

ORMONDE FIELDS GOLF CLUB LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday 5th July 2022

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr K Carnell (Chair), Mr T Woolley (Captain), Mrs C Shepperson (Lady Captain), Mr I Chambers, Mr P Cope, Mrs P Holloway, Mr M Painter, Mr C Pepperday, Mr R Skinner, Mrs L Spurr, Mr R White.

Apologies: Mr A Dale, Mr R Bell.

Minutes taken by Mr R Skinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5th April 2022 were proposed by Mr I Chambers and seconded by Mr R White as being a true record.

1.0 MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS

- 1.1 The Chairman extended condolences on behalf of the Committee to the family of Mr M Wheat, the Head Greenkeeper, following his recent passing.
- 1.2 The Chairman offered thanks to the members (Rowdy Boys/Swindle) for the acquisition of the new warning bell adjacent the fifteenth green, in honour of Mr G Cresswell following his recent passing..
- 1.3 The Captain expressed concern regarding actions arising from previous meetings not being dealt with. In particular he cited the lack of a 'No Entry' sign at the entrance which had safety implications. New signage to be investigated

ACTION: Mr White

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 2.1 Mr Skinner advised that a communication had been received from Derbyshire County Golf requesting agreement to a change in the Articles and Rules relating to meeting quorums. The Chairman confirmed he had responded positively on behalf of the club.
- 2.2 Mr Skinner advised that a member had written concerning an incident of bad behaviour by the child of a lady golfer one evening. It was unclear if the lady was a member or visitor. Such incidents occur periodically and are difficult to police.

3.0 CAPTAINS' REPORT

THE CAPTAIN:

- 3.1 The Captain asked when the change in player priority on the second tee, previously agreed in Committee, would be implemented. Mr White confirmed that new signage was being sourced at present.

ACTION: Mr White

- 3.2 The Captain confirmed that the recent Captain's Breakfast had been a success.

- 3.3 The Captain outlined details for his forthcoming Captain's Day. Normal members have priority tee time booking up to 12.30pm. Lady Members to have their own specific tee times and their own competition. Guests are welcome in the afternoon. A voucher will be given for the meal. Past Captains will meet at 6pm.
- 3.4 The Captain observed that the Charity Open is being held in August, details of which will be confirmed shortly.
- 3.5 The Captain confirmed that the friendly matches with other clubs are progressing successfully.

THE LADY CAPTAIN:

- 3.6 The Lady Captain confirmed that arrangements for Lady Captain's Day this coming Sunday are continuing.

4.0 BUSINESS REPORT

- 4.1 The Chairman briefly summarised the current financial position including:-
- a) The position of Head Greenkeeper has been filled from within the current staff by Mr A Ward following interview. The Chairman wished him well in his new role.
 - b) The Lady Captain queried whether a replacement had been found for Mr Ward's previous role. The Chairman confirmed that a promising new member of staff had been sourced.
 - c) The Chairman confirmed that, although the latest accounts are awaited, the business is currently in a healthy position with 536 members in total.
 - d) A new digger has recently been acquired and a new 'gator' is on order.
 - e) Upon inspection, the entrance gates appear to be in an unsafe condition. A quotation has been received and remedial work will be undertaken in the autumn.
- 4.2 The Captain asked about the incidence of water on the floor of the reconditioned Male Toilets. Mr Skinner confirmed the source had been traced and the problem eradicated.
- 4.3 Mr Pepperday queried the poor state of the surface on the entrance road. The Chairman confirmed that repairs are being undertaken shortly.

5.0 COURSE REPORT

- 5.1 No official report owing to Mr Bell's unfortunate need to isolate because of Covid. A general discussion was held including the incidence of deeper rough on certain holes and the need to scarify more often.
- 5.2 Mrs Holloway asked if the Greens Committee was meeting regularly. The Chairman advised that this was not the case but was being addressed.
- 5.3 The Lady Captain queried whether there were intentions to upgrade pathways around the course. The Chairman confirmed that there were long term plans to undertake such works, but at present other tasks took priority

6.0 HANDICAP REPORT

- 6.1 Mr Chambers confirmed that the new system of updating competition outcomes on Monday morning in lieu of Saturday evening was working well.

- 6.2 Mr Chambers confirmed that the Foursomes and Better Ball Opens would be card only, not on the computer.
- 6.3 Mr Chambers confirmed that the postponed Fearne Trophy had been rearranged and played on a recent Sunday
- 6.4 Mrs Holloway queried whether cards were necessary now all handicap issues were realised by computer. Mr Chambers confirmed that the intention was to continue with cards as a safety check.
- 6.5 The Captain asked about procedure if a member won on a Saturday, but does not sign his card, and plays off the wrong handicap on Sunday. Mr Chambers stated that this has not happened to date, but if it did, he could take action retrospectively.
- 6.6 The Chairman queried staffing status in the Handicap Committee. Mr Chambers confirmed there were no issues at present.

7.0 HOUSE REPORT

- 7.1 No report as the House Committee are meeting immediately after the main Committee Meeting.
- 7.2 A general request was made for donations for Charity Day.

8.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING REPORT

- 8.1 Mr Painter raised the issue of drivers accessing the course along the entrance drive adjacent the fourth green whilst golfers are hitting balls onto the green. He considered a sleeping policeman would be advisable. After discussion, it was agreed that signage advising drivers of golfers in play to their right would be advisable.

ACTION: Mr White

- 8.2 Mr Painter considered a branch hanging off a tree to the right of the eleventh tee needing removing for safety.

ACTION: Mr White

- 8.3 Mr Painter considered that the sensors controlling the lighting in the Male Toilets needed adjusting enabling the lights to stay on longer.

9.0 LADIES REPORT

- 9.1 The Lady Captain offered her thanks for the screen in the Ladies Toilets.
- 9.2 The Lady Captain asked about prizes for the forthcoming Ladies Open. Mr White advised he would source the M&S vouchers upon receipt of the number of entrants.

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DECLARED

- 10.1 The Chairman updated the meeting on progress to replace/update the Honours Boards in the Clubhouse. A policy decision is awaited concerning the relocation of boards when they become full.

ACTION: The Chairman (Mr Carnell)

10.2 The Captain noted that the signage/information on the walls of the Male Changing Rooms was old and out of date. This will need to be checked and updated accordingly.

ACTION: Mr White

10.3 The Captain observed that many members do not appear to carry golf insurance and wondered if the club should check accordingly. Some insurance cover is provided by England Golf, but it is individual members responsibility to ensure they are adequately covered.

10.4 The Captain queried the whereabouts of the minutes file in the clubhouse which is available to members. Mr Skinner advised the file was kept in the clubhouse entrance lobby, but admitted it was not up to date. After discussion, it was decided these minutes should be posted on the website. The suggestion book is to be abandoned.

ACTION: Mr Skinner/Mr White

10.5 The Captain queried the usage of monies which are not collected by previous winners at Presentation Evenings. Mr White advised that following discussion at the Directors meeting, the intention was to create a separate bank account for this money to assist with sundry payments, eg. purchase of Captain's jacket.

ACTION: Mr Dale/Mr White

10.6 The Captain expressed disappointment at the communication protocol operating within the club. In particular, he outlined a letter he had sent to the Directors in April for which he was still awaiting a response. After discussion, the Chairman agreed to investigate accordingly.

ACTION: The Chairman

10.7 The Lady Captain asked if the Ladies could use one of the new lockers for storage. The Chairman advised that this was not possible but that he would find another solution.

ACTION: The Chairman

10.8 The Lady Captain stated that the setting of the commemorative bench in honour of her late husband had been very well done and offered thanks to all involved.

10.9 Mr White advised that the postponed Captain's Farewell for Mr C Powell would now be held on Saturday 8th October.

10.10 Mr Chambers requested that, after mowing the grass, greens staff could reinstate any GUR areas accordingly as members were dropping in the wrong place at times.

10.11 Mr Chambers considered that the short section of fairway in front of the fifth hole should be extended slightly towards the tee.

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 4th October. Meeting closed at 7.20pm.