

Minutes of October Board Meeting held 20th November 2023

5.30pm

Present	Steve Barrow (SB)	Director
	Gerard Keenan (GK)	Director
	John Rice (JR)	Director
	Adrian Young (AY)	Director
	David Grant (DG)	Director
	Ian Greenwood (IG)	Director/Captain
	Steve Davies (SD)	Director
	Steve Armstrong (SA)	Director
	Marilyn Brown (MB)	Director
	Andy Lewis (AL)	Vice Captain
	Andrew Seale (AS)	Secretary
	John Braddon (JB)	President
Apologies	Richard Jago (RJ)	Director

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## Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 • Proposed – JR • Seconded – DG

**Finance** - Turnover for the year was £790,000 compared to the budget of £750,000, which is favourable by £40,000. This is mainly due to higher green fees (actual £68,000 compared to budget of £50,000 – favourable by £18,000) and bar income favourable by £14,000. Rental income is favourable due to 1 property still being rented. The net cash movement for the year was loss £18,000 compared to the budget of £15,000, which is adverse by £33,000. The CAPEX costs relate to the purchase of a new printer, range signs, glass-washer machine equipment for winter program and the additional costs for the bunker work. Net profit for the Bar for the year was £61,000 compared to the budget of £58,000, which is favourable by £3,000.

Golf society fee and green fee income for the month was £7,000 compared to £10,000 in the previous month and £6,000 last year.

The current bar discount is 25% will decrease to 20% on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**Course** – The winter course plan we are fully up-to-date with. We will continue with it up until February when Gordon is due back in to set out the next plan as we head into spring. Green cut heights are up to 5mm & will reach 5.5mm soon - this will reduce the risk of disease throughout winter. Tees will have verti-draining works like greens have had, starting next week.

Over the winter, where possible the team will try and define the fairway areas but this isn't always possible due to growth and ground conditions. More roped off areas will be introduced in the coming weeks as we head further into winter. The new leaf collection machine continues to go out on a daily basis and has been a great addition to the sheds and speed of collection,

however, there will be times, especially over the wetter periods when it is not used, where leaf build up will be high, as we enter peak leaf drop season.

**Competitions** - We are now coming to a quiet time of the year but we have managed to play three (3) major competitions – Countryman's Goblets, Stanley Putt Salver and Poppy Stableford. *Upcoming competitions:* Houghton Cup 5 club, Bacon Stakes, Midweek Turkey Trot, Turkey Trot & Captain v Vice Captain (Boxing Day)

***Aeration holes, local rule:*** We have had our greens aerated and this has left some big holes in our putting greens. In normal course of play, golfers do not get relief from aerated holes and must play the ball as it lies. So, on the putting green if your ball is in one of the holes you must replace back in the hole it settled in. Head Pro Mark, Andrew and I have agreed to put in a local rule so if your ball settles in one of the holes on the putting green you can replace it back but not in the original hole and no nearer the hole. We will review this and when the holes close-up and we will remove the local rule.

**Captain's Committee/Social** - 6 x Xmas period non-golf events planned. One is already sold out, Gala supper, bingo and children's Xmas party to be advertised this or next week, closely followed by Xmas eve party and Xmas draw lunch. Board one going up this week.

We also discussed some planned events for 2024 including a barn dance and a night at the races. On the golf side of things, hoping to get Richard Boxall and Julian Tutt to come and do an evening event. Also looking at a trick shot exhibition. More to come.

**Membership** - Three sessions of Interviews were held this week with the Captain assisting. We interviewed 7 prospective playing members and were able to offer the 7 midweek spaces available. Five of these applicants will wish to convert to full when spaces become available. One of the sessions was for Social membership and most of these 5 applicants have been attending the Club on various occasions so we are happy that they proceed to membership.

**Projects** – A full and detailed Project Update November was published and shared with the membership.

**Admin - Membership numbers** and applications remain strong with sub-committee meetings ongoing to support the work of the board.

***The next board meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.***