



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Steve Lillywhite (SL), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Gill Lane (GL), Tom Fleming (TF), Sandy Byfield (SB), Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG), Patrick Griffin (PG)
Apologies:	Dave Knight (DG), Gary Rinaldi (GR), , Cliff Westly (CW), Andy Storer (AS),
Minute Taker:	Steve Lillywhite
	Date: Wednesday 1st July 2020
	Time: 19.00
	Location: Digital Teams Meeting

Agenda

- ✕ Welcome and Apologies
- ✕ Restaurant Matters
- ✕ 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
 - Initial feedback from survey
 - Treasurer's Report by e-mail
 - Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report by e-mail
 - Comps Committee Report
 - Club V1 only has comps until end of July
 - Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
 - Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- ✕ Questions only Re above reports
 - ✕ Upcoming events
 - July Comps weekend 4th & 5th July
 - Shotoku Cup
 - Mid weeks Comps
 - Seniors Charity Bowl
 - August Comps
 - Charity Day
- ✕ Members Questions
- ✕ A.O.B.
- ✕ Date for next meeting

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Minutes of last Meeting

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

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

General Managers report

NRG went through the details of the Bar & Restaurant opening

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

*Will there be access to changing rooms & showers?
limited access for locker & toilet use, however showers will not be open.
NRG to issue updated COVID plan to all members prior to opening.*

Restaurant Matters

No Report Given

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

TF Reported
We now have 506 members including staff (492 excluding staff).
The short game area is now back underway now that materials are available.
Two greenkeepers are still furloughed/shielding; however we now have one of the greenkeepers maintaining the gardens around DG.
We have been given the go ahead for one paid Marshall for 16 hours per week plus 2 or 3 volunteers.
We have had a good response from the survey with 234 responses, many of them saying much the same, results will be published in due course.
The Euro pro qualifier will be taking place in October with the main event coming to DG in June 2021.
A quote has been sought for a new handicap/ information board for outside the pro shop.
Mid-week Roll ups are now booked on Club V1 so members can enter.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report

TF Costs for Handicap boards & starters hut update - proposal for Committee to share 50-50 with Sandtrend

TF Competition booking & payment via members cards & Club V1

Treasurer's Report

GL Reported
The committee funds remain static during the current period, there are no competitions being played to generate income, so, there is no expenditure of prize funds. The captain's charity account sits at £1788.41 hopefully we will be able to raise funds later in the year.
We have 19 ladies entered the lady's eclectic at £5.00/ player, and 47 names in the Captains Charity eclectic at £10/ player. The midsummer madness raised £1220.04 in total

Matters/Actions arising from Treasurers report

PG asked if we should be using some of the money in the committee funds for the good of the members or to sponsor junior golf.

Please see above action for TF regarding information boards / starter hut.
(SL) Asked for clarification as to which expenditure the committee is liable for, and which the company (Sandtrend) is liable for
(AS) and **(GL)** to meet to compile a Q and A document, and to arrange a meeting with **(NRG)** to discuss.

Competitions Report

Competitions Held

- *No board comps since the last meeting*
- *The Midsummer madness replacement ran on 20/6 with a huge turnout*
- *The Sunday stableford on 28th June was our first qualifier since lockdown*

Planned Competitions

- *We are now running two 'roll up' stableford weekends per month, all of which are qualifiers*
 - *On the first and last weekends of the month, with individual stableford comps on the Saturday and Sunday – assuming no other board comps clash.*
 - *The Shotoku Cup has opened for entries and is full.*
 - *Need to add more zones*

Knockouts

- *The summer knockout draw has been made.*
- *This was not without problems, as we 'lost' a lot of names*
- *Going forward we should get the charging aspect of Club VI working*
 - *This will help entry to all comps*

Competitions Sub-Committee

The following topics were discussed at the competitions sub-committee meeting

- *Qualifiers*
 - *Agreed to start qualifiers from 28th June*
 - *Agreed to run 2 qualifying stablefords per weekend twice a month*
 - *Closing will be a few days later*
 - *This could cause an issue if sticking to the rules re signing for your handicap (if it goes down on Saturday, you will not necessarily know your new h/c by Sunday)*
 - *But as we are accepting 1 signature, there should not be a problem so long as the results are entered in the right sequence*
 - *Gill would like the money tallied up on each day and sent to her in order to keep on top of the finances*
 - *Board comps*
 - *Shotoku Cup to run as normal on 25th July*
 - *All agreed in principal to increase the entry fee to board comps*

- *This will be much easier to implement when the Club V1 charging is in place*
- *Gill to review the numbers and propose a budget*
- *Divisions for monthly / non board comps*
- *Ewen Thompson to come up with a proposal for a better spread of handicaps to balance the divisions.*

Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

New Members Cup

- Postponed until social distancing is workable and club house facilities are available, must be a priority.

Captains Drive-in 4th July

- Postpone until later in the year, replace with **Stableford (not Medal)** as a roll-up format contactless payment in the pro-shop.

Club Championship

- Postpone until later in the year, possibly play September.

Shotoku Cup

- Run as normal, Board competition in a drawn entry
 - contactless payment in pro-shop
 - Shotoku cup add one more Zone

Extra comps for Aug

- For Aug add Japan cup in date to be confirmed between SB & TF
 - Add Saturday Stableford on the 1st Aug
 - Add Sunday stableford on the 2nd Aug
- Run Midweek champs on 12th Aug as normal medal
 - Add normal mid-week stablefords 2 per month

Charity Day plan for later in the year to be considered by all

- Sub Committee report to include new handicap information
- Write to all new members re comps entry method & committee tee time - SL
 - Update Club V1 with all comps till year end block out BRS - TF & SB

Lady Captains Report

Ladies Section July Report

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

This month saw us hold the first competition in our Captaincy, the midsummer madness proved to be a fantastic success with 118 people playing and raising £1220.04. With the Captain acting as starter and taking photos on the 1st Tee & myself and a band of willing helpers running the cake stall. Thanks go to Mike & Viv Lewsey, Dawn Green & Amy Daw for their help on the stall and to all those that made cakes for us to sell. Several golfers took advantage of the mad golf attire element and we had some great outfits on show. I would like to thank all members that played and all the guests that donated so generously to Newbury Cancer Care.

I have set up a WhatsApp group for the Ladies section and hopefully the ladies will start to use it to find playing partners and pass info on.

This Saturday I will host the committee Tee Time with Sandy MacDougal and have 2 new lady member, Ella Bailey & Joanna Griffin, joining us.

The Ladies Roll up is in the process of being set up after a few teething problems. Tom will be speaking with the Ladies who play to discuss various options available.

It is great to see such a lovely array of Ladies golf attire in the Pro-shop this summer, with greens & purples being the statement colours. Thanks go to Lorraine for organising a fantastic display for all the ladies of DG and those that visit our wonderful course.

Due to the fact we are still unable to hold gatherings we decided that we should give Anne-Marie the gifts purchased for her as out-going Ladies Captain. After playing golf we presented her with a birdbath, garden centre voucher and some gardening gloves, she was surprised and thrilled. So that all Lady members have the chance to celebrate Anne-Marie's Year I will be hosting her Putt-Out and afternoon tea when it is safe to do so.

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Questions Matters Arising from Report

Senior Captains Report

Thanks for that. A couple of extras for you to be aware of. a) I have asked if midweek comps could be started asap and if the club doesn't run an early one, I will do a seniors midweek comp. Tom F will probably raise this. b) Tom is keen to do a welcome golfing day(s) for our large influx of new members (many midweek seniors) and in terms of the latter he is considering one or two midweek days (week beginning 20/7) where he matches two newbies with two oldies to help introduce new members to established ones. I have said great idea but would argue that it is best if scheduled for mainly early morning (8.00 to 10.00 am) as that is when the established lot mainly play and also suggest one of the traditional roll-up days are used.

- a. *TF in his report said that all roll-ups from 8.30 to 9.30. Monday is from 9.00 to 10.00 as stated in minutes. We need to have consistency/clarity...*
- b. *TF mentioned a number of very interesting intentions which last year I would have told the Seniors about in my monthly report. They are:*
- up to 8 green staff to be employed plus a gardener; and,*
 - a (short term?) team specifically for the bunkers to be set up.*

Is Tom going to do a monthly newsletter as promised at our AGM? Until then, shall I put out such goodies to the Seniors?

- c. *I didn't see any mention of PG concern that we are holding £8k + in the competitions account and the thought that this could finance junior scholarships.*

RERORT

- a. *The Seniors Captain will not be extended into next year.*
- b. *Seniors Captain wrote to Clubs saying that we have cancelled all senior matches up to end of July and then we will review. We are being approached to play games in August and later in the year. Is it OK to go ahead and agree particularly home fixtures should senior members want to participate*
- c. *We have 32 entrants in the Seniors Summer KO. And at time of writing, 64 entrants in the Seniors Charity Pairs with lots of husband/wife teams.*

OTHER BUSINESS

- a, *Has thought been given to non metallic type pins that do not bend in wind?*
- b. *Bins are being filled with waste from walkers. Could there be a walkers bin between 10th hole and club house?*

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

TF to send monthly report to the whole club

Seniors Charity Bowl

- Date change to Thursday 9th July
- Cost will be £10.00/player + optional charity donation.
 - PG To check eligibility Ladies 50+, Gents 55+

Some inter club matches may be put back in the calendar with no catering – yes no problem

Upcoming events

Seniors Charity Bowl

Members Questions

SB will we have bag tags this year
TF current ones stuck in China will investigate UK supply

GL will we have Diary's this year
TF No not this year

PG Has thought been given to non metallic type pins that do not bend in wind?
TF this is because cups are upside down so can move

PG Bins are being filled with waste from walkers. Could there be a walker's bin between 10th hole and club house?

TF part of Green keepers weekly duties but not be enough

Matters Outstanding from previous meeting

(AS) and **(GL)** to meet to compile a Q and A document, and to arrange a meeting with **(NRG)** to discuss.

A.O.B

AS/TF to investigate the use of the V1 app to take payment as members book into competitions. **GL** to check the availability and cost of a machine through the bank.

AS I have e-mailed Jeremy at ultimate signs regarding the honour's boards and the new picture frame for the captain's photographs, no reply yet.

AS Proposed the changing of the date of Captaincy handover to November 1st. This then would enable the captains to end their year with the prize giving and enable the incoming Captains a longer period to settle in and plan for their years. It would also eradicate the post-Christmas hiatus through to April which may sometimes happen.

All in Favour in principle. AS to investigate implications to other calendar events AGM etc, the change would also need to go to an EGM

SL Extra members rep's we need two more reps to increase the size of the committee
Agreed members would be approached

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

Next Meeting –Digital (Teams)

Date – Wednesday 5th August

Time – 19:00

Location – Digital (teams)