



| Donnington Grove Golf Club | |
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| Attendees: | Rob Carvill, Anne Marie Gane, Steve Lillywhite, Alison Lillywhite, Andy Storer, Gill Iane, Gary Rinaldi, Nigel Roberts Green, Tom Fleming, Patrick Griffin, |
| Apologies: | Sandy Byfield, Dave Knight |
| Minute Taker: | Andy Storer |
| | Date: Thursday 5 th March 2020 Time: 19.30 Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club |

Agenda

- *Welcome and Apologies*
- *Restaurant Matters*
- *Minutes of last meeting*
- *Matters / Actions arising from minutes*
- *General Management Report*
- *Director of Golf's Report (inc. Course Report)*
- *Treasurer's Report*
- *Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report*
- *Lady Captain's Report*
- *Seniors Captain's Report*

- *Upcoming events*
 - *AGM*
 - *Captain's invitational dinner*
 - *Captain's drive in*

- *Members Questions*
- *A.O.B.*
- *Date for next meeting*

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain Rob Carvill

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

Geoff Kells & Charlie Schriber Hoe sponsorship monies outstanding.

AS Still having trouble coordinating Manure drop

General Managers report

Many thanks to the outgoing captains for the past year. *We have recently employed a media marketing company; we feel this is a market we need to focus strongly on in the coming year. Social media is now one of the strongest marketing tools available to us. All the honours boards are now in place, I believe there are one or two spelling mistakes and one board is in the wrong format. Andy has spoken to Jeremy at Ultimate signs and these corrections will be completed when the boards are updated for the past year's winners. I have also agreed with Andy the position of and how we will display the captain's pictures, a new frame to match the new honours boards has been sourced.*

It is our aim to keep the restaurant and bars open if possible, signs regarding correct handwashing, and hand sanitizer have been placed in all toilets and locker rooms, and sanitizer dispensers are available at the entrances to the bar area. We hope to have the hot water supply back on in the upstairs gent's toilet imminently to aide with correct hand washing.

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Restaurant Matters

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

Firstly, I wish to thank the outgoing Captains for their time and work over the past year. I am sure we are going to have a great year with Steve and Alison as Captains, and many thanks to Ian for staying on for another year as seniors Captain. Also, a warm welcome to Patrick to committee as the senior section representative.

We are coming to an important time in the year for the club, new Captains, a new year and of course for us membership renewal, things are looking promising, we have lost a few members however, unlike past years all have valid reasons for leaving. This is pleasing, it shows the hard work we have put in is starting to show some results.

We are coming to a busy time for Dave and his team on course, maintenance week is upon us, please allow the team to carry out their crucial work without interruption as much as possible. Some work has already been completed, the trees behind the 18th green have been cleared out and bark chippings have been applied to the area, not only will this cut down on workload it is also aesthetically pleasing as well. We are planning to slit all fairways which should help dissipate some of the moisture sitting on top of the surfaces and help them dry quicker. The temporary drainage ditches will be filled in and re-turfed, greens and approaches will be scarified, and top dressed with 250 tonnes of sand and seed. Ongoing projects are the men's 17th tee which has been levelled and re-turfed. The course should be fantastic for the start of the golfing year.

We have some major projects which are for which we are waiting for the final sign off from the management, these are the short game area behind the practice range, and the building of a new indoor fitting room on the range as well.

Finally, we shall shortly be taking delivery of a new fleet of buggies, the new ones are a little more robust, and at this stage will not have the GPS system fitted.

Looking forward to a great 2020

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report

Treasureres Report

The Captains charity account stands at £9411.54, once gain a substantial amount going to a very worthwhile beneficiary. It has been a very quiet month for income for the committee due to the postponement of many competitions. Outgoings for the month are £272.33 which is ring fenced each month for the end of season prizegiving evening, and a total of £460 which is entry fees into the regional and national competitions into which the club enters teams. This in total shows a a negative for the month of £727.47. This figure will balance out throughout the year.

Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres report

PG Ask a question regarding the controls and responsibilities of the club regarding its accounts and funds.

Competitions Report

No Report

Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

No Questions

Lady Captains Report

The Ladies Away Day to High Post GC, Salisbury was postponed and will now take place later in March.

At the beginning of February, the Ladies held a social evening with a tapas meal and quiz. We welcomed two visitors from West Berkshire GC.

Matters/Actions arising Lady Captains Report

No Questions

Senior Captains Report

Winter Leagues

Only one winter league game has been played since before Xmas – a 3.5 to 0.5 defeat away to Sandford Springs in the Jefferies League. Three M4 League matches in a row have been postponed because of the awful course and weather conditions. Unfortunately, we will not be progressing to the knock-out rounds in either competition.

TOGS

14 determined individuals battled difficult conditions to compete in the “Terrible Trio” Pairs competition (greensomes/foursomes/better ball) with Brad Bolwell and Barry Whittaker coming out winners. Not too many contestants but well done for actually turning up!

Senior Representation on the Committee

Patrick Griffin will be representing the Seniors on the DGCC during 2020/21.

*Ian Gaskell
5th March 2019*

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

No Questions

Upcoming events

AGM

AS to send out a copy of the agenda for the AGM to all members.

Captains Invitational Dinner

SL All in hand, catering sorted just waiting to hear back from some invitees regarding attendance.

Captains Drive-in

All in place looking like will be a great day.

Members Questions

Matters Outstanding from previous meeting

Shoe cleaner area, how can it be kept cleaner and safer, is it in the correct position? **RC to speak to TF – Ongoing TF to investigate and discuss with DK & NRG**

The question of past captains' frames was raised SL/AL to try and source frames
Past captains' pictures, these need to be brought up to date, we believe we have a number of frames on site. **AS to speak to Tony Coleman to confirm**

Martin Cleveland confirmed that he did not supply any frames, SL to investigate further with House of Frames

Invoice query for last year's captaincy pictures, TF to speak with NRG and inform GL.

GR The subject of slow play and the process of letting quicker groups through during a round is once again on the table. After some discussion **AS** will discuss with **TF** to try and find a solution. *Still ongoing.*

A.O.B

Captaincy

A general discussion was had regarding the lack of possible candidates for the captaincy of the club, ladies' section and the senior section. **AS** to send out a general correspondence to the membership outlining the responsibilities of Captaincy and asking for any nominees from the membership.

TF Asked if the committee would contribute approx. £800 towards an information board for the members outside the pro-shop. **GL** responded Once we have completed the Presentation evening, we will have a more detailed position regarding any surplus finances.

SL Suggested that we use the outstanding meat vouchers from the abandoned Turkey Trott for prizes for the Spring Scramble. **Past.**

AS Thanked Rob Carvill , Anne-Marie Gane and Ian Gaskell for their time and enthusiasm for the past years as captains of Donnington Grove, he also thanked Nigel and Sandtrend for their continued support, and for the buffet for this evening meeting.

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

Next Meeting –

Date –

Time –

Location –