



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS) , Sandy Byfield (SB) , Steve Lillywhite (SL) , Alison Lillywhite (AL) , Gill Lane (GL) , Patrick Griffin (PG) , Tom Fleming (TF)
Apologies:	Nigel Bell (NB) , Gary Rinaldi (GR) , Cliff Westley (CW) , Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG) , Dave Knight (DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer
	Date: Thursday 5 th November 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
 - Comps Committee report
 - WHS
 - General Play rules info sheet
 - Winter Knockouts
 - Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
 - Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- Questions only Re above reports
- Upcoming events
 - November Comps TBA
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
 - Constitution
 - Format for future meetings – Ideas
- Date for next meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were approved by committee and signed by the Captain

Matters/Actions arising from previous minutes

(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.

Payments can be taken, payments will be directed to Sandtrend Ltd, (GL) to invoice Sandtrend Ltd monthly to recoup competition monies. Each member will have two accounts on their membership card (bar/competition), entry fees will be taken at time of booking entry, Pull-outs will be manually refunded onto members cards. This will be trialled first bookable competition 2021(Robbie Burns Trophy)

(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. **(Ongoing)**

(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.

(PG) has canvassed the midweek membership there is a lack of enthusiasm for this post, suggestion, maybe re-arrange agenda format to enable this position not to attend all of the general meeting, or post may be part of the competition sub-committee (Ongoing)

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

This is thought to be a great idea, a one-page document with input from all sections of the club, including management and greenkeepers. (SL) to canvass the membership for a willing editor via the website. (Ongoing)

(SL) Is it possible for the proposed new Memorial area to be ready for the Members Memorial competition next year, **(AS)** that is the intention, noting will be done until all costings are approved by committee. **(Ongoing)**

There have been several no shows in the competitions played this month. (SL) & (SB) to coordinate and contact the members concerned.

Several no-shows are no longer members of the club, those that are still members have been contacted and have issued apologies and will pay their entry fees for the relevant competitions through the pro-shop.

(TF) With reference to the number of senior matches planned for the coming season. These matches must not impact on the members general play when booking tee times, also there are a number of spaces not being used in the weekly roll-ups, as part of the ongoing work regarding tee booking I may need to reduce the number of allotted tee times for these competitions to enable more members general play.

(TF) All resolved, voiced concern as to the number of fixtures each week, and on bank holidays, alternative dates are being planned.

(AS) Presented a revised update of the club constitution for committee to read and comment. Feedback at the next meeting.

Feedback was received (AS) to revise some wording and dates and to re-issue proposal to the committee for consideration.

Matters/Actions arising from meeting

Competitions

- **A robust and concise system is needed to enable members and visitors to be able to enter their general play cards for the new WHS system, this should be possible through the Psi, a document should be in place and posted at relevant positions (notice board/ Psi) and posted on the club website. (SB, SL&TF)**

- Due to the current "Lockdown" the committee, after much discussion voted to cancel the winter knockouts for 2020/21. All monies will be re-funded through the pro-shop. This may be in cash or added to the membership card, each re-fund is to be recorded by the member signing their entry form to confirm re-fund, and entry forms to be retained by pro-shop. Two signatures will be required for doubles.
- (SB) to present a draft of the revised handicap and competitions manual at the next meeting.

Seniors

Proposal for Senior Club Championship

- A general discussion took place and all in agreement the competition would be a welcome addition to the competition calendar.
- The committee will fund the purchase of Competition board, nett, and Gross trophies.
- The competition will be organised by the competitions sub-committee.
- The competition will be open to all senior members of the club (Male and Female)
- Entry fee will be set by the committee to take into account, provision for prizes and presentation night expenditure.
- The competition will be played from the yellow/red tees, in a strokeplay format, for Gross and Nett prizes.

General Managers report

No report Given

Restaurant Matters

No Report Given

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

(TF) Reported

Going into the winter months, the green staff will be carrying out the routine jobs for the season. All the fairways will be "Verticut", more areas will be assessed and roped off if required, all covered fairway drains will be uncovered to allow for faster drainage during periods of heavy rain. The team will continue with the battle against the autumn leaves. Major drainage works are planned for the winter months, confirmation for these works is being sourced.

New tee markers are to be ordered ready for the new playing year.

Throughout the present "Lockdown" period 3 green team will be furloughed which will leave 4 green team working, and Tom. The four weeks off will hopefully enable the course to dry out and allow the team to move forward with planned works quicker than in previous autumn/winters. The chain restricting access to the estate will once again be in place across the main entrance.

Treasurer's Report

(GL) Reported

Competition income for the year is substantially down on the previous years, this is obviously due to playing restrictions throughout the year. However, all competitions played this year have been self-funding and have not shown a deficit after prize money and provision for presentation evening has been considered.

The balance sheet is showing a loss for the year this is directionally proportional to the purchase of the new WHS and information boards on the first Tee and outside the pro-shop. Which was passed by committee as a 50/50 expenditure with Sandtrend Ltd for the benefit of the members.

The Charity account presently at £7158.93, this include a match funding amount, this is a fantastic amount in a difficult year. Many thanks to Maureen Heath £470 raised from the sale of Festive face masks, hand crafted by herself.

Competitions Report

(SB) Reported

Competitions Held

- After a terrible year in terms of the ability to hold competitions the final comps of the year were held
- The Greenkeepers Revenge. Thank you, Dave, for a fun layout
 - The winning team were J Amor, M Amor, A Croxford and A Bell
- The re-arranged Captains Rosebowl, where the winners were
 - Shey Walder
 - Ian Martinez (on countback)

Planned Competitions

- No comps planned for Nov (lockdown!!)

Knockouts

- The summer knockout draw has been completed, with Kim Richardson beating Michael Weatherley 3&1 in the final.
- Winter Knockout entries are in
 - Have delayed the draw until we know when we can set the deadlines for rounds and what formats can be played (e.g. singles may be possible earlier than doubles)

World Handicap System

- The World Handicap system has now been implemented.
- There do appear to be some teething problems, with not all members having their Handicap Indexes updated on Club V1.
- We still some outstanding procedures to get in place around the registering of General Play scores, which need to be finalised before Dec 2nd when we hope lockdown ends.
 - Steve Gridley has created a proposed process
 - Key questions to resolve are
 - Can PSI terminal be used to register and enter score
 - Where should cards be left for checking
 - Who should confirm the Scores on Club V1
 - 'Manual' fallback for those without smartphones (if PSI not available)
 - Visitors – how do they register and enter score

Competitions Sub-Committee

No sub-committee meeting held.

Lady Captains Report

(AL) Reports

As a club we have raised £730 towards the Captains Charity by raffling off the Charity Parking Space. Selling squares for £10 each we had a fantastic response; the new occupier of the space is Alan Weddell.

Shey Walder won the Ladies comp in the Captains Rosebowl when it was re-run this this month, congratulations on a great result. The ladies Thursday roll up has continued to be a

success, thanks as always go to Gill for organising this event and to Bernie Martin & Fay Unsworth who have coordinated the events in Gills absence. It has been decided that we will now only play 9 holes during the winter until the better weather returns. The Ladies Eclectic has now finished, and all cards collected, the results will be announced in due course.

Gill Lane attended the BCLGA AGM Zoom meeting in place of Katherine last week a copy of the minutes has been emailed to the ladies and a copy placed in the Ladies changing rooms.

Having made some plans to hold the Ladies Christmas lunch on 7th December with some slight tweaks to make us Covid safe, it is now unlikely that we will be able to go ahead with the 2nd lockdown coming into place.

The High Silver League finale has had to be cancelled due to the 2nd lockdown, which is a real shame. I know fay was looking forward to hosting this event in her final year of Captaining the HSL for the DG ladies. She has done an amazing job and together with her wonderful group of players won the trophy in 2019. Julie Myall will be taking over the reins next year and I am sure that all the ladies will support her when the matches start again. Once again well-done Fay you are a star & thank you.

I would like to say a very big thank you and well done to one of our DG family. Maureen Heath has spent the last few weeks sewing at her kitchen table making Covid festive masks and she has now sold them all. She has raised a fantastic £470 for the Captains Charity which is amazing. I know that the charity will be so grateful for this sum of money and if we are able to get it doubled up so much the better. Thank you to all of you that bought masks your support is very much appreciated. Well done Maureen you are a real gem.

Another fantastic achievement this week is that Kim Richardson won the Summer Singles final today. A fantastic result and we believe the first lady to win this competition. She won 3/1 and gave her opponent 8 shots and to top it all 5 of the yellow tees were on the reds. Well done Kim... Girl Power

Senior Captains Report

Winter Jefferies League

The first match in the League was drawn 2-2 away to Chippenham. The match was most notable in that the two "new" pairs won.

Winter Senior Competitions Singles and Pairs

Senior matchplay knock out competitions have been initiated with respectively 39 and 48 (24 pairs) members entered. All entry fees will be contributed to the Captains Charity with over £300 raised. A big thank you to Tom Reseigh for organising.

TOGS

The October TOGS, again excellently organised by Cliff Waller, was played in awful conditions with the very sensible decision made to limit the competition (Yellow Ball) to just nine holes. The team of Sally Ottaway, John Sayers, Rob Carvill and Cliff Waller came out worthy winners. Once again over 50 midweek members turned out.

The Golf Father Trophy

This was won by Peter Drummond with Andy Skelly 2nd and Mike Pritchard 3rd.

Proposal to hold a Seniors Championship in 2021

Tom Fleming has suggested that we hold a Seniors Championship during the coming 2021 season during the week. This would be in addition to the existing Midweek Championship. The Seniors Section believes that this would be a good addition to the calendar. At the moment, there is only one board competition open to Seniors, the Seniors Summer KO. For some Senior midweek players this can appear unattractive as matches often need to be organised for weekends or late weekdays after work because understandably that is when seniors who work can most easily play. A Seniors Championship played off the yellow tees to establish both a net and gross champion

played during the week should prove an excellent draw for midweek players. We would anticipate that many working seniors would also see it as a day worth taking off for golf as they already do for the Midweek Championship and the Senior's Pairs Open.

Ian Gaskell
30th October 2020

Upcoming events

No upcoming events due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Members Questions

(TF) Has been approached by Nick Hills and Jason Axford, they asked if there was any possibility for lower handicap/gross competitions through the year. They feel it is becoming less attractive to enter competitions.

(SB, AS) Tasked to review possibilities.

A.O.B

(SB) Will the members draw for free membership take place this year.

(TF) Yes, Possibility to carryout the draw at next meeting, as the draw cannot take place in a public environment. **(SL)** to liaise with **(TF)**

(GL) Is it possible to close the booking system to stop the rush when restrictions are lifted.

(TF) The booking system is set at view only at present, we cannot make the system live until we are aware of the government restrictions when we return. We intend to manage closely; we have learned from the last lockdown.

(AS) There are no competitions entered onto the V1 system, when can this be updated, along with the club diary.

(SB, SL) A template for the club diary is in place, many competitions are entered onto the BRS system, the formats and dates require updating on the V1 system. **(SL)** to e-mail template for diary to **(AS,SB)**

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

Next Meeting –

Date – 30/11/2020

Time – 19.00

Location – Digital (Teams)