

Committee Meeting Minutes

Mon 10th June 2024

Attendees : Andy Meredith, Gill Lane, Sandy Byfield, Tom Fleming, Bernie Martin, Steve Warren, Helen Lake, Nigel Thorne, Andy Storer, Ian Chaplin.

1. Apologies : Giles Bennet, Sarah Jolly, Iain Cottingham, Kieran Watson.
2. Minutes of last meeting - Approved with minor amendments.

Items C/F

- a. Honours boards in bar, errors rectified. - AS looking at alternative suppliers.
- b. 5th tee levelling - To be monitored by greenkeepers, it will level out !
- c. Club Champs Volunteers - List starting to fill, email reminder to be sent out. Meeting to be scheduled for Tuesday July 2nd.
- d. New measured tees - Initial survey completed, Stone markers being prepared. Still to price up tee markers etc and present to Sandtrend.
- e. Ball washers repaired - NT done.
- f. Loose mats on bridge - Repaired what can be done for now to prevent trip hazard.
- g. Competition qualification criteria - Now 18 months for 6 qualifying scores, 2 of which DG comps. May have qualifying course throughout next winter. To be reviewed before next year.

3. General Managers Report.

IC - Early days in position, still identifying areas that perform and those that need addressing.

Meeting with owners again shortly to look at Hotel and Golf Club Structure to plan a strategy going forward.

The Club is still for sale, with no serious interest at the moment.

Still looking at alternatives and the most cost effective way of replacing the bridge over to the 10th hole.

Any questions or comments, Ian can be found in his office opposite reception.

4. Director of Golf Report.

The recent passing of our popular member Andrew Skelly was a very sad day . AS proposed we make a donation from our memorial fund to his families nominated charity, The British Heart Foundation. Everyone in favour of £50.

We are a month into the new membership year, we have 512 paying members and 165 playmore members, there are quite a few new members now so we should look into running the new members cup.

SB to run report list and forward to AM,BM and TF. Date for event to be determined.

NT and TR running a members feedback group scoring aspects of course and providing observations about the course, both from a positive point of view as well as issues that need addressing.

Feedback for May showed higher than expected scores on condition and presentation, with bunkers, paths and in particular practice facilities needing to be addressed.

The tour school have visited and are happy with the course, they require chipping area behind range to be operational and decent, and they want the greens running around 10 (They are currently 8.5 to 9).

A new fountain has been purchased for the lake on the 14th.

5. Treasurers Report - as below.

We are still running behind budget at present.

Charity balance sheet does not yet include money raised at the Seniors Charity Bowl.

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Balance Sheet

| | 30-Apr 2024 | 31-Oct 2023 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Bank: current account | 1669.23 | 278.54 |
| Bank: deposit account | 7151.30 | 10058.72 |
| Stock - Club ties 6 remaining | 114.48 | 133.56 |
| Competitions money due | 80.00 | 639.00 |
| Donnington Diners Float | 300.00 | 299.25 |
| Champagne Rollup Float | 250.00 | |
| Total Current Assets | 9565.01 | 11409.07 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Provision for Prize Giving 2023 | 370.00 | 2345.00 |
| Provision for Prize Giving 2022 | 900.22 | 900.22 |
| Provision for Prize Giving 2024 | 1444.99 | |
| Accrued costs | 0.00 | 320.00 |
| Memorial Fund | 105.00 | 135.00 |
| Outstanding Vouchers 2024 | 320.00 | |
| Outstanding Vouchers 2023 | 0.00 | 795.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 3140.21 | 4495.22 |
| Total Net Current Assets | 6424.80 | 6913.85 |
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| General Fund brought forward | 6913.85 | 7860.62 |
| Profit/Loss for the year | -489.05 | -946.77 |
| General Fund carried forward | 6424.80 | 6913.85 |

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| <u>Income & Expenditure Account</u> | 7 Months to 31 May 2024 | Budget to date | Year to 31 October 2023 |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Competitions Income | 5,561.00 | | 13,370.00 |
| Card charges | (30.66) | | (68.53) |
| Fines charged | - | | 10.00 |
| Less: Vouchers | (3,530.00) | | (7,900.00) |
| Prizegiving | (1,444.99) | | (4,365.00) |
| | <u>(4,974.99)</u> | | <u>(12,265.00)</u> |
| | 555.35 | 839.98 | 1046.47 |
| Club Ties | 0.92 | - | 0.92 |
| Interest received | 92.58 | 105.00 | 117.84 |
| Total Income | 648.85 | 944.98 | 1165.23 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Berkshire Ladies comps | 131.00 | 125.00 | 184.00 |
| England Golf Race to Woodhall Spa | 75.00 | 80.00 | 70.00 |
| BB&O Hillman/Foursomes/Champion Club/Lombard | 85.00 | 85.00 | 155.00 |
| RDICL Scratch League | 225.00 | 225.00 | -75.00 |
| Kyocera/Annodata Matchplay Men and Ladies | 230.00 | 230.00 | 210.00 |
| Inter-club Challenge | 256.00 | 300.00 | 240.00 |
| Committee Golf Day | 0.00 | 0.00 | 320.00 |
| 30th Anniversary sponsorship | 0.00 | | 900.00 |
| Memorial plaques | 0.00 | 0.00 | 48.00 |
| Competition expenses | 35.90 | | |
| Donnington Diners expenses | 65.00 | | |
| Bank charges | 35.00 | 35.00 | 60.00 |
| Total Expenditure | 1137.90 | 1080.00 | 2112.00 |
| Profit/Loss | -489.05 | -135.02 | -946.77 |

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Charity Account

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| Total Interest received | 22.95 |
| Captains Drive-in | |
| Guess the Distances | 480.00 |
| Surplus from entries/prizes/food | 155.10 |
| Xmas Ball Heads & Tails | 90.00 |
| Champagne rollup cake raffles | 67.00 |
| St George's Day | 338.00 |
| Captain/Pro Challenges | 200.00 |
| Donation J Black from Committee Awayday | 10.00 |
| Andy Storer Shoes | 40.00 |
| Seniors Charity Bowl | |
| Lewseys donation | 50.00 |
| S Berry donation | 10.00 |
| Ladies Eclectic | 60.00 |
| Ladies Par & Birdie Trees | 25.00 |
| Total | <u>£ 1,548.05</u> |

6. Competition Secretary Report.

Due to the increased cost of Trophies, engraving, honours boards and club competition entries, the entry fees to club competitions will be increased from 1st July 2024. Board competitions will increase from £5 to £6 per player. Medals and stablefords will increase from £3 to £4 per player. The prize matrix will remain the same for all competitions. BM will send a communication to the membership to inform them of the increases.

Previous Competition Committee meeting minutes as below -:

Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 5th June 2024

Attendees: Bernie Martin, Andy Meredith, Rob Hinson, Sandy Byfield, Gill Lane, Steve Martin, Simon Vines

- 1 **Apologies:** Jools Black, Steve Lillywhite.
- 2 **Minutes of Last Meeting** – Approved.
- 3 **Items Carried Forward**
 - a. No Shows - no further action.
 - b. Boards – AS has got the new boards up, but there are still some amendments to do. Does he need help with the trophies?
 - c. Website results. SL to update at next meeting.
 - d. Competition Manual has been updated by SB. SM has a few extra items, sent by email.
 - e. Follow up to Spring Scramble, most people enjoyed it. Maybe do it again.
 - f. Local rule about tyre tracks, this can be implemented when we go back to Winter rules.
 - g. Mixed Tee competitions. AM and TF went out on the course, considering black tees, shortening some white tees, include shorter blue tees. Nothing has been finalised yet.
 - h. Knockout competitions. GL has adjusted the prize money, £30 for winners, £10 for second.
 - i. Card Machine – no further action at this time.
 - j. Qualifying Criteria – will this continue to be 18 months. SB asked if it should count for gross and scratch competitions. Main committee to consider both points.
- 4 **Rota** – Updated.
- 5 **Upcoming Competitions**
 - a. Summer Knockouts – next deadline 16th June. BM
 - b. Club Champs – Entry forms have been sent out. £20pp which includes £8 for food.
 - c. Champagne Roll Up – going well.
 - d. 15th June Anniversary Foursomes – reminder sent out GL.
 - e. 23rd June Midsummer Madness – SB/AM. There will be vouchers on the day. Food numbers to be confirmed to kitchen 10 days ahead.
 - f. 20th June Captains Rosebowl – AM.
 - g. 17th July Seniors Club Championship. SV/AM.
 - h. 27th July Shotoku Cup. SB, check that the set up is acceptable for handicap.
- 6 **AOB**
 - a. Medals – to try and increase numbers in medals, TF will poll members regarding playing “undrawn” medals. AM did a comparison between drawn competitions and stablefords. More people sign up to medals. As there are only six drawn medals and some board competitions, we feel we should keep drawn medals. Main committee to consider.
 - b. SV – has been asked if a list of prize winners could be sent out. There is a list on V1 which is updated monthly by GL.
 - c. AM – suggested that competition entry is increased to £4 (general comps) and £6 (board comps). This will be taken to the main committee for consideration.
- 7 **Date of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 10th July 2024, 7.00pm in the upstairs bar.

7. Lady Captain Report.

Grace Canning came close to qualifying at the Race to Woodhall Spa event at Bramshaw recently, coming in 7th on count back with top 6 going forward.

Mixed friendly matches, ladies friendlies and the Monday roll ups going well with new members attending.

TF - should we look at doing ladies coffee mornings with golf, proposed £20 for 18 holes with coffee for non members. HL to investigate.

8. Senior Captains Report.

Nothing to add that has not already been covered.

9. Members questions / Members Reps.

NT - Many positive comments on the golf course as reflected in the member feedback survey.

10. AOB.

AM - Club Committee Positions - Officers of the club.

The positions of Competition Secretary and Handicap secretary are becoming vacant next year, and the position of treasurer has been held by the same member for a number of years.

According to the club constitution, the incoming Captain is responsible for deciding who shall be offered the various positions of officers of the club, and members should be given an opportunity to put themselves forward.

AM and KW will discuss and propose candidates to the membership along with giving everyone the chance to apply.

SB - In order to protect our integrity as an honourable golf club, Should we have a minimum number of cards for handicap in order to be eligible to represent the club in friendly matches.

After some discussion decided to adopt the seniors section criteria of a minimum of 4 qualifiers for handicap in the last 12 months in order to represent the club in any Friendly match.

AS - Will there be any opens or invitation days this year. TF No, poorly attended.

AS - Has the champion club event been entered. AM - Yes.

HL - Long rough beside 6th path uphill a bit harsh - TF to look at it.

HL - Long grass between 10 and 11 and from 11th white tee restricts view of traffic. TF to investigate.

BM - Geese on course, can we control it. Tf to discuss with IC.

GL - Jon Hawkins fund raising for MND with a snooker event.
AM to include in next monthly newsletter.

GL - Are visitors given instructions where they can and cannot drive buggies.
TF not a lot of damage on the course at present, will look at signs in buggies again.

NT - Can the out of bounds be removed on the 8th and 11th holes.
To be reviewed.

NT - Extra divot bags arrived, 40 are already missing from first consignment.

TF - When committee send emails from ClubV1 remember to edit the reply to email
as necessary.

TF - Any social events being organised other than the usual ! To be reviewed.

Date of Next meeting - Tuesday 16th July 2024 19.00.

