



	Gary Rinaldi, Anne Marie Gane, Gill Lane, Tom Fleming, Steve Lillywhite, Sandy Byfield, Rob Carvil, Andy Storer
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nigel Roberts-Green, Ian Gaskell, Dave Knight, Alison Lillywhite
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	<b>Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>
	<b>Date:</b> Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 <b>Time:</b> 19.30 <b>Location:</b> Donnington Grove Golf Club

### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Apologies
- Restaurant Matters
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters / Actions arising from minutes
- General Management Report
- Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report)
- Members Questions / Matters Arising relevant to Management
- Treasurer's Report
- Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report
- Lady Captain's Report
- Seniors Captain's Report
- Upcoming events
  - Christmas Party
  - Pro-shop competition
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Date for 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.

### **General Managers report**

NO Report Given

### **Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report**

NO Questions asked

### **Restaurant Matters**

**AMG** Thanks to the catering team for the food and service for the Ladies lunch

### **Director of Golf's Report (including course report)**

TF reported; -

TF and Steve Gridley attended a handicapping forum for the upcoming changes to the new system, TF reported it should be less complicated than is being anticipated for the club members. V1 and other software suppliers will be running both the old and the new systems side by side from June 2020, this is hope that any problems should be rectified before the new systems comes into use throughout the country.

The green staff have dug some new drainage systems into a number of the greens approaches, we hope that these will improve the condition of these areas, the drainage will stay open until the spring at which time they will be fully buried and re-grassed.

The building of the short game area behind the driving range, and the building of some new tees for general play is hope to start soon, TF is looking into the possibility of using a land fill contractor to not only supply materials for construction, but also there is a possibility they may fund the construction through payments for depositing the material. Approx. 2000 tons.

The green staff have started to cut some areas for the six holes opposite the pink lodge, these holes will only be cut areas, not purposely constructed greens and tees.

A long discussion was had regarding an ex-member who has shown interest in returning to the club, after leaving under a cloud, TF will speak to the ex-member, put the thoughts of the committee to them and report back to committee.

Anti-slip surfaces are being investigated as a matter of urgency for the main pedestrian bridge over the river and will hopefully be in place.

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

**GR** OB posts missing at the side of the 14<sup>th</sup> green, nobody sure where the OB should be, (Path, hedge, course boundary). **TF** to investigate with **DK** **Now Complete**

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

GL Reported: -

Income from competitions for 2019 has now overtaken 2018 which reflects the number of members playing in competitions.

The Captains Charity account currently stands at £8753.09.

There are still some outstanding monies from the charity day, **AS/RC** to chase.

#### ***Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's Report***

#### ***Competitions Report***

##### **Competitions Report –Dec 2019 Committee Meeting**

##### **Competitions Held**

- The weather is still affecting competitions, with the re-arranged November stableford also being called off.
- The Nov Sunday Stableford & December Monthly stablefords went ahead as planned
- No midweek stablefords were held
- The Winter Texas Scramble was held with the winners as follows
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Roger Tillett / Dave Warwick / Ian Flack / John Hook
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Coleman/ Jason Axford / Vince Hanniffy / Roy Bryan
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Lilliywhite / Rob Carvill / Andy Storer / Justin Shell

##### **Planned Competitions**

- The Turkey Trot scheduled for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> is almost full. We have had some late dropouts, with 88 people now entered. There are slots available for a further 8 people.
- The Pro shop Christmas comp is due on Sat 21<sup>st</sup>. There are still plenty of spaces available

##### **Knockouts**

- The first round of the Winter Knockouts has completed and 2<sup>nd</sup> round matches are now in progress

##### **Competitions Sub-Committee**

The newly formed Competitions Sub Committee held its first meeting.

Points of interest

- We had a v good update from Steve Gridley re the handicap changes coming in next year
  - There will be some slight impact on the competition's manual in terms of handicap limits, but unlikely to be any major impact
  - The concept of competitive handicaps will go, and this may have an impact on us as a club and how we wish to run competitions e.g. do we want to impose such a thing locally. IF we do there may be issues with V1 (but not something we will know yet) in terms of supporting this.
  - There is a working assumption that V1 will be updated in time to support the changes, so we should see little impact on more formal competitions where we print labels for scorecards.
  - But for the less formal qualifiers (roll ups / supplementary rounds) there is a concern that it will not be clear to people what their playing handicap/allowance will be on the day – we can't all work out  $((\text{handicap index} * \text{Slope rating}) / 113) * .95$  in our head !!
- Re-allocating Divisions
  - The balance of the Division in Medals / Stablefords is not very even, with Div 2 being far larger than the other divisions.
  - We will be proposing a re-distribution at the next meeting
    - The basis for this re-calc will be actual entries in comps this year
- No Show / NRs
  - We have carried forward an action point to the next meeting to come up with a proposal for changes / tweaks to the way we deal with No Shows and NRs
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#### **Handicap Review**

- The annual handicap review will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- Invitations to this should be going out next week.

#### ***Matters/Actions arising Competitions Report***

#### ***Lady Captains Report***

##### Ladies December Report

A sparse month news wise from the Ladies Section.

The Ladies enjoyed their Christmas get together on Monday.

36 members turned up to play in a Christmas Waltz and enjoyed a delicious lunch afterwards in the Cloudy room. My thanks to Kat, Simon and Jo for all their organisation.

This year, the "Secret Santa" gift was a voluntary cash contribution to the charity. £325 was raised for the Rosemary Appeal.

Happy Christmas Everyone!

Anne-Marie Gane

#### ***Matters/Actions arising Lady Captains Report***

#### ***Senior Captains Report***

##### **Seniors DGCC Report – November**

##### Winter Leagues

No-one said that course and weather conditions in the Winter League will necessarily be enjoyable, but this year has proved a test! It was certainly questionable whether the course was playable for Wiltshire away. A big thank you to all Seniors who have taken part in the last round of matches.

An excellent up-turn in form in the Jefferies league has seen two home wins against Cumberwell Park and Sandford Springs by respectively 3-1 and 2.5-1.5 and a drawn match away at the Wiltshire in trying conditions. We are now marginally behind Cumberwell and The Wiltshire in our division and we need to beat Sandford away and hope that they do well in their remaining matches.

One game in the M4 League away to Sand Martins ended in a four to nil hammering. They and West Berks are strong outfits.

### TOGS

26 redoubtable Togsters faced up to a bit of a gluepot of a course to compete in a Lone Ranger with a Twist (each member in a three ball team takes a turn to register a mandatory stableford score to be multiplied by the next best or worst score depending on the hole). Craig Buchanan, Chris Tobin and John Headland were worthy winners with an impressive 58 points.

The end of year Xmas TOGS will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and a big turn-out is anticipated with all participants being asked to wear something that is suitably festive.

Ian Gaskell  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## **Matters arising Senior Captains Report**

### *Upcoming events*

#### **Christmas Party**

- *Confirmed date Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 19.00 £40/person, dine and disco in the marquee, this work well for the atmosphere last year. Booking and payment through reception. Many tables already confirmed.*
- *Payments to be made ASAP in November*
- *Menu selections to be made in November*
- *Attendance is looking good in excess of 100*

#### **Pro-shop competition**

- Individual competition
- Christmas clothing if possible
- Mince pies and mulled wine in the pro-shop
- Pro-shop draw on the day

### *Members Questions*

#### **GR reported; -**

- *There has been a mixed reaction to the forward tees for the ladies and the gentlemen through the past weeks.*
- *We do need to check if the courses have not been shortened to much for qualifying competitions through the winter months.*
- *Is it possible to have some kind of guard on the shoe cleaner guns or some safety glasses hung in the area, as some members are experiencing mud splatters while cleaning equipment. TF to investigate.*
- *A member questioned why there had been a group allowed to play in front of a competition and to start on the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee. TF answered ;- The group was made up of two new members and two established members, they were playing a knockout match which they had trouble playing and asked if it was possible to start on the 10<sup>th</sup> that day to play the match, TF allowed this as a one off to get the match played and to encourage new members to play in competitions.*

### *A.O.B October Brought Forward.*

**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** Has spoken to TC he believes there are several of the small photo frames in the possession of **NRG**, **AS** confirm with **NRG (Ongoing)** **An invoice has been paid for £66 for the provision of picture frames for upcoming years.**

**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 decided that a trial of this suggestion will take place during the playing of the Japan Cup. And the competitions committee will report back. Closed**

**GL** Informed committee of the sad passing of a DG member Mr Roy Letman. **AS** to source a name plaque for the memorial hut on the first tee.

**AS** Asked for feedback regarding structure of the committee, after discussion, it was suggested; -

- **SB** Will be asked to form a competitions and Handicap committee, which will hold regular meetings and report back to the general committee. **H'cap and Comps committee now in place**
- **AS** Will ask for any members who would be willing to sit on a Social and Press committee **Nick Mitchell has put himself forward to fulfil this roll and accepted by the committee.**
- All sub committees will report back to the general DG committee at monthly meetings before any actions are taken.

#### A.O.B October/ Members Questions

- **AL** commented on the potholes on the buggy path along the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes. TF to speak to Dave and Damian to see if they can be filled.
- **SB** are we able to run a 9-hole comp as a qualifier. ie; - champagne roll up. **TF to determine if the course has been measured for 9-hole comps.**
- **SL** asked if we now know where the committee email goes, **TF will discuss with NRG**
- **SL** The quiz night was a great success, thanks to Tom and his team for organising the evening, and to Simon and his team for some lovely refreshments. Hope it will be a regular event.
- **GL** Daily mail Foursomes is now open for entry **SB** and **TF** to establish who has qualified for the competition. Winners of the Anniversary foursomes, and to complete entry into the competition.
- **GL** Asked if the club will be entering one or two gents and ladies' teams into the Anodata competition this coming year. **Two gents and ladies' teams will be entered onto the competition.**

The Captain Closed The Meeting 21.30

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

**Next Meeting –**

**Date – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Time – 19.30**

**Location – Donnington Grove GC**

