



MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 2nd September 2019 – 5.30pm

Present:

(WJP)	W. John Perkins - Chairman
(GR)	Glenn Ross – Club Captain
(RC)	Ros Chidgey – Lady Captain
(IG)	Ian Gover – Vice Captain
(GH)	Gil Hurley - Lady Vice Captain
(DB)	Dorrien Bickerstaff – Bar & Catering
(PD)	Paul Davies – Bar & Catering
(DC)	Denis Compton – Greens
(MS)	Mike Shortland - Premises

In attendance:

(ID)	Ian Donnelly – Secretary/Manager
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The Chairman opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed Ian Donnelly, new Secretary/Manager to the golf club.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Barry Chaffey – Premises & Chris Embling – Treasurer.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5th August 2019)

Following minor changes to the minutes they were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. SECTION REPORTS

Chairman

- a) A letter had been received from a Member regarding the rabbit holes on the 11th fairway and the Chairman had discussed the matter privately with the Member. The issue with the rabbit holes is ongoing and a solution being sought.
- b) WJP had received comments regarding a large society that had been allowed a shotgun start commencing at 1.30pm. He explained that he had been made aware of the booking at enquiry stage and was content with the revenue generated by the event and the benefit to the club. GR suggested that if a shotgun start was required by a visiting group perhaps a minimum number of players should be guaranteed.
- c) As agreed in the August meeting, WJP reported he had met with a representative of Bridgwater & Taunton College regarding the possibility of recruiting an apprentice for the Greenkeeping department. WJP advised the Club should press ahead with the application and following lengthy discussions the meeting agreed, and also agreed that it was important Rob Barrett (RB), Head Greenkeeper was entirely involved in the recruitment process.
- d) WJP emphasized to the meeting the importance of planning for succession on all areas of the golf club.
- e) WJP reported that he had met with a representative of the contract cleaners. A credit note for 9 days had been issued to the golf club and a daily cleaning schedule "tickoff" list has been introduced. ID had met the cleaner this morning and would monitor ongoing.
- f) Winter Membership was discussed at length and it was agreed that this category would be; available from 1st Oct – March 31st, cost £250, tee times Mon – Sun after 11.00am, bar card with normal discounts and no entry to Club Competitions. GR reserved the right to offer entry to the Winter Fourball Competition. GR to organize a meeting with WJP, ID and Pro Shop to review all Membership Categories and make recommendations to the MC.

Treasurer

- a) See Treasurer's report.

Lady Captain

- a) GH reported the following snags for the changing rooms; 3 x toilet seats required, showers not draining adequately and causing excessive wet floors – MS to investigate.
- b) The storage cupboard is still to be painted – GH to arrange and Club to pay.
- c) Carpet to be laid once all decoration and snagging complete.

Greens

- a) RB has provided DC with a proposed Winter Program which will be circulated to the MC.
- b) Issues from the annual Health & Safety report from Xact still remain outstanding and will be ongoing.
- c) Waterproofs for green staff are being purchased.
- d) A meeting with Adam Robbins is still to be arranged to get the matter of landfill/landscaping. An extension for the planning is to be considered once all eventualities and financials aspects have been assessed.
- e) The 4 bridges on the golf course have been hi-lighted by the Xact Health & Safety report as potentially being hazardous and permission is being sought from the council to have them inspected.
- f) GR expressed concern that priority of the course work programme should be given to playing areas, in particular bunkers and GUR areas which need work, with non-playing areas such as buggy paths and fencing completed after resources were allocated to playing areas.

Premises

- a) MS advised that the new fat trap under the sink in the kitchen has been installed and that the kitchen staff are aware of ongoing maintenance requirements.
- b) MS has been making enquiries into solar panels and will distribute information to the MC for future discussion.

Bar & Catering

- a) PD had received a comment regarding the standard of food at a Ladies Match and following discussion it was concluded that this was a one-off, with consensus of opinion that in general food was of a good standard.
- b) DB reported that Ashley Jackson (Head Chef) had indicated he would be handing in notice, seeking to leave at the end of September. Following a discussion it was agreed that DB & ID would meet with Ashley ASAP in order to discuss the situation.
- c) PD reported that numbers for the murder mystery evening in September were sufficient to cover costs at 41.

Captains Committee

- a) GR reported that the committee had reviewed some Competition rules and all was in hand.
- b) DB enquired about the allocation of prizes in the Arnold Palmer and why so few Members had invited guests, GR/IG agreed that getting more members to invite guests would be reviewed for 2020.

AOB

- a) It was reported that Martin Gilbertson had sadly passed away.
- b) Following comments from a Member it was agreed that a sign be made for the Chipping Area near the 1st tee advising that chipping had priority, DC to action.
- c) RC enquired whether a decision had been made regarding the publication of a printed diary for 2020 for which no decision has currently been made, WJP to look into the possibility of a fixture list.

a) Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th October 2019, 5.30pm

Date: _____

Signed: _____

W. John Perkins
Chairman