



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer(AS), Sandy Byfield (SB), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Steve Lillywhite (SL), Gill Lane (GL) Patrick Griffin (PG), Tom Fleming (TF)
Apologies:	Dave Knight, Gary Rinaldi, Nigel Roberts-Green,
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer
	Date: Tuesday 7th April 2020 Time: 19.00 Location: Video Conference Meeting

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Restaurant Matters
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters / Actions arising from minutes
- Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to team's meetings
 - AGM Report (President by e-mail)
 - General Management Report by e-mail
 - Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report) by e-mail
 - Treasurer's Report by e-mail
 - Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report by e-mail
 - Agree Spring Scramble prize's
 - Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
 - Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- Questions only Re above reports
- Upcoming events
 - None!
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Members Reps
- Date for Review for May Comps
- *Date for next meeting*

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Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain Steve Lillywhite

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

Mike Garner £260 outstanding for fourball to Stoke Park, **(SL)** to contact.

Horse manure drop **(AS)** to liaise with both parties and arrange drop off.

General Managers report

No Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

NO Questions

AGM Report

I felt it was the right thing to do to hold the AGM on the arranged day. I was fully expecting a very low attendance, however we needed the meeting to be completed.

Very few questions were raised during the meeting (please reference the draft minutes issued). We had one motion for the meeting, which we deferred to next year as it was in reference to the length of the president's term, and we have plenty of time to debate.

Actions post AGM: -

- Copy of draft minutes circulated to the membership.
- Accompanying letter asking for any questions to be sent by 19/04/20 to be mailed to;-
committee@donnington-grove.com
- **(AS)** to collate questions and bring to committee.
- All members questions to be included in the final minutes of the AGM
- Questions raised at the meeting, noted in the draft minutes to be debated at committee.
- Committee answers to be published to general membership post May meeting, by personal e-mail and Q&A document on club website.
- All actions to be completed.

Questions submitted as of 07/04/20: -

At meeting: -

Lorraine Storey; -

Would it be possible to streamline the process of competition prize money?

The pro-shop team take the money for the competitions, would it not be possible for the pro-shop team to calculate the prize monies for the competition. Then assign the correct monies straight onto the members card account. Then return the nett amount for the club treasurer. It is felt by several members that they must wait too long for monies to be put onto their accounts.

(AS) Responded; - At present the committee endeavour to assign competition monies on to members cards each month, sometimes this may take longer. However, we take onboard the question and I will take the question to the next Club Committee meeting.

By E-mail: -

Keith Bassett

It's not so much a question as an observation of golf in the winter months in Scotland. During winter months and to protect the course (in particular the fairways), each member is given a small "mat" (artificial turf) and play their ball off of this.

This protects the fairways and provides consistency of strike for the golfer. Given the conditions we appear to endure each year - given its famine or flood - would the committee consider a similar approach?

Cost wise, this could be accommodated within the annual subscription?

Question arising from AGM report

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

Well we are into week three of the lockdown and as such there is not much to report. Congratulations to Steve and Ali our new captains on their drive chip and putt I thought it was fantastic although there must have been some editing

Dave, Sid and Sam along with a cameo from myself are trying to get the course in as good a shape as possible for when the course re-opens. Greens shall be micro cored and dressed on the 15th of this month. Aprons and green surrounds have all been seeded. We have had chance to look at re shaping several greens although nothing particularly drastic so don't expect them to be square or anything.

Membership has obviously been an issue and understandably a lot of people don't want to pay whilst they can't play golf, we are looking at everyone as an individual and trying to help those who need it. I hope that once this blows over that we can get the majority to re-join. There will have to be some jobs put on hold as the company will be losing due to this lockdown, but we do still intend to do these jobs in the future

I hope you are all looking after yourselves, and in these kinds of circumstances, I realise how both unimportant and important golf is. That may sound like an oxymoron if that's the right word but there are bigger things going on right now than being able to play golf, however having a game and a beer to look forward to is certainly getting me through, and hopefully it won't be too long before we can all get out on the course again.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report

(SB) Are Sandtrend committed to maintaining the course throughout the lockdown period.

(TF) Sandtrend are committed to the continued maintenance of the course, further conversations are needed between (TF) and (NRG) to discuss which if any larger projects will need to be put on hold.

Treasureres Report

(GL) Reported

Due to the present circumstances the accounts for committee are showing a -£450.87 on the Income line, tis is due to the monthly provision for the end of year presentation evening.

Expenditure to date of £460.00, this figure is a combination of entry fees paid for the year. These fees are for county competitions which the club enters. We anticipate these may be refunded to the club or may be carried over for next year.

We are unable to run any form of competitions at present, so will not generate income, however, we will not be accruing any prize fund expenditure as a result.

Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's report

(SL) Asked for clarification as to which expenditure the committee is liable for, and which the company (Sandtrend) is liable for

(AS) and **(GL)** to meet to compile a Q and A document, and to arrange a meeting with **(NRG)** to discuss.

(GL) Added to the report by informing that all competition vouchers to present have been added to members shop accounts and the appropriate funds have been transferred to **(TF)**

(GL) Asked, regarding the lady's prize fund for the club foursomes to be brought into line with the men's prize fund. After discussion it was decided to leave the prize fund as it is at present.

Competitions Report

Although it feels like we have not been playing golf for a long time, there are some results from March Competitions to report.

The March Stableford went ahead as planned, albeit as a non-qualifying competition due to the ground conditions which were still a bit unstable following February's washout. Our first Board Competition of the year, the Grove Foursomes, went ahead as 2 competitions – Gentlemen and Ladies.

Congratulations to Sean Sargeant and Craig Coleman, who won the Gentleman's competition and to Fay Unsworth and Sarah Jolly for winning the Ladies competition.

The Spring Scramble was held on 22nd March – just in time to beat the Coronavirus lockdown.

The winning team was Tom Dipple, Benny Copeman, Nick Monger and Rhodri Lewis with a fabulous nett score of 56 (their Gross was 61).

With the course being closed all of April's competitions have been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to re-arrange the St Georges Day cup and the Japan Cup for later in the year.

The May Medal has been cancelled and replaced by the Captains Drive in, should it take place. The plan is to continue rolling this forward month by month if required.

Start sheets are currently set to open for bookings for the first of the May competitions at the end of this week, so unless we know that the course will be open again, I suggest we move the booking dates back a couple of weeks and then make a decision about cancelling May's competitions.

There are 3 board comps due in May (Parasampia Bogey, Anniversary Foursomes and Mixed Greensomes), plus we were hoping to run a VE Day scramble.

Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

Prize fund for the Spring Scramble; -

- *Prizes will be first to fourth*
- *The prizes will be in the form of meat vouchers*
- ***(TF)** to transfer £90 to **(SL)** to cover the extra prize cost*
- ***(SL)** to pay and collect the vouchers in the correct denominations.*
- *Vouchers to be available in the pro shop after re-opening*

(TF) informed the committee, when we can re-open the course for play, it will be members only. It is felt members will be more responsible regarding other members health, and not play if they are unwell. Members who have not paid or have not made instruction for DD to be taken are at present temporarily suspended. The company will be strict on this and ask the committee to be proactive in encouraging members to complete their membership renewals for the year.

All competitions for the coming month are to be postpone and suspended for entry on BRS and the V1 app, the committee will review further competitions when we next meet. The intention for the year is to play all board competitions if time is available, we must consider members health and take advice from the government and governing bodies.

Lady Captains Report

My first ladies report is slightly different to what I was expecting.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Anne-Marie for asking me to be Ladies Vice Captain, it is an honour to have been asked and very much a surprise. I know that the ladies appreciate the time, effort and commitment she has shown us all during her captaincy.

The last few months I have been planning Anne-Marie's putt out, with the help of a few of the ladies, unfortunately it had to be postponed but I will be rearranging it for when it is safe for us all to convene once again.

Also planned for this week was the Captains Invitation Dinner, we will also be rearranging this as it is a wonderful evening celebrating the much appreciated contributions that members have made to the smooth running of the club and a thank you in anticipation for your support in the year to come.

Finally, this week should have hosted the Captains Drive In. The formal handover of the Captaincy for myself, Steve & Ian. We couldn't let our Drive In day pass without celebrating in some way, and since it has turned out to be a beautiful day, we popped the cork on a bottle of fizz and had a mini drive, chip and putt competition in the back garden. We still plan to hold our official Drive In on one of the Weekend Medal dates once the course has reopened.

At present in line with government guidelines all Ladies and Mixed matches have been postponed and we will try to reschedule as many of them as we are able to.

Ali Lillywhite

Ladies Captain

Matters/Actions arising from Lady Captains report

Senior Captains Report

No report given

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

Upcoming events

There are no upcoming events planned, this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Members Questions

No Questions

A.O.B

(AS) Are yourself **(TF)** and the green keeping team having any problems with the general public on the course.

(TF) There have been some minor incidents but nothing to concern us at the moment, **(NRG)** is informing local residents using the course for dog walking etc to stay to paths where possible.

(AS) informed the committee he had spoken to **Cliff Westly**, asking if he would consider joining the committee as a member's representative.

(SL) Added he has spoken to Cliff and he confirm he wished to join committee.

Committee unanimously voted to co-opt Cliff onto committee as members Representative.

(TF) What are the thoughts of committee, should we hold an informal member meeting to inform the membership of our plans for the coming year.

An open discussion took place referring to the question, the general feeling was yes, what for this should take will need to be discussed, also discussed was the possibility of extending the Captaincies for another year, this would create a need for an EGM. Further discussion will take place.

Minutes approved by Donnington Grove Committee and signed by Steve Lillywhite Club Captain

Next Meeting –

Date – Tuesday 3rd May 2020

Time – 19.00

Location – Video Conference meeting