

Committee meeting minutes

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Attendees: Andy Storer, Berni Martin, Tom Fleming, Sarah Jolly, Iain Cottingham, Steve Warren, Nigel Thorne, Giles Bennet, Sandy Byfield, Kieran Watson

1. **Apologies:** Andy Meredith, Gill Lane
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Approved

Items Carried forward

- a) Honours Boards: All boards are now in place AS to collate errors on the boards and rectify. (asap)
- b) Rules evening booked for Monday 20th May. TF not many members booked to attend, will send out another reminder.
- c) 5th Tee Levelling TF Dave Knight has agreed to complete no date set yet.
- d) Halfway house Better, burgers excellent value, some team members need further training to confidently cook burgers. Unfortunately closed all day Tuesday.
- e) KW/SJ for consideration at next meeting:- would it be possible for weekend medals and Stablefords to run all through the day to encourage more participation from members.

General Managers Report

No report sent.

Director of Golf Report

We are in the cutting season, so the guys are working hard to keep up with the mowing schedule. No applications for the two additional green keepers yet. Excellent communication from Dave Knight regarding maintenance schedule. Schedule does change at times, (is this weather dependant?)

Putting green has been removed to allow extension of the patio area, this will be extended using slabs. Hopefully, some form of order at the table will be made available. TF has been tasked to increase green fee revenue, unused tee times at weekends will be sold at a premium rate 7 days in advance in tee times reserved for

members. The sale of the estate is on hold. A new GM has been appointed and will be starting 20th May.

Treasurers Report

<u>Donnington Grove Golf Committee</u>	6 Months to	Budget	Year to
<u>Income & Expenditure Account</u>	30 April 2024	to date	31 October 2023
Income			
Competitions Income	4,259.00		13,370.00
Card charges	(24.15)		(68.53)
Fines charged	-		10.00
Less: Vouchers	(2,670.00)		(7,900.00)
Prizegiving	(1,015.01)		(4,365.00)
	<u>(3,685.01)</u>		<u>(12,265.00)</u>
	549.84	759.99	1046.47
Club Ties	0.92	-	0.92
Interest received	81.30	90.00	117.84
Total Income	632.06	849.99	1165.23
Expenditure			
Berkshire Ladies comps	131.00	125.00	184.00
England Golf Race to Woodhall Spa	75.00	80.00	70.00
BB&O Hillman/Foursomes/ Champion Club/Lombard	85.00	85.00	155.00
RDICL Scratch League	225.00	225.00	-75.00
Kyocera/Annodata Matchplay Men and Ladies	230.00	230.00	210.00
Inter-club Challenge	256.00	300.00	240.00
Committee Golf Day	0.00	0.00	320.00
30th Anniversary sponsorship	0.00		900.00
Memorial plaques	0.00	0.00	48.00
Competition expenses	35.90		
Donnington Diners expenses	65.00		
Bank charges	30.00	30.00	60.00
Total Expenditure	1132.90	1075.00	2112.00
Profit/Loss	-500.84	-225.01	-946.77

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Balance Sheet

	30-Apr 2024	31-Oct 2023
Current Assets		
Bank: current account	242.32	278.54
Bank: deposit account	7140.02	10058.72
Stock - Club ties 6 remaining	114.48	133.56
Competitions money due	1076.42	639.00
Donnington Diners Float	300.00	299.25
Champagne Rollup Float	250.00	
Total Current Assets	9123.24	11409.07
Current Liabilities		
Provision for Prize Giving 2023	370.00	2345.00
Provision for Prize Giving 2022	900.22	900.22
Provision for Prize Giving 2024	1015.01	
Accrued costs	0.00	320.00
Memorial Fund	105.00	135.00
Outstanding Vouchers 2024	320.00	
Outstanding Vouchers 2023	0.00	795.00
Total Liabilities	2710.23	4495.22
Total Net Current Assets	6413.01	6913.85
General Fund brought forward	6913.85	7860.62
Profit/Loss for the year	-500.84	-946.77
General Fund carried forward	6413.01	6913.85

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Charity Account

Total Interest received	21.64
Captains Drive-in	
Guess the Distances	480.00
Surplus from entries/prizes/food	155.10
Xmas Ball Heads & Tails	90.00
Champagne rollup cake raffles	67.00
St George's Day	338.00
Captain/Pro Challenges	100.00
Donation J Black from Committee Awayday	10.00
Seniors Charity Bowl	
Lewseys donation	50.00
Ladies Eclectic	60.00
Ladies Par & Birdie Trees	25.00
Total	<u>£ 1,396.74</u>

Competition secretary report

All upcoming events are in order, and competitions rota in place, please see minutes from the last meeting

Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Attendees: Bernie Martin, Andy Meredith, Rob Hinson, Sandy Byfield, Jools Black, Steve Lillywhite, Gill Lane

1. Apologies: Steve Martin, Simon Vines
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – Approved.
3. Items Carried Forward
 - a. No Shows - no further action.
 - b. Boards – AS has got the new boards up, but there are still some amendments to do. SL will speak to AS about the trophies.
 - c. Website results. SL awaiting an answer.
 - d. Competitions Manual has been reviewed by GB. SB to update.
 - e. Drawn Social Comps – trialled for the Spring Meeting, £5 pp entry fee. BM to speak to TF if entry is small before allocating tees. Also request a card machine. BM/SM/SL

4 Rota – Updated.

5 Upcoming Competitions

- a. Winter knockouts – complete.
- b. Summer Knockouts – next deadline 19th May. BM
- c. Club Champs -- AM gave an update. Various jobs allocated. Hoping to have an electronic score board. Next meeting early June.
- d. Champagne Roll Up – going well. Without prior notice the Hotel has introduced a draw on Fridays, at 8.30pm for a meal in the restaurant, this has not been advertised.
- e. 6th May Spring Scramble – BM/SM/SL. (see above).
- f. 11th May Parasampia Bogey – GL.
- g. 25th May Mixed Greensomes – AM.
- h. 15th June Anniversary Foursomes – GL.
- i. 23rd June Midsummer Madness – SB.
- j. 20th June Captains Rosebowl – AM.

6 AOB

- a. TF has suggested the competition committee should adopt a local rule regarding tyre

tracks, this was agreed. AM will email TF, needs to be carefully worded.

- b. SB – Mixed tee comps - Course needs to be measured to implement comps. AM to speak to Jo/TF/DK.
- c. SB has checked the issue with Club V1 linking handicap changes for players with EG. All seems OK.
- d. GL – Knock Out Comps - Runners Up knockout winnings £5 – nothing further from the participant who queried this. GL used scratch knockout as an example of fewer entries, only 11 entries. This doesn't cover the cost of prizes, engraving, etc. Discussion about theseniors knockouts detracting from club knockouts. This will be brought up at main committee.
- e. GL – recent use of Sandtrend card machine caused delays. We will investigate getting our own machine (Sum Up). In the meantime, perhaps use TF's machine.
- f. SL – would like to reduce the qualifying criteria for board competitions.
- g. SM – Handicaps in competitions - to work out percentages for your course handicap, the % is taken on the exact calculated course handicap, not the rounded course handicap.
- h. AM – Winter rules will continue until the end of May.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th June 2024, 7.00pm in the upstairs bar.

Ladies Captains Report

It has been a quiet month, the ladies Anodonta team travelled to Sand Martins to play the first round and unfortunately were beaten. We have another chance in the Anodonta with our second team who will also play Sand Martins away, hopefully we will have the golfing gods on our side for that one.

Senior Captains Report

The seniors are getting busy now with many fixtures in the diary, our most recent trip to South Bucks in the winter summer club cup ended in a win.

We recently played against the Manor House club, unfortunately there were many issues on the day, ranging from poor presentation of the course to problems with post-match food. After many frank discussions and e mails, we are happy the issues have been sorted and TF has arranged some complimentary green fees, and vouchers for the team from the Manor House.

A very positive outcome to a poor day, which has also resulted in a new working relationship between a cross section of members and the management team.

The seniors Charity Bowl will be played Thursday 23rd May, there are still some places available, with 28 pairs already entered we are hoping for a great day.

Members Questions

NT Where does the out of bounds start and finish on the right of the 11th hole.

TF The intention is not to punish the poor shot, it is more a safety issue which was put in place after a number of members were hit by balls which were deliberately aimed down the 12th fairway, the white post should indicate an area of the 12th which we think will stop player deliberately aiming down that fairway, we will review the positioning of the white posts so they clearly indicate the OOB area of the 12th hole.

NT Is there a plan in place to drop the height of the second cut of rough on the course.

TF The course is being cut in a manor which suites the championship status of our golf course, it has been left at the present height and will remain very close to its present height, cutting it to a lower level will also thicken the grass, which will make it play harder. If when playing you are not certain you will find your ball, please play a provisional.

GB Where should rakes be placed in a bunker after they have been used.

After discussion it was felt that our main priority was to get members and visitors to use the rakes first, and as long as they are used, we will settle for that.

NT Will the 10th tee be available on weekend days for 9-hole golf from 07:00.

TF, we put a lot of pressure on the greenkeepers at the weekends to prepare the course for play by 07:00 from the first tee, asking them to try and prepare both nines of the course ready for early morning is not feasible at the moment.

TF 8 new matts have been ordered for the driving range, and some mirrors.

GB Is there a plan in place for divot parties this season.

TF I would like to initiate a programme of moving the divot tees around the course, to target the worst areas for divots, i.e.: for a couple of days the metal divot trees may be placed on the 2nd tee with the idea members take a divot bag and use it on the 2nd hole, then when the second is devoted, we can move the divot trees to another location on the course which needs attention, and so on through the season. WE are planning a divot party a couple of weeks before the club championship.

A.O.B

KW for AM Club championship volunteers we have a rota in place, and some members have already joined the merry band of spotters and starters, but more are needed so we do not have volunteers on course for hours on end, please put the word out asking for those interested to contact Tom, Andy Meredith or Andy Storer.

KW for AM we have asked on many occasions to have more measured tees on the course, in particular a course around the 5300yrd mark. Does committee think it would be a good use of committee funds to fund the measuring etc for the new tees, as it will be a benefit for the membership.

After discussion

AS Proposed the committee fund the measurement and installation of a set of tees which will measure approx. 5300yds

Seconded Steve Warren

Those in Favour 8 Against 0

Motion carried

HI The food for the recent Berkshire ladies Captains was excellent.

BM Is all the GUR now marked on the course

TF All GUR should be marked; however, it may need refreshing after cutting and some wet weather, some areas which the Greenkeepers have repaired is classed as abnormal ground conditions which you may take a drop from if agreed with playing partners.

GUR you must take a drop

Abnormal ground conditions You may take a drop if all in agreement.

If you are not sure please contact Tom or the pro shop for clarification, or attend the rules night Monday 20th May.

BM We have had some complaints regarding how short the fairways have been cut.

TF the fairways are now being cut at the summer height of 18mm across the course, all fairways have been fed using fertilizer and with the wet and warmth they will soon be a lot better. Winter rules are still in place until the end of May.

SW Ball washer on the first tee is in a state of disrepair, not a great first impression

AS Do we need to spend money on a ball washer on the 1st tee should your balls be clean at that point?

TF We will look at the cost of repair, maybe remove from the first, repair and place in another situation on course.

SW The matts on the bridge are loose and may cause someone to trip, also many of the securing screws are prominent which may cause punctures in the buggy tyres.

TF I will ask Dave to re secure the matts and remove any dangerous screws.

AS I have had many questions and correspondence regarding qualifying to play in board competitions.

After discussion

AS Proposed: - The number of qualifying scores should stay at 6, the period of qualifying should be extended from 12 months to 18 months. 2 of which must be Donnington grove competitions.

Seconded Steve Warren

Those in Favour 8 Those against 0

Motion Carried AM will draft a note out to the membership.

AS/SB Asked if the competitions committee would conduct a review of allocation of prize money to competition winners etc, and the possible increase in the competition fee.

BM To add to the next agenda for the competitions committee.

NT Is compiling an ever-growing list of members who would be willing to help in any way they can to benefit the membership of Donnington Grove. Can committee spread the word and let Nigel know or put anyone interested in touch with Nigel Thorn.

TF Ask if committee would take on the 1st and 18th holes and set a standard for the members. This would entail a little housekeeping as you play, pull a couple of weeds out of a bunker, pick up bits of litter and put them in the bin as you walk the hole. Nothing too major or strenuous, just a little light housekeeping.

All In agreement, may encourage others to follow.

Date of next Meeting Monday 10th June 19.00 Donnington Grove