

ORMONDE FIELDS GOLF CLUB LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday 17th July 2023

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr A Dale (Chair), Mr C Pepperday (Captain), Mrs L Spurr (Lady Captain), Mr I Chambers, Mr P Derbyshire, Mrs P Holloway, Mr M Painter, Mrs C Shepperson, Mr R Skinner, Mr C Stubbs.

Apologies: Mr K Carnell (President), Mr P Cope, Ms M Jago, Mr R White.

Minutes taken by Mr R Skinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th April 2023 were proposed by Mr I Chambers and seconded by Mr C Pepperday as being a true record.

1.0 MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS

1.1 None

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Mr Skinner confirmed receipt of an email with a proposed update to the Clubv1 system.

3.0 CAPTAINS' REPORT

THE CAPTAIN:

3.1 The Captain stated that some members were attending presentation evenings in unsuitable attire outside the stipulated definition of 'smart casual'. He requested that an email be sent to the membership to emphasise this point.

ACTION: Mr White

3.2 The Captain confirmed that the Captain's Breakfast had been well attended and a success.

3.3 The Captain expressed concern at the poor state of some of the benches around the course. Also, a bench adjacent the Ladies first tee would be worthwhile particularly with Ladies Opens coming up. Mr Painter opined that the bench on the 11th hole could be reconditioned and resited. The Chairman agreed to investigate.

ACTION: The Chairman/Mr White

3.4 Mrs Shepperson observed that the bridge plaque on the 14th hole had been badly cleaned and may need replacing. The Chairman agreed to investigate.

ACTION: The Chairman/Mr White

THE LADY CAPTAIN:

- 3.5 The Lady Captain gave positive news that arrangements for Ladies Opens, invitations and friendly matches were proceeding well.

4.0 BUSINESS REPORT

- 4.1 The Chairman briefly outlined the current financial position which is positive albeit income is lower than this time last year.
- 4.2 The Chairman outlined the issues arising from the current occupiers of the Clubhouse curtailing their lease at the end of August. The proposal is for the membership to undertake the rent free running of the Clubhouse from 1st September until next year's golfing season, prior to further consultation with them on the way forward. The meeting discussed the problems and proposed solutions over this period.
- 4.3 The Chairman advised that the new attached professional, Mr W Painter has settled in and doing well.
- 4.4 The Chairman updated the meeting on various options being considered for the practise ground including extending the bottom area, additional practice bays and possibly netting.

5.0 COURSE REPORT

- 5.1 Mr Derbyshire reported that leaks had been repaired on holes four and fifteen.
- 5.2 Mr Derbyshire advised that the head greenkeeper is planning to Verti cut the greens on a monthly basis and cut and 'swish' them every day which should address some concerns raised by members.
- 5.3 The rough mower has now been repaired with a new plate welded and fitted.
- 5.4 The precise area where use of the drop comes into force on the 4th hole has now been marked with DZ posts. New posts in surrounding areas are normal hazard markers.
- 5.5 Mrs Shepperson suggested that now the mowers had been repaired, consideration should be given to reducing the cutting height on the fairways.
- 5.6 Mr Chambers observed that a tree on the 17th hole appeared to be in danger of falling down.

6.0 HANDICAP REPORT

- 6.1 Mr Chambers stated that a nett versus gross error had occurred on the recent Divisional Championship and an apology is to be issued to the membership.
- 6.2 Mr Chambers advised that the Club Foursomes competition was again not proving popular this year. After discussion, it was decided that the American Foursomes format may be trialled next year.
- 6.3 Mr Chambers confirmed that two entrants in the Knockouts could not agree a mutual date and had therefore unfortunately been disqualified.
- 6.4 Mr Chambers was concerned that many members personal details were not up to date on the Clubv1 system and wished for an email to be issued to the membership accordingly.

ACTION: Mr Skinner

- 6.5 The Chairman advised that an email had been received requesting a review of the Out-of-Bounds area on the 2nd hole. He had responded that this was not possible.

6.6 Mr Stubbs queried whether the course stroke index is correct. Mrs Shepperson agreed stating a rating of 123 seemed too low compared to other courses. The Chairman outlined the parameters the WHS assessors use in establishing ratings, one factor being the absence of many fairway bunkers.

7.0 HOUSE REPORT

7.1 Mrs Holloway advised that the Clubhouse had agreed that setting up for Charity Day could proceed on the Friday morning before. At present there is a paucity of prizes being donated.

8.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING REPORT

8.1 Mr Painter expressed concern at the state of the path leading down the hill from the 2nd tee. The Chairman agreed to address the issue.

ACTION: The Chairman

8.2 Mr Painter considered that the brambles protruding from the hedge adjacent the 2nd tee path should be kept clear all year round.

8.3 The Chairman confirmed that an independent reviewer had been consulted regarding H&S/Safeguarding.

8.4 Mrs Holloway expressed concern that the path from the 17th green leading up to the 18th tee appeared to be subsiding.

8.5 Mrs Shepperson wondered if all health and safety paperwork for the Clubhouse kitchen was up to date following such issues prompting closure of the Marquis of Ormonde. The Chairman confirmed this was being investigated.

9.0 LADIES REPORT

9.1 A new welcome pack for new Lady members has been produced and forwarded to Mr Carnell. The Chairman asked for a copy to be issued to him also.

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DECLARED

10.1 Mr Skinner queried the future procedure for presenting Hole-in-One ties after the suspension of Presentation Evenings. It was agreed that such ties will be presented by the Captain at the first opportunity.

10.2 Mrs Shepperson observed that the speed bumps on the drive were not visible and needed repainting.

10.3 Mrs Shepperson expressed concern at bad language on the Clubhouse patio which is a deterrent to some Lady members.

10.4 Mrs Holloway advised that Mr P Longdon from DCG had offered to hold a Rules evening for members possibly in a questionnaire format with possibly a prize/buffet involved. Mrs Holloway agreed to discuss possible dates with him (not Presentation Evenings).

ACTION: Mrs Holloway (ongoing – April 2023 Minutes)

Date of the next meeting is Monday 16th October 2023. Meeting closed at 7.20pm.