

Final

Minutes of Bishopswood Golf Club Committee

meeting held by Conference call

Tuesday 21st July 2020

At 17:30

In attendance:	Gary Clinch	Nick Leonard	Martin Smith
	Jeff Wayling	David Sochon	Roy Darch
	Jeanie McMullin	Kevin Fleet	

Item:

Action:

1.	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes were agreed as a true representation of the meeting held on the 2 nd June 2020, and were signed off virtually in June and will be signed off by the Club Captain when the current lockdown is removed	
2.	Matters Arising: 1) Advertisers have still not been contacted, about next year's diary. A date needs to be agreed to deal with this before the timeline becomes too tight.	1) KF by end August
3.	Update on Committee members: The Captain informed the members that since the last meeting, Malcolm Boreham had stepped down from his co-opted role on committee, citing personal reasons.	
4.	Coronavirus playing update: With effect from 1 st August, 4 balls will be trialled at weekends only, with tee times for this trial to be at ten-minute intervals. Ball lifters now in place, cost £261, pledges received to date £260. Cost of unit only charged to Club, Vat and shipping absorbed by the course. New ferrules have been ordered to ensure the flags remain upright. A letter was sent to County Union Secretary, asking if there would be a reduction in affiliation fees due to pandemic as had happened in the Welsh and Scottish Unions. Correspondence in reply advised no reduction to be seen in England. There is a support fund available and the Club and Course are currently compiling an application which requires submitting by 31 st July. Recent email suggesting Wokefield would like to play an inter-club match with us. Course management will only allow this to be a home match if there is food afterwards. All matches cancelled so far for this year, so fixture could be added to 2021. Section heads to note:	KF & KP MS, JM & JW
5.	Membership renewals: 21 new members had joined since lockdown, 6 were previously members, 13 adult and 8 juniors, all male. A membership drive was undertaken on 1 st July, with emails sent to green fee payers, in total 260 were sent, 142 were opened, (59%) with many more than once, however on 6 clicks on links had been seen. Secretary to provide RD with email addresses of the new members to see if any of these received the mailshot.	KF

	<p>The committee are aware that Donnington Valley will become a pay and play from late August, contact to be made through Ladies, Seniors and Mixed match contacts to see if we can attract some of the golfers to Bishopswood. Secretary to obtain from Course Management pro rata fees for August / September and advise committee members.</p> <p>Information placed on local media in Newbury, Thatcham and, also RD to explore putting information on Donnington's own Facebook page.</p>	JM, JW & Mixed Organiser
6	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The Treasurer provided an update on funds and confirmed that the gift received by the club from the owners in 2010 for £3k, which was provided as a bail out to meet our financial obligations at the time. As a club through prudent financial management we are currently financially sound, and therefore upon receiving a request for support, the committee have decided to return this gift to the owners due to their difficulties with lost revenue due to the pandemic. This has been to support the ongoing facility to members, during this difficult time for all.</p>	
7	<p>Golf England Policies:</p> <p>Women in Golf Charter, Equality and Diversity and Safe Golf – Golf Mark. Safe Golf and Golf Mark being renewed, WiG Charter being applied in so much as we are a fully integrated golf Club. Diversity Policy in place.</p> <p>These are to be placed on the club website.</p>	KF
8	<p>Monthly Club Draw:</p> <p>79 members are now in the draw with a total of 88 numbers. August draw will provide £146.67 to the Club an annual income of £1759. First prize will be £195.56 nearly double that of three months ago.</p>	
9	<p>Competitions:</p> <p>Currently working to a revised July / August diary, it was considered competitions working well and should be continued. If feasible Club Championships to be held, along with mixture of medals and Stablefords. Review by committee after max score medal being played on 1st / 2nd August. Secretary to look at dates for competitions and raise revised dairy up to end October.</p> <p>There is some confusion with events as existing diary still on the web, these are being removed and will be dealt in line with revised diary.</p>	
10	<p>Members correspondence:</p> <p>Recent disqualification in senior stableford cup due to no handicap recorded on named card but was recorded on marked card by the player. Ongoing discussion agreed that some leeway needed to be given during the pandemic and if the necessary information is conveyed between the two cards being used for verification the card will count. The disqualification is therefore rescinded, and the score will be added to the spreadsheet for the competition by the secretary.</p> <p>Two emails received concerning recent local rule implemented over visible tree roots. The view being as a parkland course you expect tree roots and having such a local rule as published could lead to irregularities. This was discussed and research undertaken via R & A rules. Tree roots on the fairway can legitimately be a local rule, and as such the amendment will be made and members advised. All other tree roots players can either play as it lies or take a penalty drop.</p> <p>Email received around erosion of members benefits, these include no fourballs, unable to book 14 days in advance, only able to play 18 holes if front 9 booked before 9.30. Since this was received some changes have been seen, 18 holes available most days if through the turn by 3 o'clock. 4 balls being trialled at weekends from 1st August.</p>	<p>KF</p> <p>KF asap</p> <p>GC</p>

	14 day booking to be discussed with Course management. Members to have replies sent	KF
11	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>The committee were informed that currently there were no ladies willing to step up to replace Shelagh. Currently there are a small group of ladies working together, so they will have a sub committee dealing with their section.</p> <p>Discussion on handicaps raised as many seniors are unable to play to their current handicaps. It was stressed that the handicap committee will consider review both annually and at other times, but evidence is necessary to ensure the protocols are adhered too. Entry to SSC will provide some feedback, competition of supplementary cards is another way a handicap review can be undertaken. However, if members do not complete any qualifiers they go under the radar as the system does not pick them up.</p>	
12	<p>Meeting closed at 19.20 hours</p> <p>Next meeting to be as required due to pandemic. No date agreed, but review of medals to take place after 2nd August.</p>	

Signed:

Gary Clinch: Club Captain

Date: