



MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

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Minutes for the Management Meeting of Minehead Golf Club 28th April 2014

Present - Paul Fulbrook , Phil Arbourne, Ian Gover, John A'Court, John Fulwell, Ros Chidgey, Kay Lockett, Gerry Mason, Tony Bowden, Phil Bowden, Jayne Fulwell (voting members)

In attendance - Steve Archer, Wil Elston and Club President Trevor John

1 - Apologies

Craig Valentine

2 - Minutes of the March meeting

These were approved with just one small amendment Gerry Mason is the immediate past captain, not the retiring captain.

3 - Matters Arising

a - Clubhouse Lighting, a quote to replace all single recessed fittings from D Hayhoe £2082 they would be a lot more efficient. All the fittings are 30 or 40 years old. This was agreed.

b - Coffee Machine - coffee ordered from the bar is now £1.25 and the price of a cafetiere have also gone up. The vending machine is a quality produce and is only £1. members have a choice.

c - Captains Sub Committee - not started yet but Phil intends to involve past captains.

d - Contracts - Tony Bowden has sent course staff employees draft contracts to C Valentine and there are a few amendments to be made. They will meet on Friday 2nd May to finalise them. Contracts for kitchen are still to be finalised - Jayne Fulwell not available on Friday.

e - Course Marshall - no progress to date. Marshaling the first tee is more important as when the pro shop is not manned non-members try to use the course. Steve Archer reported that this was already beginning to happen. Difficult to identify non-members. P Fullbrook - Wednesday evening would be a good time to come down. It was agreed to start this week and record the details of those trespassing, and pass it on to the police if they persisted. P Arbourne to look out on Thursday when he is in the office.

f - EGM - Paul Fulbrook has nearly finished the proposal for the new Country Membership category and also the implications for current membership. Trying to contact and get feedback from members who have left the club is determine interest. The Seniors Proposal - There will be a list of criteria for the seniors that would have to be met, should their proposal be passed. These will mirror the criteria in the club rules. Marketing committee have been looking at options that could be offered to past members how have left because they do not get enough use from their membership. Some of the membership categories in our rules have no criteria and some of our membership categories are not in the rules. There was some discussion with regard to how to change the categories. It was

proposed that a resolution be put to the membership, so that categories can be taken out of the rules. This would mean that we do not need a rule change every time they need modifying. Management would advise members of any changes to membership categories at least 3 months before the start of the next membership year, this would give time for members to object. It was unanimously agreed to go to the EGM with a proposal to take the membership categories out of the rules. John Fulwell to draft a resolution.

g - Course - Buggies, C Valentine and P Fullbrook have inspected the course as has the pro shop. 3 buggies on order they are top of the range with GPS tracking and will be restricted where they can go on the course. Ian Read is liaising with Rob Barrett, there are only a few areas of the course that need remedial work. Signage is being provided by the company, Ian Read is dealing with. Health & safety requirements and the course planner and instructions for those using them will also be provided. They should be in operation by Monday 12th May.

“The Tree” has come down.

h - Kitchen Equipment - This was agreed at, and ordered after the last meeting. It is now in place. Thanks to Bob Williamson for his help. The gas line will have to be replaced as when they installed the new oven they found that the current pipework was illegal. The new pipework will cost in the order of £700.

4 - Treasurer

All members of the MC had received a copy of the March accounts and the year to date. Subscription income is just ahead of budget, but down on 2013. The treasurer went through the numbers in some detail. Green fees are down to budget as we had such a wet start to the year, they are £4000 down on last years figures. This is an area that needs to be improved if we are to meet our budget. We have received money from the landfill, with the amount to date being well ahead of the number budgeted for. It will be up to the MC to decide how this money is used. Some may be allocated to the course for buggy paths. Some may need to go to clubhouse for much needed repairs. Great confidence was expressed in Rob Barrett to meet his budget for the course as this is our biggest area of expense. The Treasurer asked permission of the MC to form a financial sub-committee, Andy Giles has already agreed and they will find 2 more. It was unanimously agreed that this could go ahead. Thanks to all that had helped with the office clean up. The computer system is going to be “rewired” and eventually there will be some new (probably second-hand) furniture.

5 - Section Reports

a - Junior report - 24 juniors for the session this evening. These training sessions should be put on the white board. Ian Gover went through parts of his report and gained approval for his proposals. There is a fund to pay for junior coaching. They will be allowed to play in junior competitions with a club handicap. It was agreed to e-mail members to ask if there is anyone who will act as the club welfare officer for juniors. The post provides someone unbiased for junior players or their parents to go to if they have any concerns about the welfare of a child, directly linked to the golf club. Steve Archer to send out an e-mail. Other members of the pro shop and Ian Gover will have to be CRB checked. There will be a bid for funding from County. There will be personal development plans for the older golfer.

b - Bar / Catering / Social - the next clubnight will have a Spanish theme May 31st - Steve Archer to do a poster and an e-mail.

c - Captain - 2 very successful early season matches, both wins.

6 - Marketing

Club website - this is in the process of being updated, but there is more work to be done. Neil Bowyer will be working with Ian Gover, and when it is done another member Eddie

Gosling will be approached to keep an overview of it to check that all the information is up to date. We are paying for the website to be updated, this payment will need to be checked. Permission was asked to link the site to the BRS system so that visitors can book directly. This was agreed.

Minehead Festival - Wed 13th August - some of the traders want to use the small car park, as parking will be very limited. We would be part of the festival, open to the public and use the event to publicise the club. All agreed. Minehead Festival also wants to use the club on Friday 15th August for a musical event. Before this can be agreed more information on what sort of music, target audience, what impact on the building, security, etc. Jayne Fulwell will go back to Paul Grierson to find out more information.

Breeze Radio - waiting for the pro shop to organise the next meeting. Try to get the new country categories on it.

6 - AOB

1 - John A'Court, disappointed that the Seniors Open has been cancelled. One explanation could be that the date had been changed and so there was not enough interest.

2 - Letter from Thelma Martin thanking the club for the help and service she got on her 80th birthday which she celebrated with a party in the clubhouse.

3 - Ladies Open on Thursday 8th and the toilet door on the 10th green was still not working. Phil Arbourne to take Bob Williamson out to have a look at it.

4 - Course - Paul Fullbrook reported that the groundsman had coped with all the work while Andy Webber was off ill, and since his death there were no plans to replace him. Andy Atkins was doing some work for the club on a self employed basis, working a maximum of 20 hrs a week. Any problems with machinery can be dealt with on a item by item basis. Paul proposed that we give the 3 greenkeepers a small bonus with their May salary. This was unanimously agreed.

7 - Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th May 6pm