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MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 6.30 P.M

PRESENT: Stephen Kaye (SK) Chairman; Alan Bissell (AB) Treasurer; Manager; Tony Bowden (TB) Competitions; Jenny Holland (JH) Lady Captain; Mike Shortland (MS) Catering; Jayne Fulwell (EJF) Premises; Dorrien Bickerstaff (DB) Captain; Dean Bradwell (DeanB) Competitions & Handicaps; Graham Wells (GW) Course

IN ATTENDANCE Ros Chidgey Minutes.

1. APOLOGIES Lesley Davis (LD) Lady Vice Captain; David Chidgey (DC) Seniors Captain; Alan Ridgway (AR) President;

2. AGREE MINUTES

Minutes 1 August 2016 Approved

3. SECTION REPORTS

3.1 Course Report – See report

GW has spoken to Robert and he will be dealing with the ragwort problem and the bunkers. GW explained that rabbits will always return to their original burrows and they are being dealt with. MS asked whether we should start filling in the Rabbit holes providing they have been reduced.

There is still a leak in the sprinkler system therefore it is still necessary for hosepipes to be in use, these will be placed appropriately around the greens.

GW will talk to the green staff regarding appropriate language.

GW is still dealing with the waste planning authority and he does not feel we will get much if any income from landfill this year.

TB asked if there could be a local rule made for the new practice green areas including two dropping zones, EJF suggested nearest point of relief – GW to discuss with Robert. DB asked if golfers were entitled to a free drop if the ball was plugged in the sand to the right of the 18th as some members were taking a drop. He was informed under the rules of golf this is not allowed.

3.2 Bar and Social – see report

MS stated that he had received good feedback regarding the food. SK stated that there was still an issue with the breakfasts. MS is trying to cut back the hours for the kitchen staff and they are also looking at the menu to cut back on wastage.

The Paul Mercer night is going reasonable well with 73 tickets sold, DB/MS are both going and any profits will go towards the men's changing rooms. MS asked if there were any pledges for the Auction and DB stated that he had some items for this.

AB will discuss with Steve Archer the pro-formas for the functions to enable the committee to see costings. SK requested a pro-forma for the last wedding reception.

3.3 Premises – see report

EJF requested assistance to clear out the Trolley Shed, committee members helping TB, PB, MS, and AB. Work to take place 10 a.m. on Sunday.

There appears to be a problem with the septic tank EJF to talk to John O'Court and arrange for it to be investigated.

TB stated that members were refusing to donate towards the refurbishment of the men's changing room until they have more information regarding the refit. EJF to bring ideas to the committee (looking at electric showers). AB suggested an e-mail to members. MS stated that the lockers needed to come out due to damp also the lockers are not big enough for the larger golf bags.

EFJ informed the committee that an advert was going out next week regarding the catering/function rooms.

3.4 Captains reports

JH reported that concerning the letter from the Pro Shop discussed at the last meeting they do not want to take it any further. JH requested a letter be written to the member, SK to write from the committee.

JH stated that many ladies had signed up for the Skylark Competition and there was a need for more men.

JH asked if a Mixed Competition could be included in the Arnold Palmer Charity Day. DB stated that it should be a member and guest. Committee agreed that mixed pairs could play.

DB reported a successful August with £6,000 raised for charities, with a donation to JH's Charity and some towards the refurbishment.

J Handley discussed the Juniors. DB had spoken to Own Thresher and George Hampshire regarding a competition, J Handley asked if she could be informed on anything concerning the Juniors. The Juniors to play in the Met Cup at Enmore J Handley hoping to take a team.

3.5 Handicap

TB informed the committee that the Tarr Cup was held on a Saturday instead of a Sunday and only 41 played (Bank Holiday Weekend/Arnold Palmer Charity) as DB asked about posters for the Buchanan, TB had asked SA to contact all the people who had played over the last five years. SK asked EJF to find the list, PB said that the Met Shield was being played at the week-end and TB needed to make sure posters were up in the Club and also that Tiverton and Enmore had posters. At present there were approximately 30 names on the list. GW suggests a form to gather e-mail addresses should be put in the Pro Shop.

3.6 Financial Report – see report

Catering hours highlighted and covered.

No further questions on report Standard Life – the one used for ground staff. AB had spoken to an Independent Financial Adviser.

TB stated if members wanted to opt out the club would not have to pay anything, he suggested all staff offered the scheme. – All in favour of AB recommendations.

CASC – recommendations from the working group not to go for CASC at the present time but review in the future. SK thanked AB for the work done and asked him to

pass his thanks to all the members taking part in the review. Agree to accept working group's proposal.

AB requested that the third desk in the office is cleared and the work station up and running. DB has sorted a computer for the Pro Shop.

4. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

SK still trying to get the rateable value of the club down.

SK asked that when members get to 80 years of age they pay half fees, but this does not come into place until the year after they attain that age.

5. CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE

TB stated that there was no ladies' representative at the committee meeting. It was decided to try to get an "Open Week" involving all sections of the club for 2017.

Further discussions to take place at the next meeting due to be held on Friday 9 September.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 October 2016