

ORMONDE FIELDS GOLF CLUB LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday 10th January 2023

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr A Dale (Chair), Mr T Woolley (Captain), Mrs C Shepperson (Lady Captain), Mr K Carnell (President), Mr P Derbyshire, Ms M Jago, Mr M Painter, Mr C Pepperday, Mr R Skinner, Mrs L Spurr.

Apologies: Mr I Chambers, Mr P Cope, Mrs P Holloway, Mr R White.

Minutes taken by Mr R Skinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 4th October 2022 were proposed by Mrs C Shepperson and seconded by Mr C Pepperday as being a true record.

1.0 MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS

1.1 None

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Mr Skinner advised that emails have been received urging payment of entrance fees for this season's Taskers Trophy competition. Similarly, DCG have asked for confirmation of teams proposing to enter the Scratch League and Foursomes competitions this year. Mr Skinner to respond accordingly.

ACTION: Mr Skinner

3.0 CAPTAINS' REPORT

THE CAPTAIN:

3.1 The Captain confirmed that his Farewell Texas Scramble will be held on 18th February and asked if Mr White will deal with all monetary issues as previously. In the absence of Mr White, the meeting considered that this would be the case. The presentation of all monies collected will be presented to the Charity in the afternoon.

3.2 The Captain raised the issue of members putting their names down to enter team competitions and subsequently not turning up to play, thereby potentially leaving other members without a competitive game. This has occurred before and disciplinary measures used previously may have to be resurrected. My Carnell agreed to discuss with Mr White.

ACTION: Mr Carnell/Mr White

3.3 The Captain offered his appreciation and thanks to his Vice-Captain, Mr Pepperday and the General Manager, Mr White for their time and help throughout his captaincy year, thereby ensuring its success.

THE LADY CAPTAIN:

3.4 The Lady Captain that she had met with a representative from England Golf to explore ways to encourage new lady members to take up golf and join the club. In addition, advice and experience has

been shared with three other golf clubs relevant to this aim. The 'Buy One Get One Free' initiative trialled in the past, has been disappointing and therefore cancelled.

- 3.5 The Lady Captain confirmed that following completion of her year in office, she will continue in the role of Ladies Secretary.

4.0 BUSINESS REPORT

- 4.1 The Chairman outlined the current financial position including the necessity to improve income by circa £30,000 owing to national pressures, simply to 'stand still'. Subscriptions and green fees will need to increase, therefore, to continue the aim of making the course better.

- 4.2 The Captain observed that marketing of the club externally to the wider world was generally poor. This was generally agreed and prompted extensive discussion on how this could be rectified. Further discussion and possible appointment of a marketing leader required.

- 4.3 The Chairman confirmed that a new Golf Professional from Morley Hayes will shortly be joining the club with remit to prioritise coaching of Ladies and Juniors. Mr Sheldon will continue to monitor Mr Heaslip. A meeting with the Ladies section is to be arranged.

- 4.4 The Lady Captain questioned the status of the Academy building and the equipment in it. Mr Carnell advised that other ways were being investigated to realise the potential of the asset. This prompted further extensive general discussion surrounding the Clubhouse.

- 4.5 The Chairman confirmed that a simple covered practice bay is to be constructed on the practice field for use by the new professional. This prompted extensive discussion on the options/possibilities of providing a new driving range. The Lady Captain considered a proper pitch and putt practice green would be beneficial

- 4.6 The Chairman observed that the AGM will be held in a few weeks and preparations are underway accordingly.

5.0 COURSE REPORT

- 5.1 Mr Derbyshire outlined the weather problems leading to the course being closed and a trolley ban being introduced.

- 5.2 Mr Derbyshire outlined his wish to consult the membership for ideas in dealing with these issues in the long term, eg. the positioning of stakes in front of greens to deter trolley traffic.

- 5.3 Mr Derbyshire outlined the plan to replace/update all course markers/stakes/tombstones/tee markers over the next few months.

- 5.4 Mr Painter queried whether trees taken down were to be replaced on a one-for-one basis. This is not the case as trees are generally being thinned out.

- 5.5 The Captain requested more consistency on keeping GUR areas marked out, eg. after heavy rainfall affects white line visibility.

- 5.6 The Captain asked if GUR could apply to bunkers which are completely flooded after rainfall. Mr Derbyshire advised that this was a question for the Handicap Chairman.

ACTION: Mr Chambers

5.7 The Lady Captain asked who is responsible for deciding that the course should close. Mr Derbyshire stated that this was the Head Greenkeeper after discussion.

6.0 HANDICAP REPORT

6.1 None

7.0 HOUSE REPORT

7.1 The Children's Party was well received with the raffle raising the sum of £420.

7.2 The Dinner and Dance was successful and enjoyed by all. The Captain expressed his thanks, by letter, to Kelly and her catering staff for the excellent food provided.

8.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING REPORT

8.1 Mr Painter asked why there were safety signs concerning a slip hazard on the fourth hole, but not on other holes.

ACTION: Decision pending

9.0 LADIES REPORT

9.1 No issues

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DECLARED

10.1 Mr Pepperday queried why the raffle for the privileged parking space had not been carried on. Mr Carnell advised that lack of member participation was the reason.

10.2 Ms Jago confirmed to the meeting that she would be the incoming Lady Vice-Captain.

Date of the next meeting is Monday 17th April 2023. Meeting closed at 7.35pm.