



MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

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Monday 3rd August 2020 – 5.30pm

Present:

(GR)	Glenn Ross – Business Development Officer & Acting Chairman of MC
(IG)	Ian Gover – Club Captain
(TW)	Tiny Welford – Club Vice Captain
(GH)	Gil Hurley – Lady Captain
(RB)	Ruth Ball - Lady Vice Captain
(CE)	Chris Embling – Treasurer
(MS)	Mike Shortland – Premises
(MN)	Mike Nichols – Greens
(BC)	Barry Chaffey – Premises

In attendance:

(ID) Ian Donnelly – Secretary/Manager

The Club Captain opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

1. Apologies: W. John Perkins (WJP) – Chairman
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (23rd July 2020)

The minutes they were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Acting Chairman (GR).

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Secretary/Manager

ID reported that there had been no new Members since the last meeting and the total remained at 24 since 1st April.

ID reported that all Members who were eligible for Covid-19 compensation had now made their choice of the 3 options. The total of compensation amounted to £22,718.18 and the

take up of the different options was as follows £9,505.00 (42%) was being donated to the Club, £7,506.49 (33%) was being put on individuals bar cards and £5,716.69 (25%) was being taken off Members annual subscriptions for 2021/2022. All the Members who had opted to receive the compensation on their bar cards were in receipt of this with the exception of those that pay in 3 instalment whom, would receive it once the 3rd instalment had been received.

ID reported that the 3 individuals who had requested to join from 1st July (after being on Covid suspended Membership) had all been written to and received their 2 options for re-joining that MC had agreed to. Only 1 of the 3 had decided to re-join from 1st August. The remaining 2 that had not joined would now be resigned. This now left 5 Members on the Covid suspended list whom all had significant medical reasons for not re-joining at this stage.

ID updated the MC regarding the progress of recruiting a “Clubhouse Manager” and reported that we were down to final 2 with an appointment hoping to be made by the end of the week. ID also reported he had interviewed several candidates for the casual Food & Beverage assistant positions and would be making an appointment of at least one for when the bar and clubhouse re-opened. How many would be employed would depend on the appointment of the “Clubhouse Manager” appointment and starting date of that position.

ID related that the he was due take a delivery from Greene King the following day and that the Clubhouse and Bar could re-open whenever the MC thought it appropriate.

Following discussion, it was decided to re-open the Clubhouse, with guidelines and reduced bar opening times from Thursday 6th August. ID to inform Members via email and attach guidelines.

ID reported that progress with the possible franchisee was in an advanced stage and that discussions were going well. The candidate is very keen to get started and a franchise agreement had now been drawn up which needed to be scrutinized by all. ID to send the agreement to all of MC for comment.

ID reported that the delivery of kitchen equipment, that had been agreed for purchase in March 2020, was also imminent and needs to be in place in before the kitchen can be re-opened. It is important to note that the kitchen equipment purchases are essential regardless of who is operating the kitchen.

5. Finance

CE had distributed a report before the meeting to the MC and invited questions. In particular the green fee revenue was encouraging and we are ahead of the corresponding date last year even though we were closed for 6 weeks at the commencement of the financial year. All other costs were under control at present and the CE was content with the year to date. CE confirmed that he had applied for the England Golf Grant and if successful we should know by the next MC meeting.

6. Course

MN reported that following the H&C Meeting where permanent local rules were discussed he had then discussed further with Rob Barrett, Head Greenkeeper. There a few minor issues to iron out and MN would meet with GR in due course to confirm.

MN suggested re-opening the white tee on the 5th which has been inaccessible due to the lack of a safe bridge to cross the dyke. Quotes to be acquired for re-instatement of a pedestrian bridge to the tee.

MN reported that there was a significant amount of ragwort on the course which although RB had sprayed was still apparent. MN would like to re-instate working parties of volunteers to tackle such problems and will discuss with RB.

MN informed the meeting that a sample of ½ white, ½ green stakes had been sourced and due for delivery for use on the 5/6th holes.

MN discussed the possibility of an additional teeing area at the 17th hole. The meeting felt that this was a good idea and further investigation warranted.

It was agreed that the hawthorns and brambles to be removed from the 10th hole from in front of the tee and green.

7. Premises

Nothing to report.

GR reiterated that although the budget was tight we should still be looking to develop a plan for how we would like the facility to develop in the future.

8. Captains Committee

GR took the opportunity to report that it was felt, that in the present climate, it would be inconsiderate to ask local businesses to support the Arnold Palmer Golf Day as they had in previous years. After consulting with the founder of the competition it was suggested that the Arnold Palmer Golf Day would be held in a different guise this year, more as an invitation day with previous sponsors being invited as a thank you. The suggestion was agreed by the meeting.

IG reported that the next Captains Committee Meeting (CCM) was due to take place on 10 August 2020 where discussions would take place regarding group bookings and how sections would now operate given that the clubhouse is re-opening.

Information on the World Handicapping Scheme would be continued to be dripped through to the Members via the jottings and the notice board.

IG commented that a decision has to be made soon, ideally before the CCM, regarding whether the Club would be migrating from the BRS booking system to Club VI. IG & ID to discuss further outside of the meeting.

IG would also be discussing dress code at the CCM and would report back to the MC with a suggested code.

IG had distributed a suggested Equality & Diversity Policy before the meeting for discussion. The Policy was not formally adopted and would be re-visited at the next meeting haven given the MC more time to digest and consider.

9. AGM – Saturday 12th September

Following discussions of various methods of holding the AGM and remaining Covid-19 compliant it was agreed that the meeting was to be held in the Clubhouse as normal with social distancing applied with the spacing of chairs. It was agreed that intended attendees should advise of their intention to attend beforehand in order to ensure there was enough room in the Clubhouse to accommodate. If the maximum number was reached then perhaps a hybrid system could be used by the utilization of Zoom.

GR advised that there were 4 positions of the MC that required voting/ratifying at the AGM as follows;

Tiny Welford to be voted in Club Vice-Captain

Glenn Ross as Business Development Officer, Mike Nichols as Course Manager were co-opted during the year and need electing into the remaining year.ratifying.

There is a vacancy for the Social Manager position.

Other Members may put themselves forward for the above positions, with the exception of the Club Vice-Captain. Nomination forms and lists of vacancies to be produced shortly and Members informed.

GH enquired whether the changes made to the Ladies Club Rules would need to be ratified at the AGM, GR was unsure and would investigate and contact the GH directly.

10. Any other Business

TW suggested re-iterating again to the Members to take their rubbish home, ID to out in jottings.

IG thanked all for help with Captains Day on 25th July.

CE reminded all, that were required, to submit reports for the AGM as a matter of urgency.

ID enquired as to where the allocated smoking areas were at the Club and remind Members via the jottings.

An approach had been made by another Somerset Club to develop a reciprocal relationship, after discussion it was felt that no club should be singled out and that the County Card Scheme was a good way of achieving a similar outcome with more Clubs. It was felt this could be more widely promoted to the membership.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th September 2020 at 5.30pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Glenn Ross
Acting Chairman & Business Development Officer