



<b>Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Andy Storer (AS), Tom Fleming (TF), Steve Lillywhite (SL), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Sandy Byfield (SB) Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG), Gill Lane (GL), Cliff Waller (CW)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Knight (DK)
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Andy Storer(AS)
	<b>Date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> <b>Location: Digital meeting (Teams)</b>

#### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Apologies.
- Minutes of last meeting
  - Matters/Actions arising from minutes
- Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to team's meetings.
  - General Management Report by e-mail
  - Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report) by e-mail
    - Greens Committee meeting (Mins)
  - Treasurer's Report by e-mail
  - Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report by e-mail
    - Comps Committee report (Mins)
  - Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
    - Social Committee meeting (Mins)
  - Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- Questions only Re above reports
- Memorial Garden
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Date for next meeting

#### ***Minutes of last Meeting***

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by committee and signed by the Captain

#### Matters/Actions arising from minutes

(AS) Where are we up to with taking card payments for competitions through the V1 system is this 100% in place. All members who entered Robert Burns competition had charges applied to their competition accounts, this would indicate the system works. Information regarding topping up of competition account is required to be made available to the membership. Also, the Sandtrend merchant number is also required to be added to the system for payments to be taken (NRB)and (TF)

**(NRG/TF) Will look by 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Will then speak with (GL) reference monthly invoice for monies received to Sandtrend for payment back to committee for competition fees taken on the V1 app. Possible % deduction for CC/DC usage. All competitions with payment facility, will be adjusted not to take payment at booking.**

(SB) Do we think there is an opportunity for us to publish a weekly/monthly newsletter to the members. All agreed a great idea, a one-page document with input from all sections of the club, including management and greenkeepers.

**Each new Sub-Committees will be producing a newsletter each month. All newsletter material must with Alison Lillywhite (AL), with enough time for it to be forwarded to James Smith by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to enable publication. All material must be checked inline with GDPR regulations prior to publication.**

#### General Managers Report

We are very pleased to be open again, for outside meeting, food and drink. Food and drink will be ordered and served at the table by front of house team. The patio area and the courtyard will be available, toilet facilities will be available, face coverings will be mandatory for any person using the inside facilities. We have seen a handful of members today and all seem happy to share some time with fellow members. If demand for seating outgrows available seating, we may have to implement a booking system with possible one hour allocated slots.

The halfway hut will be open dependant on weather and numbers on course; -

11:00 – 17:00 Weekdays

11:00 – 19:00 Weekends.

#### Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

(AS) The level of ready food in the halfway house can be exceptionally low at times, we are waiting for cooked food (Sausage rolls and pasties to be cooked and delivered to the hut.

(AL) Breakfast rolls are only available up to 12:00noon.

(NRB) I will investigate this ASAP and get back to you.

#### Director of Golf Report

Renewals have gone well we currently have 560 re-joined members this is down on the 637 we had at one-point last year however I do feel we have space now certainly for 5 day members however we must still manage the Saturday and Sunday bookings as I do expect demand to remain high until 21<sup>st</sup> of June

We do have a small waiting list however dependant on usage and membership types we may let them join

The pro shop is now open – restrictions of two customers at one time

Member's etiquette is a point to note at the moment with a few instances of behaviour that is unbecoming of the game of golf

The greens committee met for the first time the other night and whilst it was mainly an introductory meeting, we came away with a couple of action points which was great, a very positive start

The Euro Pro tour is still going ahead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June and we look forward to that hope the members get involved as they did last time. We will be asking for volunteers once again

Societies and golf breaks have all been told at this point to wait until the end of this month although we do have a few in that were booked which I feel we should honour

We do have the Lewis Moody Foundation Charity Golf Day on July 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be great as we have 6 ex professional rugby players confirmed this is open to members

#### Greens Committee Minutes.



### Donnington Grove Golf Club Greens Committee

<b>Attendees:</b>	Andy Storer <b>(AS)</b> Patrick Griffin <b>(PG)</b> Tom Fleming <b>(TF)</b> Cliff Waller <b>(CW)</b> Matt Briggs <b>(MB)</b> Sarah Jolly <b>(SJ)</b> Philip Caulfield <b>(PC)</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Knight <b>(DK)</b> Steve Lillywhite <b>(SL)</b>
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Tom Fleming <b>(TF)</b>
	<b>Date: Wednesday 7th April 2021</b> <b>Location: Digital meeting (Zoom)</b>

#### Agenda

- *Welcome and Apologies*
- *Outline of Donnington Grove mission in regard to the golf course*
- *Outline of the role and function of the Greens Committee*
- *Outline of the procedures for suggestions and comments*
- *How we communicate – a 2 way street*

- *Upcoming events*
  - *April and May competitions and course set up*
- *A.O.B.*
- *Questions*
- *Date for next meeting*

**Minutes of last Meeting**

N/A

**Matters/Actions arising from minutes**

N/A

This meeting was an introduction for the members to meet and also discuss the role and plan for the Greens Committee

TF Outlined DGs aim is always to try and produce the best course we can and we are always looking at playing surfaces and trying to improve them

The role of the greens committee is to

- *Assist in communication between the club and the members.*
- *Help run divot parties, or small course improvement events*
- *Assist the green keepers by relaying observations on the course*
- *Assist the Competitions Committee in course set up for competitions over the year*

**MB** asked will the committee be able to make decisions regarding the golf course and any work that may need to be done.

**TF** answered yes, however there will always be limits as this is a proprietary club and the owners and management will always have final say

**TF** mentioned about the Adopt a Hole idea **SJ** suggested a moveable divot bag tree that could be moved around the course

**PC** and **PG** suggested that the first thing we look to do is produce a plan and a document of best practise

It was discussed as to how these would be interpreted by the Owners and management but all agreed they were both a great idea

**TF** suggested that he would propose to Max that he attend one or two meetings a year.

**Matters/Actions arising**

It was discussed that over the next month all members try and find 3 “small wins” for the improvement of the course

**A.O.B**

**TF** will email all the members of the Greens Committee with a suggested date for the next meeting and that maybe we could all meet up outside

Lots of general discussion was done in this meeting that I do not feel is relevant to be minuted however I feel it was a very productive meeting and the attendees were all very proactive and I feel it will be a valuable committee and will help improve the general standards of DG

#### **Matters Arising from D.O.G report**

(GL) Can we have the option to select 9 holes when making tee bookings.

**(TF) The option should be available to select. I will check the option is still available.**

(SB) Has the monies been added to members cards for early payments yet.

**(TF) This should all be up to date.**

(SL) How are the marshalls being used at the present.

**(TF) We are using them 3hrs /day, hopefully this will enable us to have marshals out each day, I am also actively looking to recruit more**

#### **Treasureres Report**

No Report.

#### **Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres report**

(AL) Has there been any ladies' eclectic payments.

**(GL) Only one at the moment.**

#### **Competitions Report**

NO Competitions Held.

Competitions Sub-Committee

##### **Highlights for info/review**

Still some spaces available for Japan Cup (24/4 - Yellow tees) and Parasampia bogey (8/5 – white tees) , which are already open for bookings

##### **Other board comps coming up**

- 16/5 Captains Rosebowl – Yellow tees, singles stableford
  - Bookings open 18/4
- 22/5 Anniversary Foursomes – White tees
  - Bookings open 24/4
- 29/5 Mixed Greensomes - White tees
  - Bookings open 1/5
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**Captain's Drive in has been postponed at the request of the Captains, and Anniversary Foursomes moved back to 22nd May**

##### **Monthly Medals**

- The 1st May comp will be a monthly medal off the White tees
- We would like to make the summer Monthly medals bookable again with a zone draw

## Knockouts

### Knockouts are open for entries

- When the draw is made a paying in sheet will be created for the Pro Shop showing all payers booked in
- Players will have to pay when they play their first match
- If the Pro Shop could maintain the sheet to confirm payment that would be fabulous

### Other

- The Parasampia Bogy was accidentally set up for Charging so all who have booked have a negative value on their comp account
- Propose we reverse these and charge on the day
- Having the charging system in place will be far more efficient and take away another task for the Pro Shop to do
- When will this be ready?

## *Competitions committee minutes April.*

### Handicap and Competitions Committee Meeting

#### Meeting Minutes

7th April 2021

#### Present

Sandy Byfield, Gill Lane, Steve Lillywhite, Steve Gridley, Bernadette Martin, Jazz Kang, Chris Webb (part)

#### Apologies

Ewen Thompson, Andy Meredith

#### Approval of last meetings minutes

Agreed (with the exception of the mis-spelling of Ewen Thompson's name)

#### Open Actions

1. Publish Comps manual on website
  - a. Published on Website but not on ClubV1
  - b. Steve L to publish on ClubV1
2. Create ClubV1 login for committee to use
  - a. A generic ClubV1 login has been created for use by the committee.
  - b. Details on request
3. Circulate example desksheets
  - a. Done
4. Test HDID for score entry
  - a. Tested over 2 days on a weekend
  - b. We now have a great understanding of how the process works in regards to comps and the effect it has on handicaps
    - i. When entered on the day, the players handicap is updated overnight, even if this was in a comp that has not been closed.
    - ii. Closing a comp has no effect on the handicap anymore – it is purely an internal thing
    - iii. Manually entered scores (i.e. not through the app) also update the handicap overnight
5. Discuss with ClubV1 possible playing handicap discrepancies in mixed comps
  - a. Steve G has some a long time going through this with ClubV1
  - b. The Playing Handicap calculation is different for Stableford and Strokeplay
  - c. If Stableford, ladies get 2 shots if yellow/red and men get 1 shot if white/red

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d. For Medal, the calculation is more complex. For the majority of handicaps, ladies get 2 shots on the yellow/red comps but there are some where this is not the case. Likewise, for most handicaps, men get 0 shots on white/red, but a few handicaps appear to get 1.

e. The comps manual has been updated with a generic statement for white/red which is basically "the calculation is complex, so trust the playing handicap the system gives you"

f. Steve G will follow up with Club V1 re the possibility of dummy members who can be used to test any scenarios without affecting a real handicap

New Business

1. Upcoming Comps / Rota

a. Rota updated for comps currently scheduled until the end of May

b. Upcoming comps

i. Japan Cup 24/4

1. Yellow tees

2. Stableford

3. Separate Ladies & Gents comps

4. There are still a few spaces left in the last zone

ii. St Georges Day cup 25/4

1. This has replaced the Sunday Stableford on that day

2. The comp is not managed by the committee but by Kevin

Beasley

3. Yellow tees

4. 4 ball betterball Stableford

5. Enter on day

6. £5 per player

7. A flyer has been posted on the website

iii. Midweek stableford 29/4

1. Yellow tees

iv. May Medal 1/5

1. White Tees

2. Medal

3. Book on day

v. Sunday Stableford 2/5

1. Yellow tees

vi. Midweek Stableford 4/5

1. Yellow tees

vii. Parasampia Bogey

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1. White tees

2. Bogey

3. Separate Ladies & Gents comps

4. There are still a few places left in the last zone

viii. Captains Rosebowl 16/5 (Sun)

1. Yellow tees

2. Singles Stableford

3. Separate ladies & gents comp

4. Booking opens 18/4

ix. Anniversary Foursomes 22/5

1. White tees

2. Foursomes

3. Mixed comp

- 4. Booking opens 24/4
- x. Midweek Stableford 27/5
  - 1. Yellow tees
- xi. Mixed Greensomes 29/5
  - 1. White tees
  - 2. Greensomes
  - 3. Teams of 1 lady & 1 gent
  - 4. Booking opens 1/5
- xii. Sunday Stableford
  - 1. Yellow tees
- c. Discussion points
  - i. The Captains Drive in was due to take place on 22 May.
    - 1. The Captains are not happy that for such an event we would not have full socialising.
    - 2. The event has been postponed. No replacement date.
  - ii. The Anniversary Foursomes has been moved back to its original slot of 22nd
    - May so that the weekend of 15/16 does not have two board comps in the same weekend
  - iii. All weekend stablefords/Medals have been , since covid , book on day
    - 1. We would like to re-introduce the monthly medal as bookable / zoned booking during the summer months

Actions:

- SBy to discuss with Tom bookable monthly medals
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2. Knockouts

- a. All knockouts are set to open for entries on 10th April
- b. Leave as is and let it happen
- c. Change the wording to reflect 'longest tee on day'

Actions:

- SBy to amend the wording on the knockouts to reflect the longest tee of the day and allowance given if a mixed match

3. Handicap Secretary

- a. Steve G is looking got move away from the area and this could happen at any time
- b. We need to train more than 1 person in the activities Steve does and the access he has to other systems
- c. Steve is creating a 'how to' document
- d. Jazz Kang and Andy Meredith put forward as people to take over this role

Actions:

- Steve G to circulate his 'how to' document
- Steve G to arrange meeting (virtual or otherwise) with Jazz and Andy to go over the processes involved

Additional (subsequent to meeting – for information):

- Tom has requested that he and his staff also be 'allowed' to manage handicaps, as they are closer to the members on a day to day basis
- SBy agreed that this could happen.



#### 4. Player Concerns

- a. This is an agenda item to enable us to discuss any specific player related issues we may have e.g. Casula Entry cards, no shows at comps etc
- b. Steve G has noticed a few 'weird' casual card entry. This is probably due to people not quite understanding the system yet.
- c. Steve G to discuss in person

##### Actions:

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- Steve G to make contact with people who have not put in casual entry cards correctly to 'educate' them in how to do this properly
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#### Any Other Business

##### 1. Learnings from first weekend since return from lockdown

- a. Over two days of competition there were only a handful of players who entered their scores electronically.
- b. It was clear that not everybody was aware of the fact that the stablefords were being played at 95% of handicap.
  - i. This resulted in SBy sending out an eMail to all members pointing this out.
  - ii. But it does raise another issue – because different comp types have different limitations, we will run the risk of people potentially picking up too soon, or extending play because they think they are still in the hole.
- c. Over the last year members of got out of the habit of entering their own scores on the PSI – they now just drop their card in the box and walk away
- d. We need to ensure that there are wipes at the PSI so people can clean the terminal before touching it
- e. We need to circulate a 'how to' to all club members.
  - i. This should include another reminder about comps not being full handicap and being aware of this.
  - f. Jazz & Steve L have found videos from other clubs and HDID

##### Actions:

- SBy to circulate a 'how to' email to all members

##### 2. More midweek stablefords

- a. We have had a request that more midweek stablefords are run during the week
  - i. Agreed that we will schedule one per week starting from May
  - ii. These will be Yellow tee events

##### Actions:

- Set up one Midweek Stabelford comp per week starting May

##### 3. New committee member

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- a. New members will not be aware of what has happened in the last few meetings
- b. Old minutes will be circulated

##### Actions:

- SBy to circulate old minutes

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tues 4

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May at 7:30

***Matters arising from competitions report.***

It was agreed the June monthly medal would be a drawn competition in Zones, as a trial as proposed by the Competitions sub-committee.

A suggestion to play midweek competitions Monday -Thursday was made, to enable more competition golf in the week. (SB) and (TF) to investigate the functionality of the proposal.

**Social Committee minutes**

Attendees

Alison Lillywhite, Steve Lillywhite, Sandy MacDougall, James Miles, Jo Bird, Ann Maisey, Michael Pritchard, James Smith, Cliff Westley

Apologies None

Mins taken by Steve Lillywhite

Structures

- Share full structure - brief explanation by AL

Club Calendar

- Understanding what's going on in Hotel calendar (CW)
- Main events shared by (AL)
- President's day is before full opening up AS to update how to run.
- Mid-Summer Madness as 2020
- 1st Champagne Roll-up make a real event Barbecue & Band possible conflict from same evening timing. Volume of players & tee times to get everyone on the course & back for 8pm AL & JB to plan.
- Publicise new Facebook & Instagram James & James
- Club Champs barbecue on the 18th + Beer tent
- Captains Swansong Consuls etc

Brainstorm

- List ideas for next meetings proposals from each person coordinate try for something each month.
- Quiz nights?
- Ex DV social ideas?

Communications

- Pictures for Facebook from everyone to interact with
- Ask members what they want?

AOB

- (JS) Lewis Moodie 2nd July golf day? may not be 2nd
- (CW) Publicity to Facebook etc SL to publicise email to all member's JS to send flyer to SL.

Date of next meeting Tue 20

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April 7:30PM on Teams

Following meeting May 18th upstairs bar

**Senior Captains Report**

Senior Captain's Report for April 2021

- 1) Little golf activity so far this month, simply good to be out in the sunshine on the course.
- 2) Two senior friendly matches have been arranged against Weybrook Park (away) and Manor House (home)
- . 3) One Three Counties League match against Sandford Springs (away) has been arranged.
- 4) The first TOGS of the year has been organised. It is a 'diabolical 666 competition. 6 holes greensomes, 6 holes foursomes and 6 holes better ball.

Cliff Waller  
Seniors Captain.  
11th April 2021

**A.O.B**

**(SL)** Should we make available to the membership the new structure of the committee.  
**(All)** **The new structure should now be publicised to the membership, (SL) to post new structure on the web page (AL) to update club notice boards to reflect the new structure.**

(AS) Where are we up to with the new members cup day.  
**(All)** **The day will be open to all new members (not returning members) who have joined during 2019/20 seasons. Format will be played in fourballs with a committee member in each group. Sandwiches and chips will be served post round, with a presentation and a Q &A session. (TF) agreed to supply prizes. (SL) to send out invitations to new members eligible to play.**

(GL) A lady member has requested the return of the Monday ladies' roll-ups.  
**(TF)** **Tee availability will be Monday 09:00 4 tee times, Wednesday 11:00 4 tee times and Thursdays 10:30 8 Tee times.**

Minutes approved by Donnington Grove Committee and signed by Steve Lillywhite Club Captain



**Next Meeting –**

**Date – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Time – 19.00**

**Location – Donnington Grove.**