



<b>Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Andy Storer (AS), Steve Lillywhite (SL), Alison Lillywhite (AL), Gill Lane (GL), Tom Fleming (TF), Sandy Byfield (SB), Cliff Westly (CW), Patrick Griffin (PG)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Knight (DG), Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG), Gary Rinaldi (GR),
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	<b>Andy Storer</b>
	<b>Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020</b>
	<b>Time: 19.00</b>
	<b>Location: Digital Teams Meeting</b>

#### **Agenda**

- ✕ Welcome and Apologies
- ✕ Restaurant Matters
- ✕ Minutes of last meeting
- ✕ Matters / Actions arising from minutes
- ✕ Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to team's meetings o 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
- ✕ Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
- ✕ Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
- ✕ Questions only Re above reports
- ✕ Upcoming events o Singles Knockout
- ✕ June Eclectic
- ✕ Mid-Summer Madness
- ✕ Members Questions
- ✕ A.O.B.
- ✕ Date for Review for July Comps
- ✕ Date for next meeting

#### **Minutes of last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain Steve Lillywhite

**Matters/Actions arising from minutes**

Geoff Kells Hole sponsorship monies **Outstanding.**  
**(AS)** Still having trouble coordinating Manure drop

**General Managers report**

NO Report Given

**Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report**

**Restaurant Matters**

No Report Given

**Director of Golf's Report (including course report)**

**TF Reported**

We have had 53 new members join over the last 3 weeks; this is a fantastic uplift in membership. Many new members are from Donnington Valley, and I am positive this is also due to the condition of the course. Many thanks to Dave and the small team that are maintaining our course at the moment.

We will be returning to 4 ball play, in line with government guidelines from Monday 08/06/20, I will be monitoring the pace of play when we return to fourball play, hopefully there will still be a good pace of play maintained. Over the next two weeks we will be reintroducing members roll-ups Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. In line with guidelines members wishing to play in the roll-ups, must register on V1 within the 1 hour slot each day, the pro-shop will then carryout a random draw, and tee times must be adhered too, this will enable us to maintain social distancing. These roll-ups are for all members. The time slot will possibly 08.30-09.30.

To enable more tee slots to be available, I am proposing using a tenth tee start for 9 holes only Saturday and Sunday mornings, these tee times will be strictly for 9 hole play only, and will not be available on a competition day. If we do introduce these tee times they will be marketed to visitors as well as members.

We had an incredibly positive meeting with Max, who has no taken control, after the sad passing of Tim. Just a couple of points from the meeting, a proposed increase up to 8 for the green staff from the present 3-4, and a specific gardener will be in place as well. I have also been asked to carry out a comprehensive audit of all membership categories.

New buggies are now on site, unfortunately there are some issues with the GPS on several of the buggies, this will be attended to once the buggy suppliers return to work after the lockdown. I will ask that all members using buggies use them in line with the buggy rules and act responsibly when using them.

**Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report**

**CW** Within our group on Saturdays we have been using the golf now app for our scoring, would the club as a whole benefit from using an app during the present times.

**TF** We are looking at different ways of processing scores, our software supplier Club V1 are launching an app which will be integral to the current software, which once available we will hopefully put in place.

**CW** The bunkers although not fully in play are starting to look messy.

**TF** There will be additional green keeping team coming in specifically for the bunkers.

## **Treasureres Report**

### **GL Reported**

The committee funds remain static during the current period, there are no competitions being played to generate income, so, there is no expenditure of prize funds. The captain's charity account sits at £83.29, hopefully we will be able to raise funds later in the year. We have 16 ladies entered the lady's eclectic at £5.00/ player, and approximately 30 names in the Captains Charity eclectic at £10/ player.

## **Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres report**

**AS** Have you any concerns regarding the committee fund sat the moment.

**GL** Not at all

**(SL)** Asked for clarification as to which expenditure the committee is liable for, and which the company (Sandtrend) is liable for

**(AS)** and **(GL)** to meet to compile a Q and A document, and to arrange a meeting with **(NRG)** to discuss.

## **Competitions Report**

### **Previous Month**

There have been no competitions during the last month, so nothing to report on this.

### **Upcoming competitions**

- Midsummer Madness 20<sup>th</sup> June
  - Propose to run during the day as a pairs comp with fancy dress etc
- New Members comp 27<sup>th</sup> June
  - Postpose as no socialising yet
- June Sunday Stableford 28<sup>th</sup> June
  - Run it as normal
- Captains Drive-in 4<sup>th</sup> July
  - Should we still run this?
  - Or revert to the Medal which we can run without socialising
- Club Champs 11/12 July
  - Propose to postpone for now
  - Possibly plan hold in Sept?
- Shotoku Cup 25<sup>th</sup> July
  - Pairs comp
  - Suggest we plan to run this as normal.
- August Medal
  - Run as normal

### **Readiness for handicap system change**

Several topics for discussion re the handicap changes coming in November.

- Comms to members
  - Suggest a couple of high-level bulletins in the months approaching November
  - Steve G has volunteered to do this if we give the go-ahead
- Assume provision of handicap notice board is underway by Tom & the hotel?
- Competition eligibility

- What criteria for eligibility will we have e.g. no such thing as Competition handicap / can we manage 'no of qualifying rounds' – assume Club V1 will not help here
- The competitions manual will need updating with these criteria
- How do we want to deal with the 2 strokes for ladies' issue? Does it just go away?
  - Under new rules each course has its own rating which, if used does not give the ladies the 2 shots (assuming the currently published slope of ed 131, Yellow 132, White 138 are correct)

#### Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

##### **Midsummer Madness**

- Charity based, Prizes from the Captains, photographs on the first tee, fancy dress, loudest golf attire, cake and refreshment stall, Singles stableford format. Players mark opponents' card verbally check score, marker signs card, cards placed in competition box for the day and quarantined for 72 hours before competition closed.

##### **New Members Cup**

- Postponed until social distancing is workable and club house facilities are available, must be a priority.

##### **June Sunday stableford 28<sup>th</sup> June**

- To be run as normal. Roll-up format, contactless payment in the pro-shop. Qualifier

##### **Captains Drive-in 4<sup>th</sup> July**

- Postpone until later in the year, replace with July **Stableford (not Medal)** as a roll-up format contactless payment in the pro-shop.

##### **Club Championship**

- Postpone until later in the year, possibly play September.

##### **Shotoku Cup & August Medal**

- Run as normal, Board competition in a drawn entry, July medal roll-up format contactless payment in pro-shop, as a Stableford (not a Medal)

**SB** To call a sub-committee meeting to discuss and report back to general committee.

- Competitions manual
- New handicap changes.
- Future competitions format etc.

#### *Lady Captains Report*

I am continuing to cancel all Mixed & Ladies matches on a month by month basis and offering corresponding dates for next year.

Sue Foote, Gill & I met to discuss the Bronze League and Sue has emailed the secretary with our views in relation to the questions she had asked.

I had 10 Ladies take part in Golfabet this month, we had some fantastic answers and Andy decided that the best overall answers were submitted by Gill Lane.

It is great news that we are now able to play in three balls, whilst continuing to follow the government guidelines.

With fourballs being allowed from next week, Steve & I have been looking into ways in which we can bring some fun competition to the various sections and as such we are running the Ladies Eclectic & Captains June Eclectic. We are looking to run the Midsummer Madness Fun Comp for Charity and the seniors, with the support of the Ladies section, are going to run the Seniors Pair's Charity Bowl soon.

Dave and his team continue to work hard keeping the course in a wonderful condition, made harder now by us all being on the course.

Thanks also to Tom & his team for his help over the last few weeks in what I know was a difficult and sometimes frustrating time.

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### **Questions Matters Arising from Report**

### **Senior Captains Report**

.1. WhatsApp group has been highly successful in providing opportunities for all Seniors to play pairs since the course has been reopened.

2. Mid-week "Roll Ups" are to start again on Monday 22nd June, in terms of having reserved areas on BRS and allowing ClubV1 access to register attendance. ClubV1 will then scramble the players and mail starting times. Midweek Roll Ups will be on Mondays 9.00am, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am.

3. The Seniors Pairs Charity Bowl will be on Thursday 25th June for Lady and Men Seniors. Proposals with Alison for approval.

4. It is proposed that there will be a Seniors Midweek Summer Knockout Competition details to be circulated shortly. Approval sought from Andy Storer and Steve Lillywhite.

5. Ian Gaskell would like approval to write to all clubs with whom the Seniors have summer fixtures advising them we will not be playing them this year. We feel with the Covid prognosis (and predicted second spike) it would not be appropriate for four ball matches. (some clubs have already done this).

### **Matters arising Senior Captains Report**

#### **Seniors Charity Bowl**

- Date change to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Cost will be £10.00/player + optional charity donation.
- PG To check eligibility Ladies 50+, Gents 55+
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#### **Seniors Midweek Summer knockout**

- *Approval given*

#### **Correspondence with other Golf Clubs**

- *Yes, Ian to contact all clubs the senior section plays matches with to confirm all matches will be postponed this year.*

**PG** Thanks to Tom and his team midweek golf has been very busy but has flowed well, with two and three ball groups.

**TF** Thanked **PG** and the senior section and suggested there may be an opportunity to have a two-ball day and possibly a three-ball day, will need to look into the viability of this.

**SL** The “what’s app” senior tee booking app is working well, would be great to have a similar idea for the whole club.

**AS** It works well with a smaller group “What’s app” for the whole club would possibly be a nightmare, but in principle would be a great asset for new and old members to organise filling tee slots.

#### *Upcoming events*

*There are no planned social events planned, all competitions dealt with within the competitions report section.*

#### **Members Questions**

**CW** Why are the ball cleaners covered up?

**TF** Ball cleaners are deemed a touch point hazard and therefore, as part of opening the course they had to be removed or covered in conjunction with the England golf requirements.

**SB** Is it pick and place in the bunkers?

**TF** Yes, it is pick and place in the bunkers, this is to conform with England golf requirements to remove rakes from bunkers. The rule is - you may pick and place your ball within one club length inside the bunker.

#### *Matters Outstanding from previous meeting*

**(AS)** and **(GL)** to meet to compile a Q and A document, and to arrange a meeting with **(NRG)** to discuss.

#### **A.O.B**

**AS Proposed:** - Due to the enforced lockdown and the postponement of much of the social events of the golf club, which are the backbone of the captaincy. Should the committee not ask the present captains to extend their captaincy into the following year.

**All in Favour. The Captains will continue into the next year.**

**SL** Where are we up to with the members questionnaire?

**TF** We are moving forward with the questionnaire, we just need to decide on which format it will go to the membership in.

**TF** Would it be a viable addition to the committee to have a PDQ machine linked to the committee bank account to take contactless payments for competitions.

**AS/TF** to investigate the use of the V1 app to take payment as members book into competitions. **GL** to check the availability and cost of a machine through the bank.

**AS** Tom has agreed to a committee tee time each Saturday, Tee time 11:32, this will enable members of the committee to host new/existing members to get to know more faces and names. Please all get involved.

**AS** I have e-mailed Jeremy at ultimate signs regarding the honour's boards and the new picture frame for the captain's photographs, no reply yet.

**AS** Hopefully it is looking more likely the public areas of the clubhouse will be opening the weekend July 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, but I would say Monday 6<sup>th</sup> would be a better bet.

**AS** Proposed the changing of the date of Captaincy handover to November 1<sup>st</sup>. This then would enable the captains to end their year with the prize giving and enable the incoming Captains a longer period to settle in and plan for their years. It would also eradicate the post-Christmas hiatus through to April which may sometimes happen.

**All in Favour in principle. AS to investigate implications to other calendar events AGM etc, the change would also need to go to an EGM**

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

#### **Next Meeting –Digital (Teams)**

**Date – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**Time – 19:00**

**Location – Digital (teams)**