



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS), Tom Fleming (TF), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Sandy Byfield (SB) Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG), Cliff Waler (CW), Gill Lane (GL),
Guest:	James Smith (Social Media)
Apologies:	Steve Lillywhite(SL), Dave Knight (DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer(AS)
	Date: Tuesday 25th May 2021 Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies.
- Minutes of last meeting
- Each new Sub-Committees will be producing a newsletter each month.
- Newsletter Review for James so he can include section reports.
- Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to meetings.
- General Management Report by e-mail
- Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report) by e-mail
- Greens Committee meeting (Mins)
- Treasurer's Report by e-mail
- Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report
- Club Championships
- Comps Committee report (Mins)
- Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
- Social Committee meeting (Mins)
- Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- Questions only Re above reports
- Memorial Garden
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Date for next meeting

Social Media

After a long discussion it was decided.

- The old Donnington Grove Social Group Facebook page will be shut down 30th July. This is to allow James to have control of all posts relating to Donnington Grove, the new page will remain an open group, however James will be able to edit in line with the committee's standards.
- When post competition and match reports no monetary values will be posted.
- At present we have 125 followers on Instagram, and 112 on Facebook, and posts have reached 3089 people.
- The newsletter will be published monthly, but must be concise and relevant, all content to be sent to James who will edit and post.
- The DG club page will be linked to the Hotel page, (NRB) to make (TF) and admin for the page.
- The more information, pictures etc we send to James the more relevant the page will become.

General Managers Report

From 17 May the hotel fully re-opened and we are delighted to be open and busy once again; even seeing the return of the Chorizo sausage roll that is back with the suppliers. Halfway hut hours have slightly later opening hours in the mornings now that the bar and restaurant is open for breakfast daily. However, please pre-book any specific group requirements for breakfast to provide notice to the team Many mornings, especially weekend mornings, are extremely busy breakfast service times for the restaurant. Rule of 6 still applies until 21 June – subject to restrictions being lifted – we will have to wait and see if this progress as per the plan! Visiting society groups have been particularly good at following the time allocated to their groups, remaining at their seats in the bar and while mostly the members have too, I would ask the committee members and captains to support us and remind any members meeting in groups that are not currently allowed to remain seated indoors. There have been some members perhaps frustrated with the restrictions that resort to wolf whistles and even abusive comments directed to the staff which will not be tolerated. Once seated we will know you are waiting - Thank you for your patience during busy service times.

Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

There has been a problem with the bin collections since the return after lockdown. The situation should now be resolved and the collections have been increased each week to prevent any further problems.

Director of Golf Report

The greenkeepers are working hard as usual trying to keep up with the cutting as we are in a great period for growth. The work carried out during the lockdown period is now

having an impact, overseeding on greens, tees, and the approaches, fertilising of all the fairways out to 150yds from the greens.

Dave and the guys will be starting to get the course Euro-pro ready over the next weeks, some cut levels will be dropped and the rough areas will only be topped.

There have been some instances of overnight damage to the 7th and 8th greens, the damage to the greens has been caused by shots being played from the greens surfaces onto the fairways. Dave has been able to repair the damage as it has not been over a large area, we are monitoring the issue.

Matters/Actions arising from the D.O.G report

Treasureres Report

Competition income currently stands at £1774.00 for the year, with little expenditure due to many of the club competitions we enter not being played again this year. We are still holding provision for the 2019 and 2020 prize giving's on the balance sheet, hopefully we will now be able to hold the evenings soon. The Charity account for the year stands at £1563.73.

Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres report

(GL) The bank has asked for us to set up a new bank mandate, as discussed in previous meetings Andy Storer (AS) and Tom Fleming (TF) agreed to be on the mandate. The bank has informed me one signature must be the club secretary, the last secretary was Gareth Williams. I propose Andy Storer (AS) Club President to also hold the position of Club Secretary.

(All) A discussion was held after which a ballot of the committee was conducted. Andy Storer was elected to the position of Club Secretary. Without opposition.

Competitions Report

Competitions Held

Board Competition season has arrived:

- The Japan Cup went ahead as scheduled
 - Congratulations to Ofer Ben-David and Zhana Powers
- The Parasampia Bogy was cancelled due to inclement weather
 - We are looking for an alternative date for this
- The Captains Rosebowl went ahead, despite some horrendous weather during the day
 - Not that it stopped Andrew Chandler, who played through the worst of the weather to win the Men's competition with 44 points.
 - Also, congratulations to Maria Tillett, who won the Ladies competition.
- The Anniversary Foursomes was held this weekend
 - Kim Richardson and Gemma Chandler won the Ladies competition on countback
 - Jez Griffiths and Greg Humphreys won the Men's

Competitions Sub-Committee

- Minutes from the May Meeting embedded below
- A Sub-Subcommittee meeting was held to launch the Club Championships
 - Minutes of this meeting also embedded below
- Entry forms for the Club Championships will be emailed to all members this week

- We are returning to the tried and tested method of an entry form to enter the club champs
- It looks like the logistics of using the charging system will make it unusable, which is a real shame as the benefits of having it are huge

Knockouts

- The summer Knockouts have commenced. There was a larger than normal take-up. People have clearly missed competitive golf.
- The first-round deadline for Singles and Doubles is this weekend

Matters arising from Competitions Report.

(TF) There were several competitors who did not complete their rounds for the Captains Rose bowl. This was due entirely to the weather conditions, however both the Ladies and Gentlemen's winners played through the worst of the weather. The pro-sho team on the day were also targeted during the day with strongly worded arguments as to why the course had not been closed and why the competition was not abandoned. This situation should not be allowed to happen again. Do we as a committee have a protocol in place for dealing with such a situation?

(ALL) After discussion, the committee asked Sandy Byfield (SB) to take this to the competitions committee and draft a proposed protocol for use in future situations. Once the protocol was in place it should be published on the web page and in the competition's handbook.

Lady Captains Report

As a club we recently received some incredibly sad news when we heard of the loss of a very dear friend and past Ladies Captain. Anne-Marie was a very private person, and her passing came as a huge shock to many people who were unaware of the battle, she had been facing. Always cheery and willing to help, Anne-Marie was one of life's gentle folk. She

was extremely proud to have been asked to become Ladies Vice Captain by Kim and took master where her schoolteacher days became apparent. She also enjoyed competitive golf playing in comps and being part of the winning High Silver Team in 2019. She will be missed by many and with the covid restrictions many were unable to pay their respects at her funeral, we plan to hold a Memorial Day to celebrate her in the near future.

It has been a reasonably busy month with some great successes.

The Thursday competitive roll up has been well attended so far with various formats as practice for upcoming competitions.

The Ladies Eclectic has been well supported with 16 Ladies so far entering raising £80 for the Captains Charity, Newbury Cancer Care.

News this month

- The ladies match away against The Springs on 17th May was won by Donnington Grove in all 4 matches, a fantastic start to the year. Thanks to Ann McMahon for organising the Ladies Friendly matches this year.
- The Mixed match against Sandford Springs on Sunday 2nd May was a well fought match by all 6 pairs, with the final score a draw at 3-3
- The Annodata A team played their match at home against Sandford Springs on Sunday 23rd May, unfortunately they lost the match, but well done for playing in such awful conditions and thanks go to Christine Palmer for stepping in at the last minute to play.
- The Annodata B Team played away against Tidworth Garrison on Tuesday 18th May and had a fantastic 4-1 win, well done to all that played

- Well done to Gill Lane & Julie Myall on winning their 3rd round Daily Mail foursomes match at Test Valley.
- Well done to Zhana Powers on winning the Japan Cup just pipping Jan King on countback
- Well done to Maria Tillet for winning the Captains Rosebowl in awful conditions.
- Congratulations to Hilly Armitage who had a Hole in One on the 7th Hole whilst playing in a casual game.

Senior Captains Report

Members Questions

A.O.B

(AS) Informed the committee, the club has been put on the reserve list for the county foursomes and the county Champion club competitions, we were unable to enter the competitions as we missed an e-mail to the club in April when the club was closed.

(AS) Asked if this year the committee should take advantage of some of the fantastic offers for an overnight stay and two rounds of golf for the committee away day this year.

(ALL) This was thought to be a great idea, **(AS)** and **(TF)** to investigate any possible deals etc.

(AS) Hopefully we will now be able to proceed with presentations, **(AS)** asked if there may be some provision from the committee for a drink and some finger food for the 2019 prize giving to make the evening feel more of an event, as we will be unable to hold a full evening due to restrictions.

(GL) We have some surplus funds, **(AS)**, to cost and report back to **(GL)**

(AL) The first Donnington dinners evening has been arranged, it will be at the Red House, Marsh Benham. Monday 12th July. Please contact Ali if you wish to attend.

(AL) Asked if we should publish the new committee structure now that it is in place.

(AS) please send me a copy of the document which we are to publish and we can proceed with the publication, on notice boards and the web page.

Captains 2022

(AS) Proposed Sandy Byfield **(SB)** to be Donnington Grove Club Captain 2022.

The proposal seconded by Alison Lillywhite **(AL)**

Vote Accepted without opposition.

Sandy Byfield **(SB)** accepted the position.

Sandy Byfield Club Captain 2022

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

Next Meeting –

Date – Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Time – 19.30

Location – Donnington Grove Golf Club