

Final

Minutes of Bishopswood Golf Club Committee

meeting held by Conference call

Tuesday 19th January 2021

At 17.20

In attendance:	Malcolm Boreham	Martin Smith	Roy Darch
	Nick Leonard	Chris Chilver	Gary Clinch
	Nigel Courtenay	Jeanie McMullin	Kevin Fleet

**Apologies for
Absence:** None

Item:

Action:

1.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15th December 2020 had previously due to Covid-19 been agreed as a true representation of the meeting held and were signed off virtually in December and will be signed off by the President in due course and placed in the file in the Clubhouse.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters arising from 15th December meeting: Women in Golf: Further progress has been made with contact made with our England Golf representative Tom Jessamine. Currently objectives are being set, discussions with Steve Ward who is an intrinsic part of the initiative, by providing support with coaching, and gaining new lady members. With current Covid restrictions fully understanding what can be achieved. Discussions held by the Ladies subcommittee who are looking to set up golf activities with new ladies using the blue tees and arranging social gatherings when allowed. Annual Plan: This has been updated but discussion was deferred until the next meeting. Secretary Salary Structure: The Treasurer confirmed that going forward this would be a fixed monthly amount. Currently our fixed costs amount to circa £16k, which includes affiliation fees, golf software and secretary's salary. With the current social restrictions ancillary income has not been achieved to cover these costs, and therefore our administration fee charged annually will have to reflect this. Our reserves have been depleted this year due to Covid, and whilst there are sufficient funds available for next year, it is important that we do balance the books between income and expenditure. The review will continue and will be reflective of 2021 course renewal fees. Committee roles and responsibilities: Is a handicap committee required after the introduction of WHS. It was confirmed it was necessary, as annual reviews will still need to take place, along with other handicap movements dependant on members performances. Club Systems: To date nothing has been received from Club Systems on the new web templates, this is to be chased. Invoice for December quarter was £660 up by £190 on previous quarter. This was primarily down to WHS charge by England Golf charged to software houses, which will be charged half yearly, but there was also an increase in our basic service level. Invoice to be chased reflecting the changes. Hon Membership: This was gratefully accepted.</p>	

	<p>Christmas scramble: The raffle did not take place due to the competition being cancelled and replaced by a Stableford pairs competition.</p> <p>Local rules: These have been updated and will be placed on the notice board in due course.</p> <p>Slow play: Guidance has been prepared and will be placed on the notice board prior to renewals.</p>	
3.	<p>Winter and Summer Competitions:</p> <p>The current winter knockouts and eclectic have been cancelled. It was felt that when members are back able to play golf it will be friendly rather than competitive golf that is desired by most members. The three scratch knockouts and divisional shootouts will also not be held in 2021. Potential to run the summer eclectic and stableford for 2021 but this decision will be deferred until we know more on what can be achieved post lockdown.</p>	
4.	<p>Renewals: Captain's letter is being prepared, and databases are ready to manage the renewals. Usually, renewal letters are sent to members towards the back end of February, but this may change dependant on lifting of lockdown/tier restrictions. Our communication to members must not under sell the offering at Bishopswood, we are a very friendly club, with excellent facilities, attractively priced. The closure of Donnington Grove last year and the anticipated closure of Oak Park (OP) this month has reduced availability for membership locally, Weybrook have closed their 7-day membership, Hartley Wintney currently have a waiting list, and other courses membership fees are not as attractive as Bishopswood. There is likely to be a surge in people playing once restrictions are lifted and pay and play users should be encouraged to seek membership. Regarding the closure of Oak Park, the Senior Captain has already written to his opposite number at OP and this will be followed up by a general communication to their Secretary. It was also decided to place an advertisement in the local community advertiser covering the area around OP.</p>	MS & KF
5	<p>Club Draw: This month's winners were 1st Shane Hamlin-Hills, 2nd Martin Marwood and third Jeanie McMullin.</p> <p>The Captain requested that a further draw take place for some chocolates originally planned for the draw at the Christmas scramble. 4 numbers were drawn winners were : - Jackie Jackson-Smith, Richard West, Colin Gifford, and Mike Dolan.</p>	KF & MS
6	<p>AOB: it was felt that regular communication between members was important during the current pandemic. Some members hold regular video chats, and it was felt this was beneficial and that it should be encouraged within the golfing groups.</p>	GC
7	<p>Meeting closed at 18.35, next meeting Tuesday 23rd February at 17.15 venue to be confirmed.</p>	

Signed:

Malcolm Boreham: Club President:

Date: