



## MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB

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### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – SUB GROUP NOTES

Wednesday 29th April 2020 – 5.30pm (via Video Conference)

Present:

(WJP)	W. John Perkins – Chairman
(GR)	Glenn Ross – Business Development
(IG)	Ian Gover – Club Captain
(CE)	Chris Embling – Treasurer

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

The meeting was called to address several issues relating to the lockdown of the club and to try to substantiate ideas for its reopening.

#### 1 Opening of the club and course

It was agreed that the advice of the English Golf Union would continue to be followed and that it was expected that there soon would be a limited opening of the course. The clubhouse would take longer to come into operation.

The end of the period that the 'lockdown' of the club, the time at which subscriptions were going to be considered for the Lockdown Allowance, would be the day that the course was first open again.

There would need to be work completed on how we maximise the use of the course (and income) but maintaining the principle that people remain safe. There was plenty of advice for various agencies and these would be followed.

It was agreed that the reopening of the course should be an event (Captains Drive-in?) with publicity to let people know that we were operational.

#### 2 Subscriptions and membership

Acknowledging the excellent take up by the membership there are still outstanding issues that need to be resolved.

Club Rule 16c of the club states that members have a month to pay the money they owe in arrears. It was agreed that the time limit could be extended but that the principle of payment of arrears should be retained. As there was going to be

options on how the Lockdown Allowance could be delivered (see below) it was essential that all members, especially those that had paid on time, were placed on a level playing field and were not disadvantaged.

There was a discussion about those members who would not be able to afford the subscription. Accepting the principle that the committee would do what it could to retain members, with each person being treated on a case by case basis there needed to be equity to all. It was felt that there were plenty of ways of paying a subscription available. It was not the aim of the club to prevent people from being members and every avenue would be explored to make it easy for those that wanted to join

There was a discussion based around the movement of the subscription year. After some discussion it was agreed that the best idea was to keep it to the April deadline.

### 3 Lockdown Allowance

It was felt that members would like to know how the Lockdown Allowance promised by the MC could be delivered as soon as the course reopened.

Up until we know that date of reopening it was unwise to fully agree on the possibilities. The suggestions were to give members a choice such as those listed below:

- Donate the allowance to the club
- Reduce subscription for 2021/22
- Spread the allowance over the next two subscription years
- Place the allowance on the bar card
- Full repayment of the allowance

More discussion on this matter is needed which may have to include a wider audience.

### 4 Future Budget

It was acknowledged that the lockdown would have a significant effect on the budget. Although the money for furloughing the staff had been received and the rate relief was this only passed issues to the future years especially 21/22.

The club would have to 'cut its cloth' to fit the new situation. There was still £40k outstanding in membership fees and although interest free loans were available these should only be used with caution.

It was agreed that as a principle the club should make no commitments to non-essential spending and developments should be placed on hold.

Two issues discussed were:

Landfill – it was agreed that Mike Nichols would be informed that the MC intended to place this 'on hold' and would not commit any monies.

Greenkeeper Equipment – there was a piece of machinery that was coming to the end of its lease. Rob would be asked to clarify the situation with this to ascertain if it was an essential piece of machinery.

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The diary would have to be completely rewritten and it was suggested that once we knew the end of lockdown that the various Championships, Buchanan and majors would take precedence. It was understood that there will be several competitions that will not be able to be completed this year. The diary will need to be coordinated with the Ladies and other sections. The Captain would oversee this.

The meeting was closed at 7pm.