

# **ORMONDE FIELDS GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

## **MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr A Dale (Chair), Mrs C Shepperson (Lady Captain), Mr I Chambers, Mr C Pepperday, Mr R Skinner, Mrs L Spurr, Mr R White.

Apologies: Mr T Woolley (Captain), Mr P Cope, Mrs P Holloway, Mr M Painter.

Minutes taken by Mr R Skinner.

**The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were proposed by Mr I Chambers and seconded by Mr R White as being a true record.**

### **1.0 MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS**

1.1 None

### **2.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

2.1 Mr Skinner advised that correspondence had been received from Derbyshire County Golf stating that England Golf were proposing to redevelop the National Golf Centre Clubhouse at Woodhall Spa.

### **3.0 CAPTAINS' REPORT**

#### **THE CAPTAIN (Report delivered by the Vice-Captain):**

3.1 The Captain, on behalf of the Committee extended his condolences to member Carl Powell on the recent loss of his mother and wife. Also to acknowledge the number of years' service that his wife , Sharon, spent working at the golf club and her many contributions to the social side.

3.2 The Captain confirmed that Captain's Day was well attended and extended his thanks to the Vice-Captain and his wife and Mr Ward the head greenkeeper. The number of tee times for Ladies to be considered next year. Also, the Charity Open was successful with potential changes to be considered next year. Entry money is still awaited.

3.3 The Captain confirmed that all friendly matches have been completed and extended his thanks to all members who had played in them.

3.4 The Captain observed that the condition of the course continues to improve and that no negative feedback has been received from the number of guests and visitors he has spoken to over the summer.

3.5 The Captain confirmed that in the last week it was not possible to play from the white 'tombstones' as many of the discs with the yardage details are missing. Mr White stated that some markers may be overgrown with grass and should be checked.

**ACTION: Mr White**

- 3.6 The Captain (in association with the Vice-Captain) observed that many members that are classed as exempt from Presentation Nights could, in actual fact, easily attend. He considered that exemptions should be removed and apologies be given on a presentation-by-presentation basis. After discussion, Mr Skinner agreed to consider this item further.

**ACTION: Mr Skinner**

**THE LADY CAPTAIN:**

- 3.7 The Lady Captain confirmed her Captain's Day had been well received and enjoyed by all participants.

**4.0 BUSINESS REPORT**

- 4.1 The Chairman outlined the following business related issues:-

- a) A sanding machine had been purchased from Coxmore Golf Club which, over time, will eliminate thatch in the putting greens.
- b) Bunker and drainage remediation works have now restarted.
- c) Roadwork repairs to the drive have now been completed with a contribution from the Clubhouse being agreed.
- d) A new part-time bookkeeper has been appointed following the resignation of the previous appointee.

**5.0 COURSE REPORT**

- 5.1 The Chairman confirmed that consideration was being given to the layout of the course to ease playability for Lady members who perceive it to be too difficult.
- 5.2 The course will be moving onto winter temporary tees soon. Feedback from members on the new mats to all par threes is positive.
- 5.3 The Chairman advised that drainage works have been slightly hampered by a bent blade on the trenching machine.
- 5.4 The Lady Captain asked if the grass to the bank at the rear of the fourth hole could be left longer to prevent balls rolling to the bottom.
- 5.5 The Lady Captain queried the poor state of the ground in front of the fifteenth green. A new bunker is under consideration for this area.

**6.0 HANDICAP REPORT**

- 6.1 Mr Chambers presented a summary sheet indicating that the number of players entering knockout competitions this year has fallen, resulting in entrance fees being lower than prize money paid out. Raising entrance fees to £4 per player may need to be instigated next year.
- 6.2 Mr Chambers confirmed that the Handicap Committee will be meeting shortly to confirm rules for the winter season which is to commence on 1st November.
- 6.3 Mr Chambers outlined the recent issue with the Beer and Spirits competition where the computer went down with a number of players not booking in. After examination, this problem did not change the result.

6.4 The Lady Captain noted that whilst on the course recently, she had noticed a group of six individuals (with golf bags) all playing together.

## **7.0 HOUSE REPORT**

7.1 The Lady Captain advised that the Dinner/Dance had been at a price of £30 per person excluding entertainment. A better poster is required for the noticeboard. The Social Chairperson will need to speak to the General Manager.

**ACTION: Mrs Holloway/Mr White**

7.2 The Lady Captain queried why the Dinner/Dance had not been advertised in the recent Newsletter issued to the members. Mr White agreed that the respective sub-committees would be consulted prior to the issue of future newsletters.

**ACTION: Mr White**

## **8.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

8.1 None

## **9.0 LADIES REPORT**

9.1 The Lady Captain stated that a lock should be installed on the door to the on-course toilet. Also, a paper dispenser was required.

**ACTION: Mr White**

9.2 The Lady Captain observed that some signs on the course had been cleaned badly and needed replacing.

**ACTION: Mr White**

## **10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DECLARED**

10.1 The Chairman presented costed alternatives submitted by Mr Carnell for replacing the honours boards in the Clubhouse. This work will proceed in the next financial year.

10.2 The Chairman echoed a point raised by Mr Carnell that the procedure for appointing next years Vice-Captain needs to be instigated.

**ACTION: The Chairman/Mr Skinner**

10.3 Mr Skinner queried whether a club paper diary for 2023 is required. The meeting responded positively and the date for a fixtures meeting was agreed for 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

10.4 Mr Skinner stated that the number of Hole-in-One ties was running low and queried whether further ties should be ordered or, alternatively, should a trophy be considered. The meeting agreed that further ties should be procured.

10.5 Mr Skinner queried the precise instances when a Hole-in-One qualifies for a tie/naming on the relevant board, as this is not detailed in the Club rules. After discussion, Mr Chambers agreed to consider appropriate wording accordingly.

**ACTION: Mr Chambers/Mr Skinner**

10.6 Mr Chambers stated that cleaning brushes should be provided to the cubicles in the Male Toilets.

**ACTION: Mr White**

10.7 Mr Chambers queried the installation of the new carpet in the Committee Office. The Chairman confirmed it was on order.

10.8 Mr Chambers asked if shelving could be installed in the alcove adjacent the boiler in the upstairs Meeting Room. This was agreed.

**ACTION: Mr White**

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Meeting closed at 6.50pm.