

Minutes of Board Meeting 20th March 2023

5.30pm

Present	Steve Barrow (SB)	Chairman
	David Grant (DG)	Director/Captain
	Matthew McLennan (MM)	Director
	Gerard Keenan (GK)	Director
	John Rice (JR)	Director
	Adrian Young (AY)	Director
	Marilyn Brown (MB)	Director
	David Oldcorn (DO)	President
In attendance	Andrew Seale (AS)	Secretary
	Ian Greenwood (IG)	Vice Captain
Apologies	Richard Jago (RJ)	Director

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**Minutes of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 • Proposed – DG • Seconded – AY**

#### **Finance**

**Turnover for the year to 28 February was £1,120,000** compared to the budget of £1,092,000, which is favourable by £28k. This is due to higher green fees, society and open competition income and new members fees, offset by lower property rental income. Net Profit post VAT for the year was £9,000 compared to budgeted loss of £3,000, favourable by £12,000.

**Budgets for 2023/2024 year** being prepared and will be presented now at the April Board Meeting.

#### **Greens**

**Greens** - Greens over the last 3 months have been showing high levels of disease pressure, we have sprayed a preventative fungicide, which due to recent regulation changes is weaker than that of years past. Whilst it has reduced the amount of outbreak it has not been fully effective. Previously we have had a 'contact' fungicide which can stop the disease in its tracks at first sign of attack. This unfortunately is no longer allowed by law.

**Fairways** - Once weather allows, we will complete more verti-draining on fairways. We have already done this once and a 2<sup>nd</sup> time will be required to combat standing water and hopefully allow them to become more free draining. When springtime arrives, we will be applying a heavy topdressing on all fairways. This will also be done around October 2023 weather depending. This will dilute the amount of pure soil the worms cast onto the surface by increasing the sand levels in the profile. This will

hopefully be the start of a long-term program allowing us to be in a better position to remove wormcasts easily and cleaner in the future.

**Bunkers** - The new bunker lining on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> has been installed followed by new sand and are open. Over the next few weeks, we will be checking all bunker sand levels, some bunkers will also have a top up of sand. We have reduced the bunker height on the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway and removed the fairway bunker on the 18<sup>th</sup>. These areas will be turfed very soon.

## **Captain's Committee/Social**

**Irish Evening** - a great success!

**Social events for 2023 in diary upcoming** – includes Rules Evening (April), Elvis Tribute Night (May) Race Night (July), Speed Golf (August) and Christmas Bingo.

## **House**

**Repairs and Maintenance** – a couple of jobs around the clubhouse (cladding to replace the black plastic covering on patio and a new 'stable' door for hatch service from the kitchen area scheduled to be completed by end March/early April.

**New furniture for patio required** – fund-raising ideas for this discussed and will be further investigated.

## **Membership**

**Interviews continue** for both playing and social members. Strong waiting list with golfers and non-golfers wanting to join the club.

## **Competitions**

**Roll of Competition Director** - Vice Captain Ian Greenwood agreed to take-on the roll of Competition Coordinator following the resignation of Director Paul James.

**Knock-outs 2023** – All KO draws completed and now live.

## **Projects**

**Club Refurbishment Project** – awaiting approval for application alterations and completion of M&E Survey whilst further funding avenues are investigated and final designs/reports are finalised. Sale of properties and a high degree of interest.

## **Admin Report**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023.*