



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS), Steve Lillywhite (SL), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Gill Lane (GL), Patrick Griffin (PG), Tom Fleming (TF), Sandy Byfield (SB)
Apologies:	Nigel Green (NRG), Nigel Bell (NB), Sandy MacDougall (SM), Cliff Westly (CW). Dave Knight (DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer
	Date: Tuesday 1st September 2020 Time 19.00 Location: Digital meeting (Teams)

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Restaurant Matters (Questions for NG)
- 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
 - Treasurer's Report by e-mail
 - Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report by e-mail
 1. Comps Committee report
 2. Club V1 only has comps until end of September date for yearend completion
- Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
- Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- Questions only Re above reports
- Upcoming events
- September Comps; -
 1. 4th Pro Am
 2. 5th & 6th Competition Weekend also 26th Stabelfords
 3. 8th & 24th Midweek Stabelfords
 4. 12th & 13th Club Championships
 5. 19th Shotoku Cup
 6. 27th Parasampia Cup
- Winter Knockouts
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Date for next meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

(SL) Voiced concern regarding the cost of moving the memorial area. **(AS)** Assured the committee that no action would be taken regarding this issue before committee approved any possible expense regarding the matter.

(PG) Voiced concern regarding the sale of alcohol on the drinks buggy.**(TF)** the drinks buggy is not a permanent feature, it is only in place until the halfway house re-opens, he will also speak to the buggy host's and the course Marshalls to monitor the situation on course.

(SL) When will the halfway house re-open. **(TF)** We are hoping to get open by 2nd September.

General Managers report

No Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Restaurant Matters

NO Report Given

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

We are hoping to re-open the Hotel facility 17th September and are monitoring and revising the Covid instructions and updating when necessary. There has been an increase in traffic on the estate, which we believe is a knock-on effect of a parking fee being introduced at the Castle grounds. We are planning to install a gate/barrier at the main entrance to the estate, which will involve constructing some new fencing and a passing bay. We are hopeful work may start in the next few weeks. On course Dave and his team continue to work hard to improve the condition of the course, micro-tyning will be completed on the greens. Tee boards are to be refurbished and re-finished.

Construction of the short game area is moving on at pace, the turf for the area will be laid next week, this will take time to establish and we are not looking to open the area until the spring of next year. The new swing room on the range is nearing completion, we are waiting for the roller shutter doors for the front of the room and then once it is a secure space it can be fitted out with all the latest equipment and hardware. Massive thanks to Paul Bailes in particular for all the hard work and support with this project.

Club V1 will be completing an upgrade on the system, which will also include an upgrade to our website, Stoneham already have the new web site and are getting great feedback from members. A new Psi and laptop are to be installed to enable competition scores and live leader boards to be shown in the bar area and maybe the Halfway house.

Green fee tickets are at the proof stage of completion, which will aid Marshalls and the team to identify visitors and if they have visited the pro shop and paid.

We intend to open the back nine for morning groups who wish to play just nine holes, there will be a very limited number of times, but should help to reduce congestion on the first tee on busy weekend days, these slots will only be available to be booked through the pro shop.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report

AS) (Where are we up to with taking card payments for competitions through the V1 system. **(TF)** we need to get a team together to finalise this task, (Tom, Nigel, Gill, and Alex from V1 to go through any concerns.

Treasureres Report

(GL) Presented the accounts for the currant period. Competition income is very heathy for the year, this is due to the large numbers of members competing in the competitions. Expenditure remains as of August report. After provision for competition vouchers etc A nett figure of £146.62 was reported. The Captains Charity account also remains as of the August report.

(GL & AS) Held an incredibly positive finance meeting with (NRG) Many items were discussed and agreements reached.

All competition vouchers are now published on the web page each month.

Matters/Actions arising fromTreasureres report

(SL) Would it be possible to have a more itemised report from the finance meeting with (NRG)

Competitions Report

Competitions Held

Three Board competitions were run in August

The Midweek Club championships

- Congratulations to our winners, Andy Meredith and Julie Myall

The Japan Cup

- Dennis Sunderland and Sandy MacDougal winning the Men's and Ladies

The Greensomes Cup

- Miguel Frade and James Sim were successful

Multiple stablefords during the month with over 260 entrants

Planned Competitions

The following board comps are planned for September

Club Championships 12th /13th

- *See section below*

Shotoku Cup rearranged for 19th

- 8 slots now available

Will send an Email out to let people know there are spaces available

Parasampia Cup 27th

- 43 pairs booked
- 31 slots remain

Planned for September

- Club Championships – 12/13 September
- Shotoku Cup re-run – 19th September
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To be agreed at this meeting

- Parasampia Cup – 27th

October Comps Proposals are: -

- Captains Rosebowl Sunday 4th
- Greenkeepers Revenge Saturday 10th

Club Championships

- Ladies entries were cut off, allowing 9 men's reserves to enter in the free spaces.
- Now getting some dropouts. As of 31st, 4 men dropped out with 3 left on reserve list
- 2 ladies have dropped out

- All non-qualifiers have been informed of the need to put in a score by Friday
- All who have not paid have been reminded of the deadline. Currently approx. 30 have not
- paid
- Email has gone out to all members asking for volunteers
- Draw will be made after the final check of qualifiers/payment on 4th Sept
- Tom has kindly sponsored water for the championships
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Knockouts

- 2nd round completed, 3rd round in progress
- Have spoken to the winter knockout finalists, who have arranged their final for 26th Sept
- (had to be delayed due to hospitalisation of one participant)
- Winter knockout forms for 2020/21 will go out in a few weeks
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Competitions Sub-Committee

The following topics were discussed at the competitions sub-committee meeting on 26th Aug

Board comps

- See October proposals above

World Handicap System

- 4 Flyers have been prepared and will go out to the membership in the 4 weeks leading up to the changeover
- First will go out on 2nd October
- Propose that entry criteria for comps should be
- Stablefords and Medals – no criteria
- Board Comps – 3 qualifying scores at the club in the previous 12 months
- As this may detrimentally affect any new members the Comp
- Committee will have discretion to allow dispensations

Competitions Manual

- This has been withdrawn from the web site / Club V1
- It is being updated for
- Changes because of WHS
- Prize money – will be dependent on entries
- Other Documents in the Club Competitions folder will also be reviewed

Next sub-committee meeting 30/9

Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

(TF) The V1 system and the BRS system are now up to date and corresponding up to the end of October and asks if **(SB)** can add all midweek competitions into the V1 diary.

Lady Captains Report

There is not a great deal to report this month. With the influx of new members now stabilised it is great to see that all our new lady members are settling in well and joining in with all the roll-ups and competitions.

The Thursday Ladies Roll up has now been running for over a month and has seen a good number of ladies playing in varying formats. Thank you to Gill for organising it is much appreciated by us all.

Well done to Julie Myall for winning the Midweek Championships and to Sandy MacDougal for winning the Japan Cup.

I am continuing to cancel all Mixed & Ladies matches on a month by month basis and offering corresponding dates for next year.

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Matters arising from Lady Captains Report

Senior Captains Report

Integration of New Senior Members.

This has progressed well. The Meet and Greet morning had 31 newbies and 21 oldies with all being intermingled in a fun pairs competition which proved highly successful. A good proportion of the three late summer match teams have been new members. An excellent 12 a side match between a newbies team, led by Ralph Peedell, and an oldies team was held. Again, great fun with experience of the course winning the day. Eight newbies have been added to the Autumn tour to Wales.

Summer Friendlies.

We played Studley Wood in a home match, winning 3.5 to 2.5. This went well with players on both sides incredibly grateful for the opportunity and careful social distancing measures were followed.

New Captaincy Year.

At the last Committee Meeting it was confirmed that a proposal would be put to an EGM for the year to be changed with the new captaincy year to start in the Autumn. It was unclear from the discussion whether this would mean that the current captaincies would be extended from April 2021 to the Autumn. Should they be, it would be helpful if the Seniors could have the option for the current senior captaincy to complete the elected term (ie to the end of March 2020) and allow the Seniors the opportunity to appoint captaincy arrangements for next Summer until the Autumn whereupon a new Seniors Captain can be appointed.

TOGS August.

TOGS had to be cancelled because of predicted and actual appalling weather conditions.

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

Upcoming events

There are no planned social events planned now due to the current Covid pandemic, please refer to the competition section of the minutes for all upcoming golfing events.

Members Questions

(TF) The minutes on the web site are a couple of months behind, is it possible to update them. **(SL)** It will be done ASAP.

(AS) A lady member informed me she has had two falls due to the slippery nature of the foot bridge over the river. **(TF)** I will ask Dave to have a look at the bridge.

(AS) I am still getting an exceedingly small amount of reports from members regarding Dress code on course, are we still advising members and visitors on our dress code. **(TF)** I will ask the pro-shop team to keep the pressure on regarding the dress code.

(AS) For information. I have had an approach through TC from Adam Claytons family regarding the playing of the Adam Clayton Memorial Day, this has been played every year

at Donnington Valley, and Adams family wish for it to continue at Donnington Grove, I have asked TC to arrange a meeting with all parties concerned and I will report back to committee when I have more information.

(PG) With the increase in midweek membership and the number of members playing midweek, do we feel there is a need for a dedicated midweek representation on committee.

(ALL) A discussion was had and the feeling was if somebody could be found and was willing to put themselves forward it may be a position on the competitions sub committee initially, as that would be the main focus for the position.

(GL) Will the members draw for their membership back still be held this year.

(TF) Yes. **(SL)** Suggested the club championship weekend may be an opportunity to carry out the draw.

(SB) Do we think there is an opportunity for us to publish a weekly/monthly newsletter to the members.

(ALL) After discussion, it would be an opportunity for a Members rep, **(AS)** to talk to **(SM)** and **(SL)** to coordinate.

Matters Outstanding from previous meeting

(AS) To arrange a meeting with Christine Palmer for clarification regarding DV memorial bench etc.

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

Next Meeting –

Date – Monday 5th October 2020

Time – 19:00

Location – Digital (Teams)