

MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 April at 5.30 P.M

Present - Stephen Kaye (SK), Alan Ridgeway (AR), Dorrien Bickerstaff (DB), Alan Bissell (AB), Graham Wells (GW), Jayne Fulwell (EJF), Dean Bradwell (DBR)
Also in attendance - Dave Chidgey (DC) Seniors Representative.

Apologies Tony Bowden, Jenny Holland, Lesley Davis, Phil Bowden, Mike Shortland

1 - **Welcome** from the incoming chairman and to new members of the MC, with the main emphasis on making a difference and forward planning. We need to improve the perception of the club, the "Minehead Experience". A good experience. Raise and improve standards.

2 - **Confidentiality** - this needs to be a priority and all members of the MC need to respect and adhere to this. In the past rumors and "chatter" have produced negative effects within the club.

3 - **Minutes** of the previous meeting approved.

4 - **Divots and fairways** -

GW has now organised divot parties. It was generally agreed to play the ball as it lies on the fairway, a fundamental rule of golf.

5 - **Letters re tee times**-

It was agreed to reinstate the seniors tee times. A meeting between Andy Giles and DC has taken place and an amicable agreement has been reached. A letter will be sent to Andy Giles regarding the question of equality and tee times. SK to action.

6 - **Course** -

a- Greenkeepers have expressed their concern about players who have not paid to play. EJF is in the process of getting quotes for installing CCTV on the first tee. The pro-shop need a list of members who have not renewed this year.

b - Any increase in salary for course staff will be funded out of the course budget.

c - Landfill, Lynch do not have a permit for this. They plan to supply us using permits to bring in material for each individual project. Bob Mills from the Environment Agency is involved and can see no reason why the planning cannot be extended, providing that there are no objections. The work would need to be completed within 5 years. New 5th and 7th tees to be constructed first. Next would be an extension of the bank on the side of the 3rd fairway, which would hide the greenkeepers area.

d - Question from SK about the practice area. This is largely completed. No progress on any grant applications.

e - Butlins are to dredge their "moat" this will be a big job and they will need to bring equipment on the course. Not in the first week in May when we have several events. GW will try to get an agreement with them to put the waste on our land.

7 - **Bar / Social / Catering** -

SK read a short note from MS - no major action can be taken until MS has returned from holiday.

8 - **Finance** -

a - AB went through the first 2 months and explained certain items.

b - John Fulwell is going to carry on dealing with the ongoing VAT claim.

c - The matter of reducing the business rates was discussed and whether CASC could be an option. CASC rules have changed. There is now an under £100K rule. This requires further information and investigation to see if there is any reason for us to pursue.

9 - **Premises**

a - Ramp behind the Pro-shop, this can go ahead, but not at any cost to the club.

b - EJF has obtained a quote to renew some of the pipework and put individual pumps for each area on the boiler. DB asked for a second opinion and second quote. EJF to action

c - Insurance claim for the damage to the trolley shed is ongoing.

10 - **Marketing** - report accepted

11 - **Captain** -

DB reported a good response from membership over the Easter Weekend with a good turnout for AGM, Shotgun & Drive-in. The Junior Section has had its first competition with an encouraging 8 entries. Monday Junior sessions are going very well with up to 11 youngsters. Janet Handley and Jordan Arnold are doing a fantastic job and the Junior Section looking very positive. The first Club Match was a comfortable win against a strong Tiverton side 7-3.

DB outlined his charity plans. DB asked that members of the committee consider attending the Dementia Awareness Presentation 7pm 17th May topic "...to consider ways to engage and include sportsmen/women & supporters living with dementia" with a view to the Club becoming recognisably Dementia Aware respecting privacy at all times. Meeting attendance was agreed.

Other Captains news is detailed in the newsletter.

12 - **Increase Income** -

a - SK suggested more open events, especially in the winter or "off season".

b - DB to organise a "Captains Committee" to include all Captains and competitions reps., to put on more events and functions to generate income

13 - **Bookings and green fees** -

We are aiming for a significant increase in green fees as detailed in the marketing report. SK to email all members explaining the booking system changes and detailing the fact that we need to sell more green fees.

14 - **Suggestion box SK**-

It was agreed that members should be able to email the committee the member concerned ie course / premises / finance etc., with a copy to the chairman - details to go on the website.

15 - **AOB**

AB to email SK re items on the website that are out of date. Future meeting to be held as close as possible, the last Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

16 - **Next meeting** May 9th at 6pm. SK is away next meeting chair AR.

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