

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 21st June 2017

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

Apologies: R Barrett, J Douglas, I Moyes

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 15th May 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) The Treasurer reported that the new shoe brushes have been delivered.
- (iii) DC gave an update on the reciprocal green fees arrangements between other clubs. After some discussion it was decided not to pursue this matter further at this time.
- (iv) It was noted that the fixture board is being updated half-monthly and that there is now a section on the web-site detailing tee bookings for the next month.
- (v) The mixed open had been cancelled.
- (vi) The offer of a six month membership for £170 had attracted a number of enquiries with at least three resulting in new members joining.

Correspondence

1. A letter from the stewardess concerning cleaning after the recent wedding. This was deferred until the wedding item later on the agenda.
2. Correspondence concerning Duns GC and the recent Captain's outing. After due consideration it was agreed there should be no payment to Duns and the Secretary will reply to Duns.

Finance and Membership

Item withheld

A brief report was given about the 6 monthly review against budget. Overall, income is expected to be down by ca£2,000 but against this expenditure is projected to be down by ca £5,000 against budget. Assuming nothing major happens in the remaining 6 months the Club will make a cash surplus of ca £6,000.

Item withheld

DC reported that his employers have made a donation of £250 to the juniors. The Secretary will

write a letter of thanks and a photo of the forthcoming junior coaching will be sent to show how the donation has been used.

Greens Matters

The Chairman introduced the minutes of the greens committee meeting held 6th June (previously circulated).

Key matters:

1. measuring points are now in place. Prior to formal measuring the committee members will look at tee boxes and suggest changes to the next meeting of the main committee so these can be done before the measuring takes place.
2. once measuring has been done new course furniture will be ordered showing correct yardages etc
3. the committee agreed the recommendation that the area of gorse between the 4th and 7th no longer be GUR.
4. the Captain has made new (green) 150 yard markers and these will be placed shortly. It was noted the measurement is to the centre of the green.
5. in the continued absence of the new gang-mowers being delivered an alternative supplier will be sought.

Date of next Greens Committee meeting is Tuesday 11th July, 5.00pm.

It was agreed a small strimmer be purchased with the existing larger one being used for major jobs such as strimming Killie.

It was agreed to source a new seat for next to the first tee and to relocate the other back to its place by the 15th.

The Captain mentioned that in conversation with Percy Wood GC it had emerged that they now lease all machinery and this might be an option for WGC. The Treasurer advised that this had been followed up before and found to be not cost effective.

The Secretary asked that the Greens Committee put together a draft budget for consideration at the September meeting.

Competition/Handicap Matters

- 1) The Secretary advised that arrangements for the Banks Charity Day on Sunday 2nd July have been finalised.
- 2) The reduction in tee slots for Saturday competitions has not brought any adverse comment from members but the Match Secretary must keep watching bookings and open up additional slots if it is clear a session is becoming full.
- 3) The recent decision concerning a new member winning a competition viz-a-viz him having a 'C' handicap was discussed. Members expressed concern that the Match Secretary is not interpreting the handicap rules correctly and the wrong decision has been taken. It was agreed the Secretary would check the rules, advise the Chairman who will then meet with the Match

Secretary to expedite the correct outcome.

- 4) It was agreed that there would be an optional £1 sweep and optional £1 2s club at the forthcoming NNL Field Day on Saturday 8th July. The Match Secretary will be advised to take account of this when setting up the event. It was further agreed that the Match Secretary would manage session 1 and return to close the competition and that the Chairman and Captain would manage session.
- 5) It was agreed that in future the Captain's Outing would be arranged on the Friday of half-term week and that the am/pm medal run around Lady Captain's Day would be re-instated (in the absence of the Match Sect there was no explanation as to why it had not been run this year.)
- 6) The poor entry for the Bell's foursomes was discussed. It was agreed to try to keep it as a Thursday evening competition but the put it onto the HDID booking system. The idea of a tot for each competitor after the match was mooted.
- 7) The Secretary will investigate the cost of touch screen for the computer.
- 8) A new date for the Robinson Cup needs to be identified. The Secretary will liaise with the Match Sect on this.

Captain's Matters

The Captain gave a brief update. He mentioned the success of the NNL matchplay team (currently second in division 2 and in the semi-finals of the Glendale Cup), and his ideas for some 'fun-day' in August aimed at juniors. He also asked that the format for Captain's Day be changed to stableford (approved)

Ladies Section

It was noted that the screening to the waste bin paid for by the Ladies' Section is now complete.

Juniors

It was noted that the next round of junior coaching starts on July 3rd.

The Captain mentioned his ideas for a 'fun-day' in August aimed at junior members.

Seniors

No matters.

Update on the Bridge

The Chairman reported that the bridge has been signed-off by the surveyor.

It was agreed to hold the formal opening of the bridge on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August. The Lady Captain and Secretary will organise this.

Environment Agency/Flooding

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with the Castle Estates. There is no progress on

improving the bund but the Estate has agreed to repair the damaged drainage in Killie. Once this is done the Club will look at options for improving sight-lines into Killie.

House/Social Matters

The Chairman will meet with A MacKay on his return from holidays to progress the painting of the exterior walls.

A working group comprising The Captain (convenor), KD, GD and DC was set up to look at how the clubhouse is run to see if the loss can be reduced. The brief is wide-ranging and will include consideration of social membership. The group to report back to a future meeting.

Personnel Matters

It was agreed to progress the employment of an apprentice greenkeeper, ideally to start in Autumn.

Health and Safety

The nominated H&S officer on the notice is no longer a member of the Club. DM agreed to become the Club's H&S nominee.

Wedding Update

IM had previously circulated a report on the recent wedding and preparations for the forthcoming ones on 15th and 22nd July. It was noted that the wedding had brought in over £1,200 to the Club. The Secretary would put an entry in the newsletter to this effect.

Generally the event had gone OK. However there had been an incident in the ladies toilet that had caused cleaning issues. This had been the subject of a letter from the Stewardess. It was agreed this was totally unsatisfactory. There was also concern that the wedding organisers are taking on too much. It was noted that in future weddings will be charged a 'cleaning deposit'. It was therefore agreed that:

- (i) a bonus be given to the cleaner as recompense for the unplanned work undertaken after the wedding and that the cleaner's contract be extended to cover the post-wedding days.
- (ii) IM be encouraged to source additional paid help to assist with clearing after weddings.
- (iii) IM to consider whether it is more appropriate to always hire in portaloos (as some do already) rather than using the Club toilets.

Advertising/Marketing

The Secretary reported that an advert had been placed in the next issue of Northern Golfer and as a result we will also feature in two issues of the Yorkshire equivalent. The usual advert for winter membership and 15 months for the price of 12 will go into the Gazette.

It was agreed that DM obtain business cards featuring the Club.

It was noted that the recent offer of 6months membership for £170 had attracted some additional

membership enquiries.

Leaflets have been produced advertising Captain's day and these are to be distributed to individual caravans in the coming days.

The idea from IM of a continual presence in the clubhouse will not be progressed as impractical for a voluntary committee membership.

AoB

None

DoNM

Next meeting Monday 17th July at 10.00am in the clubhouse.