



Donnington Grove Golf Club May Committee Meeting	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS), Steve Lillywhite (SL), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Sandy Byfield (SB), Gill Lane (GL), Gary Rinaldi (GR), Tom Fleming (TF), Patrick Griffin (PG)
Apologies:	Cliff Westley, Dave Knight, Nigel Roberts Green,
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer
	Date: Tuesday 12th May 2020 Time: 19.00 Location: Digital Meeting

Agenda

-  Welcome and apologies
-  Minutes of the last meeting
-  Matters/Actions arising from Last minutes
-  Officers reports received by e-mail prior to meeting
 - General Manager
 - Director of Golf
 - Treasurer's
 - Competitions & Handicaps
 - Lady Captain
 - Senior captain
-  Questions reference reports
-  Upcoming events
-  Members Questions
-  A.O.B
-  Date for review June Competitions
-  Date of next Meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

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

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

Geoff Kells & Charlie Schriber Hole sponsorship monies outstanding. **Paid**

Mike Garner fourball voucher Stoke Park **Paid**

AS Still having trouble coordinating Manure drop due to the Covid 19 Lockdown

Members questions response AGM

Q; - 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 to long for monies to be put onto their accounts.

A; -

The general committee will maintain control of the competition monies. To streamline payment of winner's prize monies. By the end of the first week of each month, the Pro-shop will be informed of the previous months winners and the relevant prize monies, the pro-shop will then deposit all prize monies onto the winners accounts in the shop. A list of the month's winners will be posted each month on the club website.

Q; - Keith Bassett

It is 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?

A; -

The use of fairway matts to protect the fairways through the winter months has been discussed, it is thought that their use would protect the fairways and be cost effective for future years. There will be a 90% possibility of use in the coming years.

As set out in previous meetings these Q&A's will be published on the club website.

General Managers report

No Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Restaurant Matters

No Report Given

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

TF Reported; -

Firstly, I want to thank the incredible dedication of the green staff during this difficult period we are in, without their dedication we would not be able to play golf for many weeks after we would be allowed to. It has been a period in which we have been able to carryout some tasks which would have been difficult if the course was open, the large area of brush and bushes in front of the white and yellow tees on the 15th hole has been removed and re seeded with grass and wild flowers. When the seeding has taken and

grown to a good height, we will cut a path through it to add some definition to the area. The drainage trenches which were cut during the very wet weather have been repaired and re-turfed. The bank on the left of the 7th hole has been cut to fairway height, which will make it play as it is named "Members Bounce".

Special thanks to Dave Knight and Sid Potvin, and our volunteers Nick Bowley, Nicks dad, Daniel Boyce, and Sean O'Shea. The Pro-shop team who spent many hours on the range digging balls out of the turf and tidying the area. Thankyou all. I enjoyed the experience of greenkeeping and have learnt a lot over the weeks.

We are investigating the possible use of a trencher for the fairways which if used will help with the drainage.

Safety checks and the relevant PPE are all in place for the day we can get back on course. These will include -

- ✕ Hand sanitizer stations on some tees and greens.
- ✕ Sanitizer stations at all the bells on the course.
- ✕ All rakes will be removed from bunkers, and preferred lies in bunkers will be in play.
- ✕ Flagsticks will always remain in and should not be touched.
- ✕ Cups will be inserted into the greens upside down to stop the ball going in to aid ball recovery with minimum possible cross contamination.
- ✕ The pro-shop will be open, but it will only be for the shop staff/or with consent of the team on duty.

We will be posting a significant amount of notices informing the general public that golf has recommenced. A chain barrier has been placed across the drive to prevent public access, this will be removed between 07.300 and 20.00 but will be in place over night. Play will be from Yellow tees for men and red tees for ladies.

We now have 12 new buggies on site.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report

Treasureres Report

GL Reported.

The sum of £450.87 which is the monthly provision for the 2021 presentation evening has been removed from the income line, as all competitions for the early part of the golfing year have been cancelled or postponed this will give a clearer picture of the club funds through this period. When competitions restart the monthly provision will be reinstated.

Entry fees for club and county events are looking more likely to be carried over to 2021 season, this will offset this year's expenditure, as we will not be paying entry for these competitions in 2021. The daily mail foursomes' organisers are looking to play the competition over the next two years. The Charity account remains static for this year, we will hopefully be able to raise some funds for the charity this year.

Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres 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

No Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

All June competitions will be cancelled/postponed.

Lady Captains Report

AL reported; -

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic there is no news as such from the Ladies section.

We have had to cancel some on the Mixed and Ladies Matches and we have had some clubs cancelling all matches this year. At present I am only cancelling month by month with the hope that we may be able to play some of the later matches.

We have had contact with the Secretary of the Bronze League, and they are looking to align with other leagues and potentially starting in February 2021. Sue Foote is going to Captain this team and myself and Gill will be meeting with her to discuss.

Some of the Ladies have taken part in a Folded Story and this made great reading, well done to Gill, Kim, Fay, Sarah, Anne-Marie, Sandy, Jan Francis, Jan Williams, Lesley, Dee, Maggie & Brenda.

I have also had 10 Ladies take part in Golfabet and Andy has agreed to judge the entries for me.

It is great news that we will be able to go out and play once again and big thanks goes to Dave, Sid & Sam for all their hard work keeping the course in a wonderful condition over a difficult time.

Thanks also to Tom for his help on the course and for his regular updates.

Thanks

Ali

Senior Captains Report

No Report

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

PG Reported; -

The senior section of the club has initiated a tee booking "what's App" group. The idea behind the group is to enable seniors to connect with possible playing partners, to enable

them to get out on course and play, and also to maximise the tee slots available by ensuring that all slots are filled by two players. This was thought a great idea, and discussion was had as to how this could be adapted for use by all members.

Upcoming events

There are no upcoming events.

Members Questions

A.O.B

PG/AS; -

How are we going to move forward and out of the lockdown? What opportunities are there to enhance the guest and member experience at Donnington Grove. Can we use this period to make any changes which would be difficult if the club were in full flow?

A lengthy debate was had, and the decision was taken to have a separate meeting, after some tentative canvassing of members had been undertaken.

AS; -

Had the committee received and read the e-mail from Steve Gridley outlining the new rules of handicapping etc?

After discussion it was decided SB would take on the role to review the email and the competition manual.

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

Next Meeting –

Date – Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Time – 19.00

Location – Digital

