



Donnington Grove Golf Club

Date: Monday 2nd September 2019
Time: 19.30
Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club

Attendees:	Andy Storer, Gill Lane, Alison Lillywhite, Steve Lillywhite, Sandy Byfield, Robert Carvill, Ian Gaskell, Gary Rinaldi, Anne Marie Gane
Apologies:	Dave Knight, Nigel Roberts-Green, Tom Fleming
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Minutes of last Meeting
- Matters/Actions arising from minutes
- General Managers report
- Director of Golf's Report (including course report)
- Members Questions/Matters arising relevant to Management
- Treasurer's Report
- Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's report
- Lady Captains Report
- Senior Captains Report
- Upcoming events
 - Captains Charity Day Saturday October 12th
 - International Competition Saturday 19th October?
- Members Questions
- A.O.B
- Date of 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

Drainage outside pro-shop More quotes required. Ongoing further quotes are required.

Potholes ongoing on going

Honours boards ongoing, there are still a number which are required, and replacement of several other trophies etc. Steve Lillywhite compiled a list of the outstanding: -

- Japan Cup
- Captains Rose bowl
- Mixed Greensomes
- Greensomes Cup
- Club Championship
- Net Championship Plate

- Parasampia Bogey
- Midweek Championship
- Shotoku Cup
- Senior singles / Hole in one (this is a shared board)
- Winter match play championship (I assume singles / doubles, but it does not say so)
- Parasampia Cup
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- Missing??
- Club captains/presidents Pictures
- Presidents putter?
- Summer match play
- Anniversary Foursomes
- Robert Burnes?
- Parasampia Cup

Gill has received an invoice for the Honours boards; however, it is unclear if the invoice includes the new board.

NRG has been in contact with Jeremy Ray, regarding the completion of the Honours Boards and will report back to committee.

AS has the Presidents putter in his possession and once complete with winners' plaques will bring into the club.

GL reminded the committee, agreement was made regarding a new honours board for the Summer foursomes.

General Managers report

NO Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

TF Reported

Hi All and apologies for my absence.

Just a quick report on behalf of myself and Dave.

Firstly, I would like to thank Steve, Ali, Andy and Sandy (sounds like a Seventies kids TV Show) for coming along to the extra meeting the other evening I thought it was great to get things moving for the coming year.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Ladies and the mixed open this year, due to the lack of entries, which was a great shame, however possibly the timings were not great with the kids going back to school. However, the seniors open is looking strong with 88 players at the moment with a couple of weeks to go. (I am already looking for better dates for the mixed and ladies open for 2020).

The pro-am is now set for the 18th October and is also looking strong with 17 teams already. A massive thanks once again to Mike Garner for his generous sponsorship of the event.

Due to some recent confrontations I have uploaded a code of conduct and disciplinary procedure onto the website and I hope this will any future episodes and if so mean that we can deal with them quickly. It seems that this summer there have been some niggle, and I don't really know why, but, I task the committee to be vigilant.

Dave has started his maintenance week and has been micro tining and dressing today hopefully with a little rain forecast this should heel in no time at all. He will also be starting his fungicide program to prevent disease over the winter. He has also started getting the ditch cleared ready for

the bad weather through the winter to help with drainage on the 10th fairway. Verti draining the aprons will also take place next week. We are also looking at making the field opposite the Pink lodge into a 4/5-hole pitch and putt and work will start towards October.

The survey is almost ready, and I will send it out to the membership as soon as possible although I am a little scared of the answers.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

SL There is still confusion regarding the out of bounds on the 11th hole, would a sign on the tee help with the issue.

Treasurer's Report

GL Reported: - Income from competitions is once again up in relation to the previous year at this time, which is due to the increases in members playing. This currently stands at a total of £8375.00 which after provision for competition vouchers and provision for prize giving shows a nett total of £1594.57 Total expenditure for the year to date is £787.20, which shows a total nett income of £807.37 to date.

The Captains Charity account currently stands at £2055.49.

Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's Report

Competitions Report

Competitions Report –Sept 2019 Committee Meeting

Firstly, my apologies for not being with you today, but I'm on holiday.

The main events during August, considering it is peak holiday season, were all well attended.

The midweek championships were won by Rob Carvill and Jan King.

The Greenkeepers revenge was well attended, and we were happy to yet again provide Dave and his team with a donation to their Christmas festivities. And in a lovely touch of irony the competition was won by Dave Knight's team.

It was good to see the club supporting Tom's Professionals Trophy. Thank you, Tom for organising this competition and donating a fantastic prize table. The winners were Connor Jeanes and Sue Foote.

There were some no shows at the Greenkeepers Revenge, which detrimentally affected the other members of the teams they were playing in.

I have passed details of contact made with the no shows to the club president and he will share this with you. We have given them an opportunity to explain their absence before taking action.

I have spoken to Tom regarding this we are proposing the process for no shows should be

- Call the person as soon as possible (if quiet, the pro shop could call during the competition). This call is a courtesy to give them a chance to explain, and to let them know the committee will be reviewing their non-attendance.
- The details, and explanation will be brought to the next committee meeting and the committee will agree the appropriate course of action.

We feel that this approach, rather than the very black and white process of fining as stated in the comp manual would be a better process in terms of keeping communications going with the club members and not causing unnecessary aggravation with them.

I hope the committee agree with this approach. If so I will update the competitions manual accordingly.

Tom and I have also agreed a slight change to the process leading up to competitions in order to minimise the number of no shows.

- On the Wednesday before the comp send out a preliminary start sheet / entry list to those who have entered, reminding them that they have entered the competition and remind

- them that if they are not going to show up to withdraw before Friday midday, after which they will be liable to pay the entry fee.
- On the Friday, the start sheet will be sent out as now

Coming up in September we have

- The Greensomes Cup
- The Parasampia Cup
- The Tournament of Champions

Matters/Actions arising Competitions Report

GL Proposed that the current policy for no-shows, walk offs etc be adhered to until further discussion has taken place and the competitions manual has been updated, the committee were in favour with this suggestion.

Looking forward, next year the May Bank Holiday is being moved to celebrate VE Day. We should maybe consider having a VE day themed event to join in the celebrations.

Lady Captain's Report **September.**

External Competitions.

Congratulations to the following-

Sarah Jolley who paired up with **Tom Fleming** to play at Calcot GC in the Professional & Ladies Foursomes. This competition has been running for 74 years and is the second oldest competition of its kind in Great Britain. Sarah and Tom were placed 2nd by only 1 shot. An excellent outcome.

Kim Richardson and Sian Soanes (West Berks) were the worthy winners of the West Berkshire Ladies Open winning with a magnificent 44 points.

Gill Lane and Jan King who came in as winners with 40 points in the **Studley Wood Ladies Open** – for the second year running! Gill was also the winner of the Nearest the Pin prize.

The Ladies Team played 2 very exciting and entertaining matches in August.

Sandford Springs where we were beaten 1-3 and Studley Wood where we won 2 ½ - 1 ½.

We currently have 5 wins and 2 losses to our credit with 2 more home matches to go before the end of the season.

The Mixed Team were also successful in beating Hennerton by 3 ½ - 1 ½ in another enjoyable match. This brings the result to 3 wins 1 loss with 3 more matches to be played.

Internal Competitions

Congratulations to Sue Foote who won the **Professional Trophy Ladies** today with 34 points. She achieved 1 birdie and 2 pars beating **Ann Macdonald** by 3 points.

Anne-Marie Gane

Matters/Actions arising Lady Captains Report

Senior Captains Report

Seniors DGCC Report – September

Three Counties Seniors Summer League

A close fought home win against Sandford Springs leaves us top of the league with one to play against Wakefield away on Sept 11th. We need to win or halve this as Caversham have two to play and could still pip us if we don't.

Summer Friendlies

The team enjoyed five friendlies, winning three home games and losing the two away. Selection continues to be shared out with 43 players so far being picked this summer season and we welcome five new faces, John Headland, Peter Robertson, Ofer Ben-David, Nigel Jones and Nick Marshall.

TOGS

An excellent turn out of 24 for the August TOGS once again well marshalled by Dave Lawson. Yellow Ball was the format with red balls being used and generally lost against the backdrop with only three being retained out of the eight groups. Winners were Lydia Rayne, Roger Rapley and Andy Madeley. Madeley really does need to be hobbled!

Men's Senior Pairs Open (Friday 20th September)

We are still working out the numbers but it looks like a good turn out with over 90 entrants.

Ian Gaskell
1st Sept

2019

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

Upcoming events

Captains Charity Day

- RC reported some hole sponsors and auction items have been confirmed. More are required but he is confident sponsors will come forward when asked.

Members Questions

NO Questions Asked

A.O.B August Brought Forward.

GL Would the ladies be able to play in handicap order during future Club Championships.

- *Shouldn't be a problem SB to investigate and report back.*

GL Prize money in some ladies' competitions is lower than in the equivalent men's competitions.

- After discussion the committee it was decided to address this item in the new year, with more information from the competitions secretary.

TF When were the rules, etc of the club last reviewed, are they due for review?

- *AS to investigate*

SL Minutes folder, do we still require a folder for committee minutes as they are now on-line.

- *All minutes will be available on-line, if any member wishes to have a hard copy they may request from AS*

SL Notice board in the men's locker room.

- *NRG to action*

IG Raised concern regarding the use of buggies in competitions.

- A discussion for next year's competitions, possibly only board competitions and club Championships, Deferred to Jan/Feb next year, Possible action for A.G.M

A.O.B September/ Members Questions

GL Raised concern regarding the quality of the food for the greenkeepers revenge, it appeared to be all processed items, and some of the quiches were still frozen in the middle, and all the remaining food was cleared during the presentation, what is done with the remaining food.

AS to speak to **NRG**

GR asked: - Is there an official dog policy for the golf course for members wishing to walk their dogs while playing a few holes.

TF to confirm the policy

SL Raised: - What is the policy regarding the past captains' pictures, last year's captains have not received their pictures and the small pictures are not up in the gallery.

AS to investigate

SL asked: - In addition to the ladies playing together in handicap order in the club Championships, do they wish to play as a group within the competition during board Competitions.

After discussion it was suggested the ladies' section be polled regarding the question.

The Captain Closed The Meeting 22.30

Minutes approved by Donnington Grove Committee and signed by Rob Carvill Club Captain

Next Meeting –

Date – Monday 7th October

Time – 19.30

Location – Donnington Grove GC