

Present JW,JS,DJ,PSh,PSt,MF,CT,DH,RAS

Apologies RB,SC

Minutes of last meeting approved by JW and seconded by PS

Minutes from previous meeting MF seconded the 5 and 6 day membership agreement but not to include the members discount that has been applied to these membership categories taken from the full members category. He thinks that no discounts should be applied. DJ pointed out that the discounts were reduced in monetary terms to £75 and £150 and agreed between himself and RB. A question was then raised about the need to allow any discounts at all which again DJ reported that no one joining after the year 2000 will be eligible for any discount. PSt asked how many members that will apply to, who will be eligible. SC to provide numbers

The cost of team meals was raised and suggested that each captain speak to the caterers about provision of a meal and the cost. PSt has been speaking to the Leeds 8 – 15 league who charge players £10 but cost the meals at £8.50 to allow some funds to be made available for other items such as shirts etc.

The handicap for teams looks to be generally to take the Handicap Index as the starting point for the max and min limits.

Correspondence – Two letters to the handicap committee from Ray Saperia and Ian Morley have been responded to by PSt.

A letter from Chris Thompson (attached) has been responded to by SC.

A letter from England Golf regarding Independent Golfers being offered the chance to buy an official handicap was sent to all by RAS. The body of the mail related to the fact that this will most likely happen, and a 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> February. RAS will keep all informed of any progress.

#### Finance Report

Report shared with board.

#### House Report

JW sent a report previously (attached) and only additions are the removal of the stage and some of the repair work has been paid for from the money made through the sale of beer at the halfway house and the ladies section who have provided £450 towards the costs.

#### Greens Report

Course is very wet as expected and some disease can be seen on some greens. The gravel bander is hired out to Hessle GC at the moment so some delay in possibly using this. A lot of tree work, removal and trimming, has been going on around the course. Green staff are working 2 at a time just now with the remainder on rotating furlough.

The gorse and bramble has been removed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole to provide better airflow and an improved impression when entering and leaving the course.

#### Competitions Report

The list of competitions for 2021 has been issued with majors being returned to Saturday in the attempt to allow more visiting parties on a Sunday afternoon. Most Saturday competitions are individual events, as 4 balls in 2020 attracted a much lower entry than individual competitions. The club has joined the Leeds 8 – 15 league, played on a Wednesday or Thursday and is a team of 8 playing fourball format.

#### AGM 2021

It is suggested that we start to arrange for a virtual AGM as per 2020 as we do not think it will be possible to hold a full meeting due to COVID restrictions before the deadline of June. However, we should delay until we have a little more information about how the situation may be later this year. If we prepare for a virtual, we can easily change to a normal AGM if allowed. This should start now and inform the members about the decision.

#### Compensation Possibilities

PSt collected several suggestions from board members and these were passed to all. It was generally agreed that there is not much we should do right now as we do not know when the restrictions will be lifted or what position the club will be in later in the year. It was agreed that a note to members from the president would be worthwhile to inform members that we were not actually doing anything right now, but we are considering what, if anything we can do.

#### Membership Categories

All had been sent the recommendation from DJ and asked if there were any questions. One question was why are we reducing the country member limit from 50 miles to 30 miles. There was no real reason for this, but we do have 2 past members who live less than 50 miles away who play less than 10 times per year each, to be incorporated. However, this is not an issue and can remain at 50 miles. Some had not read the full mail therefore a final decision will be made at the next meeting.

#### Any Other Business

DH asked if anything had been mentioned about the next Vice Captain. DJ said he had been talking to Ian Gledhill who says that the process is underway and he, or she, should be revealed soon.

The board meeting concluded at this stage