



MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

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Monday 7th September 2020 – 5.30pm

Present:

(WJP)	W. John Perkins – Chairman
(JAC)	John A'Court - President
(GR)	Glenn Ross – Business Development Officer
(IG)	Ian Gover – Club Captain
(GH)	Gil Hurley – Lady Captain
(RB)	Ruth Ball - Lady Vice Captain
(CE)	Chris Embling – Treasurer

In attendance:

(ID) Ian Donnelly – Secretary/Manager

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5.20pm.

1. Apologies: (TW) Tiny Welford – Club Vice Captain, (MS) Mike Shortland – Premises, (MN) Mike Nichols – Greens, (BC) Barry Chaffey – Premises
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (3rd August 2020)

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

There were no matters arising.

3. Secretary/Manager

ID reported that there had been 7 new Members, 1 upgrade and 1 re-joiner since the last meeting and the total of new Members was 31 since 1st April.

ID advised the meeting that Charlie Harkin had began his employment as Clubhouse Manager on 7th September and Charlie was introduced to the MC. ID also expressed that he was happy with all current staff and that now he had the resources he planned to extend the opening hours slightly to mirror Clubhouse opening times.

ID reported that the opening of the bar had gone smoothly since the opening with minor infringements of the Covid guidelines which had been re-iterated to Members via the jottings. It was agreed that table tent-cards would be produced to aid with the re-enforcing most common guidelines not being adhered to. ID also reported that the bar was proving sustainable with a healthy surplus being produced.

ID updated the meeting regarding the kitchen and reported that; The contract with Claire's Kitchen (CK) had now been signed, the new kitchen equipment had been installed, the kitchen had received an intense deep clean and all unnecessary equipment and utensils disposed of; ceilings and doors had been painted and generally the kitchen was in a healthy and sanitized condition. The opening of the kitchen had had to be delayed for a week due to the Gas Safe Certificate being unable to be issued to air circulation and ventilation issues. The works to rectify the situation were programmed to take place this week and the kitchen now due to open on Friday 11 September. Bookings for Sunday Lunch were full and we are in a good position going forward.

ID reported that we had received an email from a Member who has a holiday caravan on the Butlins site adjacent to the 7th tee and fairway regarding the amount of golf balls that were hitting the caravans and landing in the general vicinity and obviously causing concerns regarding safety. ID had visited the member and the next stage was for ID and WJP to meet with a representative of Butlins to discuss the issue.

ID reported that Greene King had visited the golf club to remove all the useful beer dispensing equipment in the small shed next to the simulator. Further discussions are required to decide the future of the shed.

4. Chairman

WJP thanked the MC for continuing to ensure the smooth running of the Club in his absence due to health reasons and also thanked members for the many kind messages he had received.

WJP also confirmed that the contracts with CK had been signed and looked forward to a long, harmonious and fruitful relationship and paid tribute to the hard work already done by CK in the preparation and cleaning stage.

WJP commented on Ladies changing their rules in that in the future it was the aim to ensure that there was one set of Club Rules to cover the whole of the Membership.

WJP advised the meeting that Kay Luckett had agreed to join the MC as Social Manager and it was proposed that she be co-opted as soon as practicable. This was passed unanimously.

WJP shared his vision for re-structuring the MC following the AGM;

- To create a Board of 5 members to run the golf club consisting of Chairman, Treasurer, Business Development Manager, Course Manager and one other.
- Each Board Member to have sub-committees as they see fit.
- Captains to have their own Committees to organize golfing & social events.
- New Club Rules to be written in good time for the AGM 2021 spearheaded by GR.

WJP commented that it was good the scaffolding had finally come down and the guttering project finished.

WJP enquired regarding the status of the boiler and hot water system. ID explained that investigations had been put on hold due to the recent expenditure requirements in the kitchen and the unknown long-term financial effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. ID stated that the annual boiler inspection would be due in October and that he would consult again with Somerset Gas to ascertain their recommendations.

WJP enquired whether the Club should be re-investigating the possibility of employing an apprentice Greenkeeper. MN to discuss staffing levels with Head Greenkeeper. It was suggested that it may be prudent to wait until next Spring to give a clear indication of the Clubs finances prior to deploying additional staff.

WJP thanked 3 members for recent donations to the Club, a BBQ and Ball lifters.

5. Finance

CE had distributed a report before the meeting to the MC. In particular the green fee revenue was again encouraging with August producing the highest green fee revenue recorded for a month. CE commented that although we are well ahead of budget that we are still slightly behind on subscriptions. CE also stated it would be prudent to hold back on unnecessary spending in order to take us into 2021 in strong position when the Covid compensation would have a negative effect on the subscription line of £6,000. CE confirmed that the Club had been unsuccessful in securing the England Golf Grant.

6. Course

As MN was not present there was no course report. Discussions took place about possible future projects and the repair of the 7th & 8th fairways, 13th & 18th tees were recognized as top priorities along with a clear plan for developing the course into the future.

7. Premises

As MS and BC were not present there was no report.

8. Captains Committee

IG discussed the Equality and Diversity Policy and in particular the reasons behind group bookings, use of buggies, equal representation on Committees, mixed competitions and equal opportunities for holding competitions. Following intense discussions it was agreed unanimously to adopt the policy with the emphasis going forward geared towards MWSGCs implementation and action.

IG presented a dress code for discussion that had been recommended by the Captains Committee. Following deep discussions it was voted in favour of adoption.

9. AGM

The list of attendees currently stands at 18 and so there will be no need to hold the meeting by "Zoom".

It was hoped that a quorum would be present.

10. Any other Business

GR mentioned that he had several Members who returned a score NR at the previous weekend competition citing slow play and the need for a marshall. The meeting discussed and thought the claims generally unfounded. IG will discuss further at the next Captains Committee Meeting.

RB suggested moving the Open week slightly later in the year. IG reminded the meeting that it was positioned in the diary in March as most Clubs are not ready at that time of year to have Opens ensuring we have a good turn out however, the weather in the previous 2 years has been disappointing and should it happen again in 2021 then perhaps we should reconsider moving the week.

IG thanked all involved in the recent Charity Day which raised over £1800.

JAC called for balls being used on the practice range to be more clearly marked to avoid confusion with balls from the course.

JAC enquired whether/when section bookings were being allowed. IG to discuss at the Captains Committee Meeting and make recommendations to the MC.

JAC enquired what the reasons were as to the increase in green fee revenue. ID explained that it was down to extra visitors, as golf was an available sport, and a better average green fee rate.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th October 2020 at 5.30pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

W John Perkins
Chairman

We would like our members and visitors to experience us as a friendly, cheerful and welcoming club while keeping rules to a minimum. However, we are a modern traditional golf club and would appreciate it if members and visitors respect that in their dress.

On the Course

Golf clothes should be smart and suitable in design and appearance for golf.

Blue denim jeans, cargo trousers (or shorts), track suits, tennis or beach shorts are not permitted.

Shorts must be tailored with belt loops and a zip or fly.

Socks must always be worn.

Golf caps should be worn with the peak forward.

Golf shoes, with or without spikes, must be worn.

In the Clubhouse

Dress code will be determined for events but otherwise it is smart casual throughout the clubhouse, including the restaurant.

Footwear must always be worn.

Golf shoes and caps of any type are not permitted in the bar lounge or restaurant.

Invited Guests

Members are reminded that the dress restrictions above also apply to member's guests both on the course and in the clubhouse.

It is the member's responsibility to ensure that guests are always appropriately attired.

Any person not conforming to these standards will be asked to dress accordingly or to leave the course or clubhouse.