

MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD AT THE GOLF CLUB ON 27TH OCTOBER 2014 AT 6.0PM

PRESENT

In the chair P Fullbrook

P Arbourne - Captain

J O'Court - Premises

J Fulwell - Treasurer

Mrs K Luckett - Lady Captain

Mrs J Fulwell - Bar & Social

Mrs J Holland - Lady Vice-Captain

I Gover - Junior Organiser

D Bickerstaff Comps & Handicaps

arriving later G Wells - Course Manager P Bowden Vice Captain

IN ATTENDANCE

W Elston - Seniors Rep

T John - President

Mrs I Swinburn - Minutes

APOLOGIES

G Mason - Past Captain

T Bowden - Competitions & Handicaps

1.MINUTES

2.2The Chairman raised the point regarding Paternity Leave, stating the wording of this was unfortunate and could reflect badly on the MC, as “topping up” was not the agreed term to be used in the Paternity Policy.

2.8 Showers, members had complained that the showers were often cold if a lot of people used these at once. Nigel Grabham had been called in; he suggested that regulators on them would not solve the problem, but, the rerouting of the pipework so that the water goes direct to the showers, rather than to others parts of the building first could help. J A'Court to hold further meetings with N Grabham.

8.2 Communications via Social Media; members who had made negative comments about the course & green staff, had been spoken to by the Chairman, and the issue is now resolved.

11.2 Buggies, I Read had asked if he could obtain more buggies, this had been agreed by the MC, up to a maximum of 4. The Chairman asked for confirmation that the Greens Manager and Rob Barrett were aware of the Committee's decision.

The minutes were then signed as a correct record of the last meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.4 Sewage Pipes; these had been cleared of any debris. There should be a written report about what exactly has been done. This should come to the office with the Invoice. J A'Court to check this.

10.0 On the confidential matter, the Chairman announced that he expected every member of the MC to be supportive of each other and every member of the staff. Hearsay and the undermining of staff will not be tolerated in future. Members reporting issues regarding staff will be asked to put it in writing to the MC, reporting the facts only.

2.7 Car Park. The hole in the car park had been filled in.

3. CHAIRMAN'S INSIGHT

The Chairman announced that he would continue in the position for the third year of his term. The job is still a work in progress, and he intends "to champion" the rights of the Employees of the Club, and fully support the MC in each of their challenging roles. He expects the members of the Club to take his lead and help us through these difficult and testing times.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

4.1 Although subscriptions and Green Fees were as expected, September and October had been better, the additional expenses have arisen due to necessary and remedial work carried out on the Club House.

4.2 The Treasurer was concerned as to whether all the Green Fees had been recorded, if players arrived early or late had they paid. Also had all those on trial membership paid their £10 each time they played. More robust accounting of these monies was needed.

4.3 The Treasurer had been in touch with all those who had taken out Taster

Membership, 67 in total, of those 33 had taken out Flexible Membership, 16 adults and 3 colts had taken out membership. There were 62 social members.

4.4 A notice for members about subscription for next year would be put on the board as soon as notification had been received about Union fees.

5. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

5.1 A letter had been received from Barbara Wymark thanking the club for their help during a recent fund raising event for Macmillan Cancer.

5.2 A letter from the three Counties (Devon, Cornwall and Somerset) over 35 team golfers who had enjoyed 3 days at the club. The food was exceptional, they were so impressed that the next time it is Somerset's turn to host the event they would like to come back.

5.3 A letter from the British Legion to thank the club for their hospitality for their meeting on the previous Friday.

5.4 There was thanks from the past Ladies team who enjoyed 3 days at the club at the beginning of the month.

5.5 Thanks to the past Ladies Captain, Mrs R Chidgey, for all her hard work during the previous year.

5.6 All recent visitors to the club had been very pleased with our catering and the reception they had been given by the bar staff.

5.7 Thanks to all the ladies who had worked hard at all the functions held recently at the club.

6. PREMISES

6.1 The flat roof on part of the building overlooking the putting green, is leaking and in need of repair. J A'Court would get some quotes for the work.

6.2 N Grabham had had a look at the leaking pipe under the basin in the Lady's Locker room. A hole would need to be made in the floor so Parks Lane stores would need to come in after the work was finished to reseal the floor.

7. SENIORS REPORT

7.1 It was nice to see a new wastepaper bin in the Men's locker room.

8. COURSE MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 The 2 evenings when members were asked to help fill in divots on the course had been a success and those who helped were thanked.

8.2 Boxes of soil would be put at tees round the course for members to use to fill in divots. Soil would be put in bags, a bag taken would be used on the fairway and the empty bag could be put in the box at the next tee.

8.3 The Green Staff had been really busy keeping the course in good order, A. Atkins is still be used to assist the green staff. Should the Club consider re-evaluating the work force. MC to discuss.

8.4 A suggestion was made to allocate a specific hole on the course to each and every member, in alphabetical order, to help look after bunkers, divots, pitch marks etc. This will help to take the pressure off Green staff.

8.5 Report from the Agronomist - the course was in good shape, but some equipment needed to be replaced; this could cut out time wasted repairing equipment that has broken down. Is it a false economy to not take on another member of staff? (Hence 8.3)

8.6 The amount of landfill would be arriving less often during the winter, but there was plenty more available. At the moment Lynch is supplying it, there could be other firms that could and should be approached.

8.7 A quote from Lynch for laying concrete on the practice area for £6875 had been received. Other firms will be asked for a quote.

8.8 There could be grants, not very large, obtained from SGU, but this must be made before work starts.

8.9 Work on the buggy path at the end of 9th hole will start soon.

8.10 A meeting had taken place with a Graphic Designer to discuss the new signs for the course. Sponsors had come forward for each hole, plus 3 directional signs.

8.11 J Fulwell and R Barrett (Head Green keeper) had been to Taunton Vale Golf Club to look at equipment they had for sale. There was a grass cutting machine that looked suitable, also some parts for the sprinkler system. An offer has been made to TVGC.

8.12 Members had asked how much longer there would be GUR at the front of bunkers on the 10th hole. There was a difficulty as stones were so near the surface.

8.13 How often were tee markers moved as, sometimes they seemed to be in the same place for a long time and the ground got very well used.

9. iGOLF SHED

9.1 There will be no responsibility to the club.

9.2 I Read and J Bickerton had asked if they could take over the shed from Lee Hardwick. They would use it for lessons. This was agreed by the MC.

10. PRESIDENT

10.1 T John was coming to the end of his term as President, he has made a short list of suitable incumbents, with an announcement to follow soon.

11. NEW YEAR'S EVE

11.1 Tickets for New Year's Eve would go on sale on Saturday, price £35. This would include a 3 course meal, champagne and taxi home; taxis would go as far as Watchet or Porlock.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 To be added to the diary, there would be an Open Stableford on July 15th.

12.2 Presentation Night. Seniors will be presented with the usual cut glass, all other sections had agreed to be presented with a new commemorative pitch-marker.

12.3 Artisan Trophy, this will be played on a Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday in 2015. The winner must have played on both days, competitors can enter either or day though.

12.4 Sunday Lunches. There should be better portion control to cut down waste. There should be an enforcement of the Dress Code, some non-members had come in beach attire or worst. People should pay before sitting down to eat, perhaps a ticket given when they pay, which must be presented before being given food.

12.5 Front of Building. This did need tidying up: cigarette ends, rubbish, sand etc. Working party would be organised in the near future via email request.

12.6 Green Fees. Members who bring friends along, who are not members of the club, should make sure that they pay a Green fee.

12.7 Warreners' Flag. This had gone missing ("purloined") about 3 months ago, does anyone know where it is?

12.8 The surveys that S Archer sent out have now been returned and the information will be processed in due course.

12.8 Subscriptions. Any queries should go to John Fulwell so that there is a unified response, not make decisions themselves which might or might not be correct.

12.9 Letter from Mary Beakes saying are the club being too generous to younger members over subscriptions. Many older members on fixed incomes could find affording subscriptions difficult. A suitable response has been sent by The Chairman.

12.10 An e-mail had been received from SGU. Their new secretary would like to come to the club during November, along with others members of the SGU, to discuss various ways in which the SGU can assist our Club. A suitable date will be sought and organised by Jayne Fulwell.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st December at 6.00pm