agreed we need to be pro-active in this and in the first instance the Chairman will approach xxxxxxxx. Chairman In the absence of a Captain we will need to identify an individual to take responsibility for the matchplay team

#### Ladies Section

The danger of the drive off the 7th tee box was again brought up. Two warning bells with relevant notices will be put up. Treasurer

#### Juniors

1. 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

2.It was agreed to have 8 junior coaching events in 2016. Secretary 3.The Match Secretary reported that the A Marshall Trophy is missing. He will check if the D Cook still has it. If not, a replacement will be purchased. Match Sect

4.The Match Sect will purchase replicas for each Junior Trophy in advance of the start of the season. Match Sect

#### Update on the Bridge

The Chairman reported that the bridge re-build is going ahead. Some foundations have been dug and the wood is being prepared. However, poor weather is impeding progress.

#### House/Social Matters

1. The Secretary reported that we will be hosting another 'Dark Skies Evening' on 8th February 2016. Tickets are now available on the Eventbrite website. Secretary

#### Personnel Matters None

#### AoB

The Secretary asked for guidance on a price for the Club outing. It was agreed up to £45 was reasonable.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 8th February 2016, 10.00am in the clubhouse.

#### WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 08th February 2016

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

Apologies: I Moyes

Membership: Alastair MacKay was welcomed to his first meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 11th January 2016: These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

1. The Chair reported that a meeting has been arranged for 29th February with the EA when the workings of the 'pipe closure' will be explained and dates for the start of work on the bund will be discussed. The Chair will communicate with Dave Gray on this.  
Chairman
2. The Chairman is still investigating clubhouse locking options. He advised that it is proving more complicated than anticipated and that the alarm company will need to be involved in any decision. Chairman
3. The Treasurer advised that PHS have submitted a revised contract that reduces the cost. However, it was agreed to approach another company before signing to get a competitive quote. Treasurer/Secretary
4. The Secretary advised that 6 members of the committee plus the President had decided to take up their invitations to the 125th anniversary event at Ryton. The remaining places will be open to all Club members. If over-subscribed there will be a ballot.  
Secretary
5. No report from IM concerning possible funding for the Juniors from The Rotary Club. IM
6. The Match Sect still needs to finalise a date for the new junior trophy. Match Sect
7. The Secretary confirmed that a prize had been sent to Paul Barwick to support his charity event.
8. The Secretary confirmed that he had communicated Club policy on membership suspension to the relevant members.
9. The Secretary advised that the Outing had been booked for Friday 3rd June at Bellingham GC.

#### Correspondence

1. An e-mail from Dave Gray concerning the car-park and muddy areas on the course was read out. The matters he raised are dealt with elsewhere in the minutes. The Secretary will write back to DG advising him of decisions/action.  
Secretary
2. Finance and Membership: Item redacted The Treasurer gave an update on membership. To date 33 members have not paid their 2016 fees. Reminders have been sent to all and it is anticipated that the majority will be paying after this. He also advised that the Club has attracted 5 new members following the offer in October 2015 and that winter membership is up considerably (probably occasioned by the very wet conditions elsewhere, though it is hoped some, at least, of these will decide to again become winter members next October.)

#### Greens Matters

1. It was emphasised that the revised OoB around the Clubhouse must be marked before the start of the summer season on 19th March. The scorecards have been amended to take account of the change and the Secretary will ensure the new OoB is well publicised before the season starts. Greens Cttee/Sect
2. The greens and tee-boxes have been verti-drained. The greens will be top-dressed towards the end of the month but the tee-boxes will not be top-dressed until a little later.
3. The new marker posts along the field side of the 9th fairway cannot be seen from the tee still need some distinguishing feature adding. Greens Cttee
4. The muddy area at the end of Killie is now drying up and so no action will be taken. However, if the bridge is not open by next winter we will need to take some action before the start of the winter weather to prevent a recurrence of the problem. Greens Cttee
5. There remain some fence posts along the 7th green need repairing. Greens Cttee
6. New flags for the pins will be in place for the start of the season. Greens Cttee

7. It was agreed to keep the practice of teeing-up in place for a further period as the course dried.

#### Competition Matters

1. The Secretary advised that the Texas Scramble Open on 6th March is now full. Dave Wilkinson has agreed to be starter; the Match Sect will provide cards; The Treasurer will provide the prizes of £120/£80/£60 and the Chairman will be available to make the presentation.

2. The annual HCP Review was agreed as 9.30am on Monday 22nd Feb. TC/JD/JG

3. The Secretary advised that four members have put themselves forward for the pool available to play in the Mail on Sunday Classic. We should know who and where we are playing during w/b 15th February. Match Secretary

4. The Match Sect will confirm that the winners of the foursomes K/O will be available to represent the Club in the Daily Mail foursomes – it was noted that they have not yet rejoined. If not available/eligible then he will approach the runners-up. Match Secretary

5. HCP matters: • XXXXXXXX has a non-competition handicap and will need to submit cards in accordance with England Golf rules from 1st March to regain his © status. • XXXXXXXX has lost his © status but as the Committee agreed to his membership suspension on medical grounds it was agreed it should use its allowed discretion to reinstate his © status without the need to submit cards. • The Secretary advised that he is posting a notice on ©/non-© status and the process to regain the © status. Secretary

6. The Match Sect advised that the hole-in-one scored on Saturday is not eligible for the HDID Boss Watch prize as the competition was a) non-qualifying and b) a team event.

7. It was agreed there would be a shot-gun start mixed 9-hole sweep (varying formats) on each Bank Holiday Monday. The Match Sect will be responsible for running these including being on the premises to do the cards immediately after the event ends. Match Sect

#### Captain's Matters

#### Ladies Section

1. The danger of driving off when not able to see into Killie was further discussed. It was noted that a warning bell has been placed in Killie for walkers to ring but this is not often used. The possibility of another bell by the tee-box was agreed but it was noted that even if this is rung there is still no guarantee that a walker will understand it or take notice and it would not absolve the player from his liability. Essentially it is the golfer's responsibility to ensure it is safe to drive and the only sure way is to walk forward to look. The Secretary will put a notice to this effect in the locker rooms and on the newsletter.

2. The Ladies are to organise some event, probably involving relevant era clothing/clubs/food to recognise the 125th anniversary. Further details later.

3. There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 26th March (Easter Saturday) and a Bingo night on Thursday 31st March.

#### Juniors

1. The Secretary is in the process of finalising the junior coaching for the 2016 season. Sect

2. The Match Sect will source a replacement for the missing junior trophy and ensure replicas are purchased prior to the start of the season. Match Sect

3. The Secretary advised that we are seeking to arrange some junior friendlies with other clubs.

Update on the Bridge The Chairman advised that considerable preparatory work has been done readying the wood for use when the weather improves. The Tuesday Group is going to re-stack the wood to ensure air can circulate. It was agreed that for security reasons the wood be moved out of site behind the 'Sawley Shed' and that the area be declared GUR.

#### House/Social Matters

The initial programme for the year was agreed: a. Opening day 26th March – some music event. JS to co-ordinate. b. April – Quiz Night (JS) c. May – Race Night (JS) d. June – Car Treasure Hunt (TC) e. August – Music Night (JS) f. Sept. – Cheese and Wine (JS) 2. Questions were asked about the wedding planned for late July. The Chairman will contact IM as a matter of urgency to get an up-to-date picture. Chairman

Personnel Matters Item redacted.

AoB 1. The state of the car park was discussed. It was agreed we need to do something and as a first stage the Chairman will contact NCC to ascertain if there are any road planings available. Chairman

2. JS gave an update on his contacts with local pubs etc to get prizes. He will contact The Warkworth House as a matter of urgency to ascertain if they are again to sponsor the Warkworth House trophy on 26th March.

3. Clubhouse guttering – The Chairman has ordered replacement brackets and when these are received the Tuesday Group will undertake the repairs.

4. The 'Sawley Shed' needs re-roofing as the felting has been blown off during the recent gales.

5. The Treasurer will purchase a new Club flag. He had investigated if buying a more expensive model would make it more resilient but advice was that it would still need replacing annually.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 14th March 2016, 1.30pm in the clubhouse.

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 14th March 2016

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

Apologies: J A Gray (Chairman), Mrs J Gray, J Simpson, A MacKay

In the absence of the Chair, The Secretary chaired the meeting

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 08th February 2016: These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

1.No progress to report on the clubhouse locking options. Chairman

2. It was decided to sign the revised contract with PHS and not to proceed with investigating the option of a hand dryer. Treasurer
3. It was noted that lists have been put up in both locker rooms for member wishing to play in the 125th anniversary event at Ryton to indicate interest. Secretary
4. IM reported that he seeing the Chair of Rotary tomorrow and will raise the matter of money for junior coaching then. IM
5. The Match Sect will liaise with Junior Organiser to set a date for the new Hotspur Trophy. Match Sect
6. The Secretary advised that he had sent a reply concerning the matters he had raised in his email.
7. It was noted that the car-park has been dealt with and The Treasurer advised that the work had cost £251.
8. The Treasurer reported that the guttering had been repaired.
9. The 'Sawley Shed' has been waterproofed.
10. A new flag has been ordered.
11. The Secretary reported that he had taken unilateral action at the end of February to change the playing conditions back to those agreed by the AGM, namely, no teeing-up

Correspondence None

Finance and Membership: Item withheld

#### Greens Matters

1. It was noted that white posts have been placed to delineate the revised OoB around the clubhouse and that notices have been posted to advise members. However, it was emphasised that we still need to paint a white line in accordance with the rules. Greens Cttee
2. The greens have been top-dressed. However, concern was expressed about the time-lapse (4 weeks) between the hollow-tining and the top-dressing. There was also discussion as to whether the idea of hollow-tining at this time of year has been a successful experiment. It was noted that as a consequence it had been necessary to make the Winter Championship a non-qualifier due to the amount of sand on the greens and that it was likely all competitions would be non-qualifiers until there was some growth. The greens committee were asked to take this up with the green-keeper. Greens Cttee
3. Nothing has yet been done to better highlight the marker post along the side of the 9th fairway. Greens Cttee
4. The fence posts along the 7th have been repaired/replaced.
5. New flags for the pins are in place.
6. It was agreed that there needs to be a meeting of the Greens Cttee as a matter of urgency as there are various matters that need dealing with. Chairman

#### Competition Matters

1. The Secretary advised that the Open Texas Scramble had been a success and several messages of commendation had been received from players from other clubs. Overall a profit of £280 had accrued.
2. The Secretary reported that the annual handicap review had been held. The Match Sect, Lady Match Sect and Secretary had attended. As a consequence a number of changes had been made to handicaps. Affected individuals had all been informed. The changes came into effect on Saturday 12th March. It was noted that the revised guidelines will

require the Hcp Cttee to meet every 8 weeks as the process of review is now on-going rather than once-a-year.

3.The Secretary advised that a team comprising H Holden, G Henderson, S Glass, J Glass and L Graves had represented the Club in the Mail on Sunday Classic and beaten Hexham GC 3/2. We will now our next opponents on Friday 18th March.

4.The Match Sect reported that the winners of the Foursomes K/O could not represent the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes so the runners-up, M Patterson and G Scott would be doing so.

5.The Match Sect advised that the procedure for Supplementary Scores had been finalised with signing-in books now in both locker rooms. Members have been advised of the procedure by notice and in the newsletter.

6. The Match Sect has posted the sheet for a 9 hole Texas Scramble, shotgun start, to be played on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th March.

7.The Match Sect advised he is waiting for detail of the Inter-County foursomes. As soon as this is to hand we will approach our best players to get a team. Sect/Match Sect

8.It was agreed that due to the amount of the sand on greens the Whittle Trophy on Saturday 19th March will be a non-qualifier. Thereafter the Sect/Match Sect will liaise to determine playing conditions on a week-by-week basis. The ladies' committee will determine their competition playing conditions. Sect/Match Sect

9. It was agreed to retain preferred lies, probably until the end of April.

#### Captain's Matters

#### Ladies Section

The Ladies advised that they had purchased a new water boiler and new tea-pots etc for the kitchen.

#### Juniors

1. The Secretary advised that junior coaching for the 2016 season has been organised. There will be 8x2hour sessions run by Mark, Asst Pro at Bedlingtonshire. Dates are (all Monday) 8/15/22 May, 18/25 July, 1/8/15 August. The Junior Organisers have been advised.

2. The Secretary reported that following a 'round-robin' circular the Junior Organisers are seeking to arrange some friendlies.

Update on the Bridge The Chairman had provided a brief update. The steel supports have been ordered and some timber preservative work done. Work is progressing on the concrete foundations. It is hoped that the foundation work will be completed in April. Some concern was expressed over the bridge taking priority over the course maintenance. It was emphasised that the course has to take precedence and that work on the bridge must only be done when time permits.

#### House/Social Matters

1. In the absence of JS the Secretary gave an update. The opening day programme has been fixed and advertised. A Race-Night has been arranged for Saturday 16th April and a car treasurer hunt tentatively diared for a Saturday in June. It was noted that these events will require some expenditure by the Club against, as yet, un-quantifiable income from tickets/bar sales. However, if we are to revive the social side of the Club we will need to invest some money but we will need to keep this under regular review.

2. The Ladies Bingo Night is fixed for Thursday 31st March and has been advertised



3. IM gave an update on the July wedding. Arrangements are proceeding well. However, some concern was expressed as to the purchase of drinks which the Club is organising. Whilst we cannot run out on the day we need to ensure we are not left with large quantities of unsaleable stock. The Match Sect agreed to investigate the possibility of buying on a sale-or return basis. Match Sect
4. IM gave an update on the Charity Event booked for 23rd April. (Subsequently we have been advised this has been cancelled).

Personnel Matters It was noted that the Asst Greenkeeper is now working 4 days per week, partly finance from the 'bridge fund'.

Environment Agency The Chairman had left a written update on the recent meeting with the EA about the problems being caused by their decision to open up the Castle Dyke. In summary, the EA is intending to (i) fit a WASTOP check valve on the pipe end to prevent any water ingress in to the pond, (ii) extend the height of the bund along the length of the wildlife habitat. They are also looking at the possibility of fitting a water-flow limiter at the bund bridge to reduce the amount of water entering the wildlife habitat and circumventing the reed bed with a ditch to allow the water to drain faster after a high tide. A further meeting will be held later in the year.

AoB

1. It was agreed that due to changes in the working patter on the Match Sect that Saturday results would be posted slightly later. However, it was emphasised that these will still be up by mid-Sunday afternoon at the latest.
2. The Secretary agreed to write a monthly blog for the website. Secretary
3. The Treasurer will liaise with plasterers over repairs to the committee room wall caused by water ingress. Treasurer
4. IM will liaise with the Lady Captain over photos for the website. IM/Lady Capt
5. It was agreed the Secretary will source a new computer. Secretary
6. The Secretary advised he will be placing an advert in the press towards the end of April.

DoNM Monday 11th April. 1.00pm in the clubhouse.

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Apologies: A MacKay

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 14th March 2016: These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

1. Still no progress to report on the clubhouse locking options. Chairman

2.The revised contract with PHS has been signed. It was agreed to purchase hand-dryers for both the Gen's and Ladies' washrooms. JAG will liaise with Dave Metcalf to expedite this. Chairman

3.The Secretary advised that we still need a further five players for the 125th anniversary event at Ryton. The Lady Captain will encourage more ladies to enter, and the Secretary will seek additional gents. Secretary & Lady Capt.

4. IM reported that he still has not been able to raise the possibility of money for the juniors with the Rotary Club. IM

5.The Match Set is waiting for a response from Junior Organiser to set a date for the new Hotspur Trophy. Match Sect

6. There is still concern over water ingress in the committee room. The Chairman will discuss this with plasterers. Chairman

6. The Secretary advised that a new computer had been purchased at a cost of £205. Subsequently the printer had 'died' and the spare proved not compatible with Windows 10 so a new one had been purchased for £35. Correspondence The Secretary advised that he had received an e-mail from an individual enquiring about the possibility of 'summer membership'. He had been advised the Club does not have such a category of membership.

#### Finance and Membership:

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

1. The Treasurer gave an update on membership. We have gained one additional member. The expectation is the 'footballers' will be re-joining shortly.

2. The Treasurer advised that we have received £1,675 from the insurance company following the recent break-in. It was agreed that when we receive the insurance quote for 2016/17 we seek additional quotes for comparison. Treasurer

Greens Matters The Chairman tabled the report of the Greens Committee held on 22nd March. Key points:

1. John Deere will be contacted to arrange repair of the tractor.

2. A review of various items of redundant machinery will be undertaken. Whilst some is kept for spares efforts will be made to dispose of those not needed for this purpose.

3. The triangle behind the 3rd has been re-painted and replacement 150yard markers on the 5th and 9th put in. The posts around the 6th and 1st and all red litter bins have been painted. The marker posts on the fence line on the 7th/8th/9th have been upgraded. The cost of replacing some 'tatty' ladies' tee markers will be investigated.

4. The tees are to be sprayed to combat moss.

5. The Committee will re-consider when the major maintenance of the greens is scheduled following the problems/comments concerning the tining done in January.

6. All bunkers will be raked on Saturdays prior to play.

7. The Committee will consider what work needs to be done on the winter tees prior. It was agreed some need enlarging/altering.

8. Some bunkers require remedial work.

9. A notice will be erected for the ladies entrance to prevent the problems with ladies coming in through the men's locker room.

10. The Sea Buckthorn will be looked after as it starts to bud.

11. It was agreed to organise a divot-filling party on Thursday 28th April. 4.00pm start. The Secretary will advertise in the news-letter and the Chairman will liaise with the GreenKeeper. Chairman/Sect

12. The ladies requested the 5th/14th tee-box be placed on the far side of Killie for their open on Saturday 7th May. The Treasurer will inform the Green-Keeper. Treasurer Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th April at 10.30am.

#### Competition Matters

1. The Club team of Garry Henderson, Stephen and John Glass, Ian Gray and Les Graves had beaten Alnwick 3/2 and will progress to round 4 of the Mail on Sunday Classic. It was agreed that the Club will meet the travel expenses of the team if drawn away in the next round.

2. Mel Patterson & Gary Scott represented the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes and had beaten the team from Dunstanburgh 4&2 to progress to round

3. John and Stephen Glass had represented the Club in the Inter-County foursomes. They lost to Backworth on the 19th .

4. The Match Sect advised that some members had taken advantage of the Supplementary Scores to regain their © status.

5. It was agreed to run a mixed 9-hole Irish Rumble on May 2nd, Bank Holiday. Shot-gun start at 4.00pm. The Match Secretary will post a start sheet. Match Sect

6. John Glass has agreed to manage the Wednesday match –play team. The Match Secretary has the entry form for the County Championship (division 2) and will liaise with JG to finalise the team. Match Sect

7. It was agreed to maintain preferred lies until the end of April. Captain's Matters Three possible captains were named. The Chairman will approach them to ascertain if they are willing to take on this role. Chairman

#### Ladies Section

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

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

#### House/Social Matters

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

2. The Ladies coffee morning and Bingo Night had gone off successfully.

3. A Race Night has been arranged for Saturday 16th April. This has been advertised by posters and in the newsletter.

4. JS will be running a quiz in May and The Secretary a car treasure hunt in June.

5. IM gave an update on the July wedding. Arrangements are proceeding well. The Match Sect advised that we can purchase on a 'sale or return' basis from both Coors and Bookers. IM advised that we do not need to source ice. As soon as the organisers advise on drink needs we will need to liaise with the Stewardess to arrange an order.

6. JS raised the price we levy for drinks. The Treasurer advised they had not increased for about 4 years. It was agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer would undertake a full

review of prices in conjunction with the Stewardess and make recommendations for the next meeting to consider. They will also consider the future of draught beers in view of the low turn-over. Chairman/Treasurer

Personnel Matters The Green-keeper is on holiday for a week from 2nd April.

Environment Agency Nothing to report

AoB 1. The Secretary advised that an advert had been placed to appear in the Gazette and Morpeth Herald before the end of April. This advertised a fee for the remainder of the year of £230. He will liaise with IM to ensure the website prices agree.

2. The Secretary and Match Secretary will attend the NNL AGM at Magdalene Fields on Wednesday 13th April.

3. The Chairman expressed concern over the heating/use of oil in the Clubhouse. The Secretary agreed to look at the timings and adjust if necessary. Secretary

DoNM Monday 9 th May at 10.00am in the clubhouse.

#### WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Apologies: L Wraith, I Moyes

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

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Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

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

Correspondence

See comments under 'Environment Agency'.

Finance and Membership: The Treasurer tabled a review of income and expenditure at six months compared to the previous year. The key points are that the Club is performing in-line with budget. The bank balance is almost identical with last year but this year the rent has been paid. In the case of expenditure the Treasurer explained the reasons behind variances in Clubhouse expenditure, wages and sundries were clarified to the satisfaction of members. Income is running ahead of budget largely due to a 30% increase in green fees. Membership income is as per last year. Item withheld

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

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

Competition Matters

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

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

Ladies Section

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

Juniors It was noted that the coaching starts this evening.

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

#### House/Social Matters

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

#### Personnel Matters None

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

#### AoB

1. The Secretary gave a brief report on the recent NNL meeting. The two key points were:
  - a. In future all clubs will be required to purchase, in advance, 5 tickets for the League dinner.
  - b. It is essential that when a club runs a field day the scores are entered and reported to the CDH before the results are sent to the League Sect.
2. It was agreed that it is unsatisfactory that those paying £10 for use of the trolley shed derive no benefit since it is always open during the day. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange for a Yale-type lock with ca 20 keys to be purchased. Those who had paid the £10 would be given a key and that thereafter the shed would be kept locked. The Secretary will publicise this before it is actioned. Chair/Sect
3. The Secretary advised that he had been contacted by the Performing Rights Association and asked various questions about Club status/use of music etc. A response from the PRA is awaited.
4. It was reported that some players had been bringing dogs onto the course. This is against Club rules. The Secretary will post notices to that effect. Secretary

DoNM Monday 13th June at 10.00am in the clubhouse.

#### WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 13th June 2016

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

Apologies: A MacKay

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 9th May 2016: These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

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

#### Correspondence

1. See comments under 'Environment Agency'.
2. Email from Alastair MacKay expressing concern over the open bolts in the recently poured bridge concrete posing a hazard to path users. The Greenkeeper will be instructed to place a temporary cover until such time as the wood is bolted on. GD
3. Following an e-mail from a member it was agreed to re-paint the lettering mill-stone at the entrance to the Club. Chairman Finance and Membership: Item withheld The Secretary reported that our bank details had been supplied to the firm managing the finances of teeofftimes.co.uk so payments should now be made correctly. The Treasurer advised that following recommendations from a member the Club's insurance had been moved to a new company with an annual saving of ca£1,700. The Treasurer advised that by moving supplier we will be able to save ca£750 on waste disposal but this cannot be enacted until the present contract expires next year. Members were advised of a recent communication concerning the VAT refund and that the Treasurer will be submitting a new claim. GD

Greens Matters The minutes of the Greens Committee held 6th June are appended.

Key matters:

1. When finance is available the priority will be to purchase new/reconditioned gang mowers for the semi-rough.
2. The course will be treated for daisies shortly. (The previous attempt had been postponed due to high winds.)
3. The previous treatment to eradicate Pearlwort has not been successful will be repeated as soon as weather conditions permit.
4. There is an issue with fairy rings on the practice green and the 5th green. In the 1990's the Club had successfully treated fairy rings with a proprietary product. Investigations will be made to ascertain if this is still available.

5. Repairs to the bunker on the left of the 8th green will form part of the winter programme.
6. Efforts have been made to improve the sight-lines into Killie from the tee-boxes. However, these are insufficient and further measures will be taken. In the meantime the Secretary will communicate the need for players to ascertain that Killie is clear before driving off.
7. Concern was expressed over the poor state of some tee-boxes during a recent Wednesday match-play league match. The Treasurer will take this up with the Greenkeeper. GD

#### Competition Matters

- (i) The Mail on Sunday Classic team has beaten Whitley Bay to progress to round 6. The Club has been drawn at home against Chester-le-Street. Date to be confirmed.
- (ii) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott, representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes, have progressed to round 5 having beaten Beamish Park.
- (iii) The Club had been represented by John & Stephen Glass and Garry Henderson at the County Championship played recently at Stocksfield and acquitted themselves well.
- (iv) Due to lack of entries the Robinson Trophy has been postponed. Since there are ten pairs from the Club playing in the Mixed Open it was agreed that they would compete for the Robinson Trophy alongside the mixed.
- (v) The Secretary and Lady Captain will encourage those Club members playing in the Open to take their partnerships through to the Brian Ross on August 7th. The Secretary is also of the opinion that he can get a couple more men to play if the Lady Captain can get some more ladies to play.
- (vi) It was agreed the Pat Johnson mixed trophy is scheduled too soon after the Brian Ross and should be played later in the season. Match Sect
- (vii) There have been on-going problems with the CDH and the Secretary pointed out that it the Club's responsibility to ensure its membership is clean. We have never 'cleaned' our entry and it was agreed the Secretary will work with the Match Sect and Lady Match Sect. to rectify this.
- (viii) It was noted that the Lady Match Sect has carried out the mid-year handicap review. The Match Sect will do the men's asap. Match Sect

#### Captain's Matters

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

#### Ladies Section



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

#### Juniors

The second sequence of junior coaching starts on Monday 11th July. Arrangements have been made to publicise this at Warkworth, Edwin St and The Links first schools. The Lady Captain has contacts at Shilbottle and St Pauls, Alnwick. The Secretary will arrange for her to be given posters for these schools too. The Match Sect reported that following some issue with junior competitions that he had advised the junior organisers that those without a handicap need to submit three cards before they can play. These cards can be done during a competition meaning the players get experience of competitive golf whilst getting a handicap.

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

#### House/Social Matters

1. The Secretary advised that he had not had time to prepare the car treasure hunt. The Lady Captain reported back on her findings re a hog roast. Overall it was decided not to arrange any events in the near future.
2. It was noted the intended meeting between the Chair, Treasurer and Stewardess to discuss drink prices had not yet taken place. The Chair will expedite this asap. Chairman

#### Personnel Matters None

#### Environment Agency

The Chairman reported back on a letter received from the Maria Hardy at the EA. In summary this detailed planned work – replacement of the valve; re-instatement of the bund to its correct height; clearing the channel to the reed bed. A further meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th June.

#### AoB

1. The Chairman/IM gave an update on the forthcoming wedding. The most significant matter is ordering the drink. IM/Chair/GD will liaise to facilitate this. Chair/IM/GD

2. IM reported that he has been approached about the possibility of two further weddings in 2017. It was agreed that the dates of 28th May and 5th August be provisionally reserved and the charge will remain at £500.

3. Organisation of the Mixed open on Sunday 19th June:

a. Secretary will make out cards and issue these on the day.

b. Dave Wilkinson has agreed to be the starter.

c. Prizes will be £80/£50/£30 with £10 for each of nearest pin on 6th, ladies longest drive on 11th, gen's longest drive on 13th.

d. Joan Gray will collect cards as they are returned.

e. There will be a raffle. Committee members will each donate a prize. TC will arrange tickets etc. Tickets on sale as cards are given out.

4. Organisation of the Warkworth Field Day

a. Club entry sheets are currently being returned to Les Graves. He will pass these to the Match Sect who will set up a start sheet and make out the cards.

b. The Match Sect will hand out cards for the 08.00-09.30 slot. The Chairman will do the same for the 11.30-1.00 slot.

c. Cards to be returned to the Secretary who will arrange entry to the computer.

d. The Match Sect will be at the Club from 5.00pm to close off the competition and publish result.

e. There will be a £1 entry optional sweep. Person giving out the cards to take in money and record entry on the start sheet.

5. Following the recent course run by England Golf IM agreed to be the Clubs nominated Safeguarding Officer. The Secretary will pass the guidance notes to him and arrange for the matter to be publicised. Sect.

6. Captain's Charity 2015 – the Treasurer will provide the secretary with contact details for the 2015 Captain and the Secretary will contact him to ascertain how much was raised and towards which charity. GD/Sect

7. Alarms – agreed the contact order will be IM/Sect/GD/Chair. The secretary will advise the alarm company. Sect

8. Locking up – agreed that GD will continue as now but if for any reason he cannot do it then reliefs are Sect/Chair/IM/Ken Bailey.

DoNM Monday 18th July at 10.00am in the clubhouse.

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

## **WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

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

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Present:** J A Gray (Chair), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), J Douglas, Mrs J Gray, I Moyes

**Apologies:** A MacKay, K Dalby (Lady Captain), L Wraith

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (i) In the absence of any way being found it was agreed to cease the search for a new clubhouse locking protocol.
- (i) No response the possibility of money for the juniors from the Rotary Club. **IM**
- (ii) There is no progress with the matter of water ingress into the committee room. The Treasurer will discuss this with Garry Henderson. **GD**
- (iii) The Secretary has yet to deal with the stroke indices for the men's course. **Sect**
- (iv) Keys have been issued to trolley shed users. The Secretary will confirm to that the shed will be locked at the beginning of August. **Sect**
- (v) It was noted that the open bolts on the bridge foundations have been covered.
- (vi) It was noted that the mill-stone sign has been re-painted.
- (vii) The Treasurer reported that he is dealing with the accountant in respect to the VAT refund.
- (viii) The Secretary reported that he had highlighted the need for vigilance when driving off over Killie.
- (ix) The secretary advised he is meeting with ADT alarms to try to ascertain and fix the matter of frequent false alarms. He also confirmed the company has acknowledged receipt of the new contact list. **Sect**
- (x) It is hoped the problem with the toilet in the female area has been fixed.
- (xi) The Secretary has advised the County development Officer that we are not in a position to work with him at this time.
- (xii) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as safe-Guarding Officer but he has not yet publicised the position. **Sect**
- (xiii) The secretary reported that he has had an answer from the past Captain concerning the charity money. A total of £250 was donated to Prostate cancer. Members have been informed.

**Correspondence**

1. The Chairman reported a recent e-mail from DM suggesting ways of increasing clubhouse use. The Secretary advised he has already had a meeting with DM on this and certain ideas are being progressed.
2. LW has raised the matter of raised wire netting over rabbit damage. It was agreed this is a good way of preventing further damage but that care needs to be taken to ensure the edges do not become raised and that the areas need to be defined as GUR. The Treasurer will inform the green-keeper. **GD**

## **Finance and Membership:**

Item withheld

With reference to cash in hand, it was noted that compared to 2015 (i) we have paid the rent and (ii) we had to spend over £7,000 on repairing the irrigation system. Assuming nothing major happens in the second half of the year the Club should generate a reasonable surplus.

## **Greens Matters**

The minutes of the Greens Committee held 27th June had been circulated previously. Key matters:

1. The course has been treated for daisies. The Chairman queried the amount of clover, especially on the bank of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway. **Greens Cttee**
2. The Greenkeeper is taking remedial action to deal with the thatch/fairy ring damage to the 5<sup>th</sup> and practice greens.
3. Work will be done on the tee-boxes in the coming weeks.
4. Greens will continue to be cut six days per week but on those Wednesdays the match play team is at home this will be done in the afternoon just prior to the match rather than in the early morning.
5. It was decided to re-instate the area of recently planted gorse with wood chippings as GUR. The Secretary will ensure this is communicated to members. **Secretary**
6. Date of next Greens Cttee was agreed as Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. The Chairman will advise Cttee members.

## **Competition Matters**

- (i) It was noted that the Mail on Sunday team had been narrowly defeated 3/2 by a strong Chester-le-Street team. Team members were complimented on their good performance.
- (ii) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott, representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes, have progressed having beaten Goswick and will face Consett at home in the last 64.
- (iii) The Secretary and Lady Captain will liaise to try to get a reasonable entry for the Brian Ross on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. The Pat Johnson was re-scheduled for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- (iv) It was noted that the Ladies had defeated a team of seniors to take the Interior Cup. The event had been enjoyed and next year it may revert to being 18 holes.
- (v) The Ladies have finished their 'clean-up' of the CDH. The Match Sect is still working on the men's errors. **Match Sect**
- (vi) It was noted that the Lady Match Sect has carried out the mid-year handicap review. The Match Sect will do the men's ASAP. **Match Sect**

## **Captain's Matters**

1. It was agreed the Treasurer will circulate a membership list. Cttee members to identify possible candidates for the 2017 Captain who will be approached well in advance of the

AGM. It was felt that if the load is reduced making the position more 'honorary' and less 'hands-on' we are more likely to be successful.

### **Ladies Section**

1. It was reported that the Ladies card is to be re-assessed next year. This may result in changes to measurement/stroke indices.

### **Juniors**

No matters.

### **Update on the Bridge**

Work is progressing on treating the cut timber prior to its use in autumn.

### **House/Social Matters**

1. The Chairman is going to investigate with Michael Scott some form of BBQ. **Chairman**
2. It was noted the intended meeting between the Chair, Treasurer and Stewardess to discuss drink prices had not yet taken place. The Chair will expedite this asap. **Chairman**

### **Personnel Matters**

None

### **Environment Agency**

Nothing to report

### **AoB**

1. IM/Chairman gave an update on the forthcoming wedding. Essentially all is in hand.
2. IM reported the wedding for 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 has been confirmed and a deposit paid. The other interested party is coming to view the wedding taking place this week to see if she/he wishes to progress their interest.
3. It was agreed that IM investigate the possibility of the Club becoming a licensed wedding venue. **IM**
4. It was agreed to amend the clubhouse locking time to 8,00pm rather than 'dusk'.

### **DoNM**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am in the clubhouse.

## **WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

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

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

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

**Apologies:** none

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

- (ii) In the absence of any progress on money for the juniors from Rotary it was agreed to drop this investigation.
- (iii) There is still no progress with the matter of water ingress into the committee room. The Treasurer will discuss this with Garry Henderson. **GD**
- (iv) The Secretary has yet to deal with the stroke indices for the men's course. **Sect**
- (v) It was noted that some local clubs are reported to have had a VAT refund. The Treasurer will follow ours up with the accountant as a matter of urgency. **Treas**
- (vi) The Secretary reported back on his meeting with ADT Alarms over the false alarms. It appears the problem lies in the Greens shed and is caused by birds. Attempts have been made to stop this but to little effect. Consequently, since we cannot disconnect the alarm due to insurance issues, we will have to live with it until the birds fly. Eventually the only solution will be to completely renovate the shed to try and prevent further bird ingress.
- (vii) The problem with the toilet in the ladies has not been resolved. It was agreed to engage a plumber to fix the problem properly. **Treasurer**
- (viii) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as Safe-Guarding Officer but he has still not yet publicised the position. **Sect**
- (ix) IM advised he has not yet investigated registering the Club as a wedding venue. **IM**
- (x) It was agreed not to progress any change to drink prices.
- (xi) The Secretary advised that the revised clubhouse opening hours had been posted and advised via the newsletter.

**Correspondence**

None

**Finance and Membership:**

Item withheld

The Treasurer also gave a summary of spending from October 2015 to June 2016 compared to the previous year. Figures were broadly as expected other than:

- An increase of £2,222 (36%) in clubhouse expenditure. The Treasurer will investigate and report back at the next meeting. **Treasurer**
- An increase of £1,620 in subscriptions. This is due to the County fees having been paid earlier than last year.

- Item withheld

## **Greens Matters**

The minutes of the Greens Committee held 27th June had been circulated previously. Key matters:

7. The weather has prevented treating the clover.
8. The Greenkeeper is taking remedial action to deal with the thatch/fairy ring damage to the 5<sup>th</sup> and practice greens. However, so far this is not working, and it may be more substantial work will be needed in the winter season.
9. Concern over the state of some tee-boxes, especially the long seed heads that are not removed when the grass is cut.
10. Concern was expressed that the greens appear to be running more slowly than in previous years.
11. Work is to be done on the bunkers to the left of the 8<sup>th</sup>, right of the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway and right of the 9<sup>th</sup>. A member asked why all bunkers are riveted and whether it might be easier if some were sloped to facilitate cutting and to allow grass to grow. A major problem with the riveted bunkers is that the faces dry out and over time collapse.
12. It was agreed that if we hollow-tine this year it should be done in the spare days between the end of summer competitions and start of the Turkey trots. This would be in line with previous practice. This will be discussed with the Greenkeeper to get his expert opinion. However, there was general agreement that the 2016 January tining and subsequent long delay in top-dressing could not be repeated. (See also item (iv) under Competitions.)
13. Comments on the state of the gang mower were noted. It was noted that our financial projections show a fair year-end surplus and that at the year end when the size of this is clear we will decide how best to spend it.
14. Date of next Greens Cttee was agreed as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Chairman will advise Cttee members. The matters 1-6 above will be taken up with the greenkeeper either immediately or at the next meeting of the Greens Committee. **Chairman**

## **Competition Matters**

(vii) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott, representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes, have progressed further to the last 32 having beaten Consett.

(viii) The Match Sect has posted the sheets for the Pat Johnson mixed and the Invitation Day. In respect to the latter it was agreed an entry of £15 per pair. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, longest drive, nearest the pin on 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and nearest the pin in 2 at the 18<sup>th</sup>. A real effort will be made to get a good field. JD to give out cards for the first group, Chairman for the second and Secretary for the final groupings. The Secretary will approach Dave Wilkinson for starting.

(ix) The Match Sect is still working on the men's errors in the CDH. **Match Sect**

(x) Arrangements for Men's Championship Day:

- Match Sect will do the cards/result, assisted by Secretary if the competition overruns.

- It was noted that some members with handicaps greater than 18 have entered. The Secretary will contact them and ask them to remove their names.
- The Treasurer will make the presentation after the conclusion of the event.

(xi) In respect to work on the greens it was noted that we are encroaching on the 'free days' built in to the calendar to enable this without too much disruption to playing. The Lady Captain also highlighted the proximity of the Joe Shotton/Lady guest day and Men's Invitation/Ladies Open and that this put a big load on clubhouse and greenkeeping staff. It was agreed this will be looked at for the 2017 fixture list.

### **Captain's Matters**

The Treasurer had previously circulated a list of members in order that possible candidates for the 2017 Captaincy could be identified. The secretary advised that he had approached Alan Hill and was hopeful he would agree. Whilst we wait for an answer we will identify possible fall-back from the list.

### **Ladies Section**

1. The Lady Captain reported that she and Penny Lewis had enjoyed the day representing Northumberland at Harrogate against a Yorkshire team.
2. The Lady Captain gave an update on the proposed 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary event scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Juniors**

It was noted that Adam Wales had won the John Angus Trophy in a countback from Freddie Bremner.

### **Update on the Bridge**

1. The Treasurer is liaising with Northern Structures to ensure the necessary steelwork is on site and ready for use when the time comes for its use.
2. The Ladies highlighted the need for a 'proper' opening when the bridge is complete. They had been thinking about involving those surviving members who had been involved in the construction of the first bridge. The Secretary had also been thinking about this and thought we might be able to get a golfing 'luminary' to do the actual ceremony. The actual detail will be considered further when the time comes

### **House/Social Matters**

3. The Chairman has still to investigate with Michael Scott some form of BBQ. **Chairman**
4. It was noted that Carly Henderson has resigned as cleaner wef 26<sup>th</sup> August (or earlier if a replacement can start sooner). The Chairman and Treasurer are meeting a possible replacement later in the week. It was agreed the Secretary would arrange for an appropriate leaving gift to Carly in recognition of her support to the Club. **Secretary**

### **Personnel Matters**

The Secretary advised that we need to be taking action wrt the forthcoming pension arrangements. The Club's vesting day is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. He will liaise with the Treasurer to ascertain if the



Greenkeeper's current pension meets the requirements. If not we will need to make appropriate arrangements.

### **Environment Agency**

Nothing to report

### **Wedding**

IM gave feedback on the recent wedding held at the Club. He circulated a written report. Overall the event had gone well and the bride and groom had written to the Club thanking it for a good day. A number of improvements we can make for the next wedding in May 2017 were noted.

The Chairman thanked Ian and Carole for organising this event.

### **AoB**

5. The Secretary advised members of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary event being organised by Rothbury GC. On 2<sup>nd</sup> September. It was agreed the Club would offer first refusal of the available places to those who had gone to Ryton. It was noted that the event clashes with the seniors friendly against Rothbury at home and this might create problems getting enough players.

6. It was agreed that since the Club had a trophy to collect we needed representation, both committee and team, at the NNL dinner. Bearing in mind the Club is required to purchase five tickets, if more than five wish to go the additional cost above that paid by the Club for the five tickets would be split between the total numbers going.

7. IM highlighted the need for an accessible first aid box in the Clubhouse. He will arrange purchase of same. **IM**

8. LW asked about getting a defibrillator. The Secretary will investigate costs/training **.Secretary**

### **DoNM**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am in the clubhouse. **Note – this a week earlier than the date on the calendar.**

## **WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

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

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

**Apologies:** J A Gray, L Wraith

In the absence of the Chairman the Secretary took the Chair.

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

(xii) GD has discussed the water ingress in the committee room with GH and ascertained it is a problem with the roof. He understands that the Chairman is dealing with this matter. **Chairman**

(xiii) The Secretary has yet to deal with the stroke indices for the men's course.  
**Sect**

(xiv) In respect to the VAT refund the Treasurer reported that the papers are all with the accountant. He will report on progress at the next meeting. **Treasurer**

(xv) The Secretary reported that we have again been contacted by ADT with respect to false alarms. He will contact them again but there is still no solution though now the birds have fledged there should be no further problem until next spring. **Secretary**

(xvi) Despite calling in a plumber the problem with the ladies toilet has not been fixed. The Treasurer will call the plumber back. **Treasurer**

(xvii) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as Safe-Guarding Officer but he has still not yet publicised the position.  
**Secretary**

(xviii) IM advised that it would cost £1,500 for a wedding license with thereafter an annual £500. It was agreed not to progress this matter.

(xix) IM advised that a first aid box for the men's locker room is on order and should be received shortly. **IM**

(xx) The Secretary advised that he has not yet followed up the idea of a defibrillator.  
**Secretary**

### **Correspondence**

The Secretary had received an e-mail from the winner of the recent Ladies open thanking the Club for the event. This has been forwarded to the Lady Captain.

### **Finance and Membership:**

Withheld item

### **Greens Matters**

The minutes of the Greens Committee held 24<sup>th</sup> August had been circulated previously (attached).  
Key matters:

- The Treasurer will go ahead and purchase the necessary safety equipment needed for the bridge construction.
- AM expressed some concern over the greenkeeper working alone on the bridge. It was noted that whilst it will be necessary to keep people away, nevertheless the greenkeeper cannot do the work alone. It was agreed that at its next meeting the Greens Committee

would draw up a proper programme of work with dates and help needed. This to be discussed at the next full meeting and subject to agreement personnel be found to assist as needed.

- There was also some concern that fabrication work could interfere with routine course maintenance and that the Greens Committee need to keep this under review.
- It was noted that verti-draining and top dressing of greens and tees had been scheduled. It was not agreed that volunteer help would be needed to move tee markers whilst the work was being carried out and this could be done by greens staff.
- It was noted that the Greenkeeper has a week's holiday starting 1<sup>st</sup> October.

#### Other greens matters

15. The clover has been treated.
16. The Greenkeeper is continuing taking remedial action to deal with the thatch/fairy ring damage to the 5<sup>th</sup> and practice greens
17. It was noted that the seed heads on the tee boxes had been removed.
18. Further to the concern expressed at the previous meeting over the speed of the greens they now seemed to be running faster.
19. The Greenkeeper will be asked to try to do something with the large rabbit hole on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway. **Treasurer**
20. The Killie banks need cutting. It was thought the practice of strimming was inefficient. The Treasurer will discuss this with the Greenkeeper to see if a better method can be found, including the possibility of bringing in a contractor. (It was noted the Castle banks are cut using a hover mower on a rope.) **Treasurer**
21. The Greenkeeper has requested a divot filling party. It was agreed to arrange this for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September after the hollow tining has been finished. **Secretary**
22. All members were asked to submit ideas to the secretary for winter maintenance tasks to be done in addition to the bridge by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Secretary will collate and pass to the Greens Committee who will then formulate a winter programme in conjunction with the Greenkeeper. **All**
23. It was noted that the next meeting of the Greens Committee has been scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. However, this clashes with the Greenkeeper's holidays so will need to be re-arranged. **Chairman**

#### Competition Matters

- (xii) Mel Patterson & Gary Scott, representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes, have progressed to the last 16 at St Pierre, Chepstow on Monday 18/19<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed to make a grant of £200 to assist with out-of-pocket expenses. It was also agreed to pay for sweaters with the club crest and appropriate wording. The Secretary will liaise with MP/GS over this. **Secretary**

(xiii) Whilst the Men's Invitation day had gone OK it was noted that the entry was not very good. Accordingly next year consideration will be given to reducing the number of available slots.

(xiv) The Match Sect was asked why there had not been a competition on the recent Bank Holiday. He advised that he had forgotten about this but this will not happen again.

(xv) The Match Sect is still working on the men's errors in the CDH. The membership list he has been provided with contains inaccuracies and he will liaise with the Treasurer to ensure the list is correct. **Match Sect**

(xvi) It was agreed to leave Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> free to allow for work on the greens to overrun if necessary.

(xvii) It was agreed the format of the Turkey Trots will be as last year. They will include an optional 2s. The Secretary will put up a notice and include in the newsletter. **Secretary**

(xviii) The Match Sect is away from 23<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October. He will ensure entry sheet for the first TTs are on HDID. On his return a key task will be formulating the 2017 fixture list. He will try to ensure matters such as encroaching on the 'free' weeks that have happened this year will be dealt with. The Ladies Section and Seniors to have their lists to the Match Sect in early October.

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

The Secretary reported that XXXXX could not take up the offer of Club Captain. Accordingly we need to come up with other persons who can be approached. Suggestions to the Secretary asap. **ALL**

#### **Ladies Section**

No matters

#### **Juniors**

No matters

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

This is dealt with under 'Greens'.

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

5. The Chairman has still to investigate with Michael Scott some form of BBQ. **Chairman**

6. The Secretary advised that he had presented Carly with flowers and chocolates in recognition of her service to the Club. Alice Simpson has been engaged as n the new cleaner. The Secretary will introduce her to members through the newsletter and notice. **Secretary**

#### **Personnel Matters**

None

#### **Environment Agency**

Nothing to report

**AoB**

9. The NNL dinner is confirmed as Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The Secretary will liaise with John Glass over team attendance. Any committee members wishing to go to advise the Secretary asap. **Secretary/All**
10. The Committee agreed to adopt the England Golf 'Ready Golf' proposal in an attempt to speed up play. The secretary will advise members. **Secretary**
11. The Clubhouse had not been opened by the due time on bank holiday Monday. This opening problem is only an issue on bank holidays. In future a key holder will have responsibility for opening on bank holidays. **Secretary**

**DoNM**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am in the clubhouse

**WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB**

**Items deemed confidential have been withheld from the published minutes**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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

**Apologies:** I Moyes, A MacKay

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

(xxi) The Chair reported that Russ Atwell had raised the matter of the leaking roof with HH. However, as he did not do the re-roofing he can do nothing. This matter will be followed up by the Chairman. **Chairman**

(xxii) The Secretary has yet to deal with the stroke indices for the men's course. **Sect**

(xxiii) In respect to the VAT refund the Treasurer reported that the papers are all with the accountant. No progress since previous meeting. **Treasurer**

(xxiv) The Secretary reported that we have again been contacted by ADT with respect to false alarms. He will contact them again but there is still no solution though now the birds have fledged there should be no further problem until next spring. **Secretary**

(xxv) The problem with the ladies' toilet seems to have been fixed.

(xxvi) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as Safe-Guarding Officer but he has still not yet publicised the position.

**Secretary**

(xxvii) The first aid box is now in the men's locker room.

(xxviii) The Secretary advised that he has not yet followed up the idea of a defibrillator.

**Secretary**

(xxix) The Secretary confirmed that appropriate action had been taken re previous/new cleaner.

(xxx) The Secretary advised that JG cannot attend the NNL dinner due to a wedding. The Secretary will attend to collect the 3<sup>rd</sup> division trophy but he hoped another committee will accompany him.

(xxxi) The Secretary confirmed that the 'Ready Golf' procedure had been circulated to members.

**Correspondence**

None

**Finance and Membership**

Item withheld

**Greens Matters**

The minutes of the Greens Committee held 14<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated previously. Key matters:

- The programme for the bridge construction.
- The damage/fungus on the 5<sup>th</sup> green is being monitored and steps being taken to repair same.
- The divot filling party had taken place but only four helpers turned up. Many thanks to them.
- The greens committee had given the go-ahead for fairway slitting to alleviate compaction. (The Secretary expressed his concern at this decision since (i) not convinced it is actually needed over the whole course and that if done it should be confined to key areas and (ii) the crude nature of the slitting. With reference to this the Greens Committee will discuss further with the Greenkeeper at the next committee meeting.)

**Other greens matters**

24. The wire netting being used to tackle the rabbit hole on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway is not covering a large enough area.
25. The Secretary raised the ideas received from members concerning winter work. These covered – maintenance programme for bunkers and tees boxes; upgrading green aprons; additional gorse planting. The Secretary also highlighted the need for a winter work

programme to be published to advise members. It was agreed that bridge construction will, of necessity, be the priority job for the winter but nevertheless there needs to be some on-going maintenance/upgrading to the course. It was agreed that a winter programme will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Greens Committee and that thereafter it will be included in a forthcoming newsletter.

### **Competition Matters**

(xix) The Match Secretary has received proposed fixture lists from the ladies and seniors. He will produce and circulate a draft fixture list for 2017, taking account of issues raised this year – close proximity of Joe Shotton and men's invitation day with important ladies events. Also need to bring forward the Dougie Paterson to allow course maintenance and take account of county fixtures we are hosting in 2017. The Secretary advised that the Individual Open is being dropped from the schedule due to lack of interest.

(xx) It was reported that the computer entry for TT 1 had given the wrong price structure. The Match Sect will ensure the remainder are correct.

(xxi) Noted presentation night is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Match Sect to ensure arrangements in place/cups clean etc. Chairman to do presentations.

### **Captain's Matters**

We still have not identified a Captain for the 2017 season.

### **Ladies Section**

No matters

### **Juniors**

No matters

### **Update on the Bridge**

This is dealt with under 'Greens'.

### **Environment Agency/Flooding**

The Chair advised he has had no further contact from the EA or Estate Office and that he will follow this up again.

### **House/Social Matters**

7. The Chairman advised he had discussed a possible BBQ with MS and decided not to proceed due to cost.

### **Personnel Matters**

It was noted that due to work on the bridge the Asst Greenkeeper will work over winter as and when needed subject to his availability.

### **AoB**

12. Chair, Treasurer, Match Sect and Lady Captain to send AGM reports to the Secretary by end of October at the latest.

## **DoNM**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am in the clubhouse

Pre-AGM meeting Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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

**Apologies:** J A Gray (Chairman)

**In Attendance:** G Sawley

In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary took the chair. He welcomed G Sawley as an observer.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

(xxxii) A MacKay has made repairs to the roof. It is uncertain if these have been successful so the area will be kept under observation in the coming weeks.

(xxxiii) The Secretary has yet to deal with the stroke indices for the men's course.

##### **Sect**

(xxxiv) In respect to the VAT refund the Treasurer reported that the papers are all with the accountant. No progress since previous meeting. **Treasurer**

(xxxv) The Secretary reported that ADT alarms had again attended due to a large number of false alarms. Their investigations revealed that there was insect ingress to the bar sensor. These have been cleared and so far this seems to have resolved the matter.

(xxxvi) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as Safe-Guarding Officer but he has still not yet publicised the position.

##### **Secretary**

(xxxvii) The Secretary advised that he has not yet followed up the idea of a defibrillator.

**Secretary**

(xxxviii) The Secretary advised that the NNL meeting had agreed that for divisions 2 and 3 the head-to-head result between the relevant teams would be used to determine in the event of a tie. Only if this did not resolve the tie would a play-off be arranged. A tie for division 1 would still be decided by a play-off. The other proposals had been rejected.



## **Correspondence**

None

## **Finance and Membership**

Item withheld

## **Greens Matters**

The minutes of the Greens Committee held 19<sup>th</sup> October had been circulated previously. Key matters:

- The programme for the bridge construction. It was noted that all A frames have been made and that construction will start w/b 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Treasurer confirmed that a risk assessment has been done. Whilst construction is underway the 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> tee-boxes will be moved to the other side of Killie to protect workers. To enable work to proceed Ian Bruce will work additional hours to ensure the course is kept in order. Volunteers will work when needed.
- The fifth green is recovering
- The course has been slit once. Doing it at this time of the year means it has recovered well. It will be slit once more over the winter.
- Whilst work on the bridge will inevitably mean only limited development work can be done on the course, nevertheless, following the survey of members the following will be done:
  - Some work on the bunkers most in need of repair (especially the one to the left of the 8<sup>th</sup> green
  - Additional gorse will be purchased. Location to be agreed but the comments from the report written by Ken Brown suggest adjacent to the 17<sup>th</sup> tee to provide some protection from ball from the 4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. (It was noted that gorse seems to need 2 years to really establish itself if the experience of that planted in 2014 is any guide.)
  - In 2017 aprons will be cut in front of the greens. In future these will be vertidraind alongside the tees and greens.
- The winter course will be in play the week after the TT finish.
- The additional wire netting over the rabbit holes on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway appears to be working.
- The Committee has identified a number of pieces of equipment that would assist in course maintenance. It was agreed these would be examined in more detail when the accounts have been finalised and the amount of money available is known.

## **Competition Matters**

(xxii) The draft 2017 fixture list is done. JD will circulate to the Secretary, Lady Captain and Seniors for checking.

(xxiii) The arrangements for the presentation night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed. JD will ensure all cups are there and clean; also any medals/shields have been purchased. It was agreed that the Division 3 cup should be presented together with commemorative medals for all those who had played in the successful league team.

Commemorative medals also for our representatives in the Daily Mail foursomes. The Secretary will e-mail all winners individually to try and get as many as possible to attend.

(xxiv) The arrangements for the Open on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed. Prizes to be £100/£80/£60.

(xxv) It was noted that there needs to be a handicap review before the end of December. JD to arrange.

(xxvi) JD and the secretary will agree a programme of competitions to the end of December.

(xxvii) AMac asked about non-c handicaps and the procedure for getting the c-status back.

### **Captain's Matters**

We still have not identified a Captain for the 2017 season.

### **Ladies Section**

It was agreed that if a Ladies' competition is cancelled due to bad weather the Club will identify a date as soon as possible after the date of the cancellation for it to be played. When this is needed the Ladies will liaise direct with the Secretary without further reference to the Committee.

### **Juniors**

The Committee recorded its thanks to the Rotary Club for the donation of £150 to go towards the cost of 2017 coaching. The Junior Organiser together with a junior member will be at The Hermitage on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November to receive the cheque.

### **Seniors**

Les Graves had supplied a copy of the recent meeting of the NNL seniors organisers. No issues of concern to the Club.

### **Update on the Bridge**

This is dealt with under 'Greens'.

### **Environment Agency/Flooding**

Nothing to report

### **House/Social Matters**

Nothing to report.

### **Personnel Matters**

No matters

### **AoB**

13. The Secretary advised that AGM papers will go out today (14<sup>th</sup> November). He noted that we still await the Treasurer's Report/Accounts. We moved the date of the AGM to the end of November due to give more time for the accounts to be prepared and it is essential these go out

at least a week in advance to give members the chance to study them. The Treasurer will attempt to expedite them.

14. It was agreed to spend £525 addressing the wiring issues in the Greenkeeper's shed.
15. It was noted that a price for CCTV covering the shed is being sought following the recent thefts.
16. The Chairman had raised the need to prepare for the introduction of the new £1 coin. However, the only place this is an issue is the coffee machine and as this is leased it is a matter for the owners.
17. L Wraith advised that this was her last meeting and she thanked members for their commitment to the Club.

#### **DoNM**

Tuesday 22nd November at 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 Wednesday 14th 2016**

**Present:** J A Gray (Chairman), G Sawley (Captain Elect), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), K Dalby (Lady Captain), A MacKay, D Metcalfe

**Apologies:** Ms J Gray, J Douglas, D Coates, I Moyes

D Metcalfe was welcomed to his first meeting.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016:**

These were approved as a true record.

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

(xxxix) A MacKay has made repairs to the roof. It is uncertain if these have been successful so the area will be kept under observation in the coming weeks.

(xl) It was agreed that due to costs the stroke indices would not be changed.

(xli) In respect to the VAT refund the Treasurer reported that the papers are all with the accountant. **Treasurer**

(xlii) The Secretary reported that he has a photo of IM as Safe-Guarding Officer but he has still not yet publicised the position.

**Secretary**

(xliii) The Secretary advised that he has not yet followed up the idea of a defibrillator. **Secretary**

(xliv) It was noted that CCTV has been fitted to the machinery shed. The required notice will be posted shortly.

#### **Correspondence**

A letter from J McIntyre was read. It was agreed that he could suspend his membership for an initial 6 month period.

### **Finance and Membership**

Item withheld

It was agreed a group comprising the Treasurer, Secretary and Captain would meet to review the financial position and set budgets for the 2017 year.

### **Greens Matters**

Membership of the Greens Cttee will be Chairman, Captain, Treasurer, A MacKay, D Metcalfe and Ms P Lewis. The Chairman will arrange a meeting early in the New Year before the next full committee meeting.

DM raised his concerns over H&S matters in the machinery shed. Dealing with these must be a priority for the Greens Cttee.

The arrangements for the Greenkeeper's Christmas holidays were agreed.

### **Competition Matters**

The Secretary will liaise with the Match Secretary to ensure the handicap review is done before the year end.

### **Captain's Matters**

The Captain asked about the possibility of him arranging sponsorship from various sources. It was agreed that he could offer complementary vouchers to sponsors.

The Secretary will meet with the Captain early in the New Year to take him through the calendar.

The Secretary advised that the Captain's outing for 2017 has been booked at Newcastle United GC on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Ladies Section**

The Lady Captain advised that following a successful year she had been able to hand over £900 to her charity.

### **Juniors**

It was noted that IM has secured sponsorship for two of the 2017 junior competitions and is seeking sponsorship for the others.

It was also noted that the Club will be hosting a round of the Northumberland Junior Tour on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

### **Seniors**

No matters

## **Update on the Bridge**

Construction of the bridge is proceeding well. The Treasurer reported that wood had been bought to replace that stolen and that this had cost £1,600. The steelwork had cost £1,700. Overall he was of the view that the replacement bridge will cost only slightly more than the insurance money received for the one destroyed in 2014.

## **Environment Agency/Flooding**

Nothing to report

## **House/Social Matters**

The arrangements for opening/shutting the clubhouse over the holiday period were agreed between the Treasurer and the Secretary.

DM will arrange for a key switch to be fitted to control the motion operated light at the entrance so that it cannot be accidentally disabled.

It was confirmed that weddings have been booked for 28 May, 15 and 22 July. IM is co-ordinating these.

It was noted that early next year we need to come up with ways to increase bar income.

## **Personnel Matters**

Item withheld

## **AoB**

18. It was agreed to start a 'big raffle' in 2017. The prize will be a year's membership for 2018. (There will be no cash equivalent and the value of the prize will depend on the membership status of the winner.) Tickets to cost £10. The Secretary will set this up in the New Year.

## **DoNM**

The Secretary advised that there is no time when all members can attend. Therefore meeting times will need to vary across the year so that all committee members have the opportunity to attend and contribute.

Next meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 10.00am in the clubhouse.