

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 17th July 2017

Present: J A Gray (Chairman), G Sawley (Captain), T Capron (Secretary), G Douglas (Treasurer), C Douglas (Lady Captain), K Dalby, J Gray, I Moyes

Apologies: R Barrett, D Coates, D Metcalfe

Membership:

It was noted that J Douglas has resigned as Match Secretary and from the Committee. The Chairman will formally thank him for his service to the Club and come forward with suggestions as to how this should be marked. The Secretary will be acting Match Secretary in the period to the AGM.

Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday 21st June 2017:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

- (i) There is still no news about the size of the VAT refund. Treasurer
- (ii) It was noted that the Secretary will communicate with Duns GC after the ladies outing there in August.
- (iii) Photographs have been taken at the junior coaching and will be sent to D Coates' employers.

Correspondence

1. The Chairman read a letter of thanks and commendation about the recent wedding held at the Club.

Finance and Membership

Item withheld

Greens Matters

The Chairman introduced the minutes of the greens committee meeting held 11th July (previously circulated).

Key matters:

1. the Secretary queried the lack of permanent markers for the front nine white tees and questioned if the stone bollards meet the requirements. The Chairman will investigate and if needed additional permanent markers will be put in. It was emphasised that we need to get the measurement done as County want to get started on the re-rating.
2. the astroturf will be put on the bridge this week.

3. it was decided not to change any tee positions prior to the re-rating.
4. the comments concerning green speed were noted. A reading taken that morning gave a speed of 8.5. This is slightly below the target of 9.0.
5. there was considerable discussion as to how safety of walkers in Killie could be improved especially from drives from the 7th/16th tee boxes. This remains an issue without a ready resolution and it is essential golfers check the path is clear before playing.
6. the Chairman will meet with the Greenkeeper about dealing with the ragwort.
7. It is anticipated that the Estates will deal with the drainage in Killie by the end of August.

Date of next Greens Committee meeting is Tuesday 8th August, 3.00pm.

A divot filling party will be organised for Thursday 3rd August, 3.00pm start. The Club will provide a drink afterwards to participants.

Competition/Handicap Matters

- 1) The Secretary advised that the Bank's charity day had gone well and over £1,400 had been raised.
- 2) The NNL Field Day had gone well with a local (Ken Park) winner.
- 3) The Secretary has yet to investigate the cost of touch screen for the computer.
- 4) No date for the Robinson Cup has not yet been advertised.
- 5) It was agreed that the start sheet for the Club Championship be opened on Friday 21st July and that booking would be confined to category 1 & 2 players until Monday 31st July. Thereafter category 3 & 4 players could take any remaining slots.
- 6) The Club has qualified for the final of the Glendale Cup. This will be played against Alnmouth (Foxton) at either Alnwick or Bamburgh on a date tba in early August. It is hoped as many members as possible will be there to support the team.

Captain's Matters

The Captain gave a brief update. He mentioned the success of the NNL matchplay team and his Captain's Day. He questioned the value of awarding a putter to the winner. It was agreed that in future some other memento would be given (at the discretion of the Captain of the year).

The Captain will run a 'fun-day' for juniors on a day in August. Helpers will be required.

Ladies Section

It was highlighted that the outside door still needs to be fixed.

Juniors

The coaching has proved popular with around 20 attending.

Two more juniors now have congu handicaps in the 29-54 category and so are eligible to play in

junior competitions.

Cussins Builders have noted £150 for the junior section. Photo needed.

Seniors

No matters.

Update on the Bridge

It was agreed to open the bridge on Bank Holiday Monday. The Secretary and Lady Captain are meeting on Thursday 20th July to agree details.

Environment Agency/Flooding

Nothing to report.

House/Social Matters

The Captain presented a report from the working group on reducing the clubhouses losses. It was agreed a good start had been made and that the ideas presented should be taken forward, fleshed out and a plan to implement them be developed.

The Treasurer is obtaining quotes to deal with the leak over the ladies locker room.

The Treasurer will contact the coffee machine owners to arrange a change to the new £1 coin.

Personnel Matters

The Secretary will be contacting the College apprentice co-ordinator to further the appointment of same.

Health and Safety

DM had sent some comments by email.

- 1. He is working to make the greenkeeper's hut waterproof so that some equipment can be moved and so free up space in the main shed.**
- 2. He had questioned some aspects of the wedding H&S. IM advised that the site is cleared by MUTA on behalf of the H&S Executive prior to each event.**
- 3. The defibrillator has been mounted and the electric supply will be installed asap. (Note the supply is needed to maintain the temperature in the cabinet and so is not a pressing matter at this time of year.)**

Wedding Update

IM gave an update The recent wedding had raised over £1,000. The one on 22nd July is the final one this year. One has been booked for 2018 on 6th October.

Advertising/Marketing

The 'usual' advert will be placed in the press during August.

IM suggested we should be represented at the 2018 Northumberland Tourism Expos. He will bring forward costs to a future meeting when a decision can be taken.

AoB

- 1. Requirement for all players to have a bag of clubs. It was noted our policy is in-line with other clubs and no change will be made. (This does not apply to a pair playing in a recognised team event where the rules specifically permit one set to be used.)**
- 2. Map of the course. The possibility of putting a map on a larger score card will be considered.**
- 3. IM was authorised to progress a Gin Festival in 2018.**
- 4. The request to hold a christening party in the Club on a Saturday in August was not approved.**
- 5. The Secretary will deal with the comments about inappropriate dress in the clubhouse.**

DoNM

Next meeting Wednesday 16th August at 7.00pm in the clubhouse.