

## **MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016 AT 6.00 P.M**

**PRESENT:** Alan Ridgway (AR) President; Phil Bowden (PB) Captain; Phil Arbourne (PA) Past Captain; John Fulwell (JF) Treasurer; Graham Wells (GW) Course Manager; Jayne Fulwell (EJF) Premises; Dorrien Bickerstaff (DB) Competitions & Handicap; Tony Bowden (TB) Competitions; Jenny Holland (JH) Lady Captain; David Chidgey (DC) Seniors Captain

**IN ATTENDANCE** Steve Archer (SA) Bar Manager; Ros Chidgey Minutes.

**1. APOLOGIES** Lesley Davis (LD) Lady Vice Captain; Paul Fullbrook (PF) Chairman

#### **2. AGREE MINUTES**

Minutes agreed

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** item 4.4 JF confirmed that the matter of the Business Rates increase was on-going and he would deal with this matter to the conclusion.

**3.2** item 5.2 Juniors have asked if competitions are to be organised TB and PA will deal with this matter.

**3.3** item 5.5 It has been agreed by the Management Committee to remove the 12 – 2 p.m. time from the Rules and Regulations as Member specific times.

#### **4. SECTION REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Captain's Report**

PB said the March had been a little quieter match wise, but hoped it would be possible to fit in matches with the Ladies and the Seniors. He stated that his year as Captain had been ok but hectic. PB informed that committee that the Hockey Club had held an event at the club and were pleased with all the arrangements. PB informed the committee that the Annual Dinner went well with 50 members attending and the food was excellent, also the Italian Night with quiz was a success.

##### **4.2 Senior Captain**

DC stated that there had been two matches held so far although one was cancelled after 6 holes due to the very windy conditions, and he had to give credit to the kitchen staff as although they had to bring the meal forward this was done and both teams enjoyed the social side of the day. The second match against the Warreners was an honourable half.

##### **4.3 Course Report**

GW reported that work on the course was on-going and he was hoping that working parties would start in April.

Replacing Flag tops cost £7.50 each and it has been suggested that some are purchased which are perforated and have the Minehead Logo (which might deter some being taken).

Ball Washers are to be placed on some of the tees as this has been budgeted for.

The grass on the course starts to grow in April so Andy Atkins has again been asked to help out for 20 hours per week again this is within the Budget.

GW suggested that green staff feel they are often taken for granted and proposed that a camera on the first tee could assist with identifying people playing without paying and also members practicing on the course. PB said that he had always found the green staff very helpful.

AR asked for an update on the landfill situation. GW informed the committee that it would cost £600,000 to complete the work without the use of landfill and a report had been put to the Environmental Agency that this work was necessary for environmental reasons and also health and safety of players. Now waiting for the reply from the Environmental Agency.

The Committee were informed that winter rules would end after the Captain's Drive in. DB requested a drop out of divets during the summer, after a short discussion this was agreed to leave for the next Management Committee.

PB asked about the situation regarding the rabbits and was informed that this was still on-going.

#### **4.4 Competitions and Handicaps**

TB informed the committee that the Dave Dewney competition was poorly supported although the Brown Cup had 68 entries which was one less than last year. Only 3 people broke par and was won by a score of 69.

#### **4.5 Premises**

EJF reported that there had been some damage to tiles due to the weather and these had been dealt with.

New bulbs were being updated and the fluorescent lights were next to be looked at. There had been no news on the insurance claim for the Buggy Shed.

The new tables were due to arrive this coming week; SA said they were due on the 26<sup>th</sup> which is Easter Saturday so the date would be checked. EJF said that the old tables would be offered to members with a possible small donation to the club funds. TB asked about the boiler and pipe work, EJF was awaiting a quote.

#### **4.6 Bar and Social**

The MC were informed that Ashley Jackson was no longer working for the club, SA and EJF had spoken to Susan Sly and she has agreed to carry on managing the kitchen. SA and SS to meet to sort out what was required. A member of the MC asked about the levels of staffing in the kitchen, EJF will speak to SS after the busy Easter W/E and look at ways to take the catering function forward on an even keel. JH reported that Sunday lunch on March 20<sup>th</sup> was chaotic, some of this was due to the unexpected departure of Ashley Jackson and some due to the fact that there was not enough choice of meats. JH is also concerned that the members of the ladies section who help are being taken for granted. EJF put forward a request to channel money coming from St Austell back into some extra equipment, the main item being a gantry to keep meals hot. The MC agreed providing it did not exceed the St Austell figure.

DB explained that all main purchases have to be approved by the MC due to overspending in the club in previous years. Small items, such as mugs etc do not need approval.

#### **4.7 Treasurer**

JF reported that the Club budget shows a loss of £15,000 in 2016 made with the following assumptions that there would be no money from the infill and no additional relief from the business rate. This could be managed for 1 year. Assuming the subscription level maintained. So far 2016 -17 subscriptions billed £272,000 and would hopefully hit £222,000 and anticipating slight increases in green fees, increases in the bar area and catering break even.

The Course, Club House repairs and maintenance and Admin are as listed.

A breakthrough in the business rates or infill would assist on reducing the loss.

JF asked for the Committee to approve the Budget. Proposed by AR Seconded by PA agreed unanimously.

JF also informed the committee that 16 A.1s had not renewed their subscription.

The committee then went on to discuss the Annual Salary Review - Confidential

#### **5 Procedures for AGM Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**5.1** Draft script prepared as per the running order in the Annual Report.

**5.2** Appointments to the Management Committee have been posted.

**5.3** Letter from members regarding Friday morning tee-times.

AR read the letter and it has been checked that there is nothing in the rules to turn this letter into a resolution.

JF suggests a discussion be allowed to take place which will then be discussed by the members.

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**5.4** AR requested that the committee seating is set up across the window area in the lounge for the AGM and that the mic is provided. – EFJ to arrange this.

#### **6 Any Other Business**

**6.1** DB stated that his charity would be for Minehead Dementia Alliance and Watchet Dementia Alliance and that there were two “forget-me-not cafe” one in Watchet and one to open in Minehead.

**6.2** AR thanked JF and PA for the hard work they had put into the management committee during their years of service.

**6.3** PB reported that the slabs are now being laid for the outside area.

**6.4** DC asked permission for the Seniors to arrange another Open run as a Texas Scramble. Graham Walsh from the Seniors to discuss with Graham Wright from the Warreners re a convenient date.

#### **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**TBA**