

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st December 2016

Present

Captain: L Butterworth	Y
President: J J Lewis	Y
Lady Capt.: J Dawber	Apologies
Hon. Sec.: S Martin	Y
Captain Elect/Marketing: C Sherlock	Y
Past Captain: A Jackson	Y
Comps: A Lambert	Y
Hon. Treasurer: J Orchard	Y
Greens: S P McGee	Y
Greens: G White	Y
Social: R Wood	Y
House: A Lomas	Y
Opens/Handicaps: T Gardner	Y
H&S: Dave Lewis	Y
Junior Development: S Rawson	Y
House/Bar: W Evans	Y

Captain

- Welcomed all to his first meeting as Captain, particularly the new members of Committee. He confirmed individual roles and asked Trevor Gardner to liaise with Dave Mackinnon and Mike Boyle re a full review of Open Competitions.

Minutes of Meeting Monday 17th November 2016

- Proposed by Rachel Wood and seconded by Wayne Evans as a true and correct record. Signed by Captain.

Lady Captain

- Apologies.

Secretary's Business for Committee Meeting: Thursday 1st December 2016

Matters Arising from 2016 AGM

- Invitations to members to attend sub-committee meetings.
- House, Bar, Social sub-committee to debate snooker table – open invitation to members to attend sub-committee.
- Open Comps to undergo early, full review - open invitation to members to attend sub-committee.

Matters Arising from Minutes of Monday 17th November 2016

- **Greens** -Corrugated cardboard sponge solution to be investigated for extremely wet areas – has been very successful at Ringway GC.

- **Trolley Shed & Swing Centre** – Chris Sherlock to provide update following further negotiation with Golf Pro.
- **Open Competitions** – to undergo a full review.
- **Membership** – LC and Chris Sherlock have further researched Susan Barlow's idea and circulated. Christine Bennett is reviewing support provided on England Golf website. Chris and Christine to liaise.
- **House** - Environmental Health visit – **essential repairs/cleaning to be done to short-term deadline**
- **House** - **Essential** upgrade of **Emergency Lighting system will be expensive but needs doing swiftly**

Secretary's Business Thursday 17th November 2016

Membership:

- New Members: x G7, x Ladies Temp, x G6, x G5, x Try Golf , **1 x Free Juniors**, x JB12+, 0 x LS, x Social, & **2 x 3-Day**.
- We have a **total of 64 3-day members** now.
- **Try Golf** – Yellow Bags Tags with expiry date.
- **3Day** – Red Bag Tags.

Societies & Parties

- Societies are something of a concern.
 - 26 names so far for Society Organisers Golf Day on Thursday 18th May 2017.
 - All contacts, sponsors etc. to be contacted re golf days etc.
 - Society Day Calculator to be added to website.
- | Sept 2012 | Sept 2013 | Sept 2014 | Sept 2015 | Sept 2016 | Sept 2017 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| £14K | £17K | £15K | £17K | £14K+ | £8K+ |
- Room Hires for financial years to:
- | Sept 2012 | Sept 2013 | Sept 2014 | Sept 2015 | Sept 2016 | Sept 2017 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 29 | 30 | 46 | 76 | 114 | 50 |
- 48 *confirmed* and 2 *provisional* Room Hires booked for financial year to 30/9/17.
 - Wedding Open Evening set-up for Thursday 26th January 2017.

House/Bar Manager – Mike Ashbrook

- Mike Ashbrook left at close of business Sunday 11th September 2016.
- We will write to him very shortly re his bonus which is due for payment at the end of December – ELAS have confirmed wording.
- Hon Sec has written to him re further derogatory comments on social media.

House & Bar - Training

- Paul Zebrowski and Wayne Evans will attend England Golf Food & Beverage Seminar at Haydock Park GC on 11th January 2017.

Greens Staff - Paul Hodgkiss

- Now in 16th week of sick leave.
- ELAS are advising us on way forward.

Annual General Meeting 24th November 2016

- Went well. No issues we weren't expecting.

Committee Assistance

- Hilary Lewis wants to develop the Junior Girls section
- Eric Rostron is happy to help wherever he can – he is now updating the website for us.

Golf Professional

- Tony Lambert and I met with Mike Boyle to discuss main issues re taking the Club forward – good, positive meeting.
- We will meet again next week to finalise.

Complaints

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Disciplinary

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Sponsorship – Williams BMW

- Contract signed and matters are progressing via Marketing.

Legacy Centenary Committee

- No Report.

Insurance/Health & Safety

- The main issue following the Insurance Survey is H&S which is receiving priority attention. Dave Lewis and Hon Sec will meet Steve Duffy of Ashgrove Ins early in 2017 to update.

Lancs County

- Captain, Chris Sherlock, Tony Lambert and Hon Sec attended a Business Growth seminar at Shaw Hill GC on 1st November.
- We now need to formulate a Vision, Strategy and 3 year plan and focus on it at Committee Meetings.

2017 Committee Trip

- Booked on an exchange basis (no green fees to pay) with Rochdale GC for Friday 21st July 2017.

2017 Captain's Picnic

- Booked at Fleetwood GC for Friday 19th May 2017 £50pp
- Good take-up at AGM
- ***Need to book XX seater coach.***

Reciprocal Golf

- Hon Sec is writing to all for update.

Robberies at Local Golf Clubs

- Violent attacks at Brookdale GC, Blackley GC, Denton GC and Crompton & Royton GC highlight the need to review cost of barrier entry and CCTV.

Work Experience Students from Tameside College

- Phill Brown MBE is our contact here.
- Tony Lambert and I met with Gail Clifford 14/11/16 to discuss possibilities.
- Declined as it's virtually impossible to find appropriate duties.

Honours Boards and Trophies

- Sign-writing and engraving in course.

Captains' Photographs

- New Captains' photos now on display following AGM.

Handbook 2017

- Progressing thanks to Jacqui and John Dawber.

CASC – Dukinfield GC

- Hon Treasurer and Hon Sec met with counterparts and others at DGC on 21/11/16. They have experienced very similar issues to ourselves with CASC.
- Very useful meeting – certainly helped preparation for AGM.

Club Systems Roadshow

- Hon Sec & Comp Sec attending at M/C GC Thursday 1st December 2016.
- Some new developments coming next year should be useful.

Golf Management Group (GMG)

- “Contracts Manager” system – good progress. Please let me have copies of any new/renewal contracts for adding to the system. **Just a reminder.**

Wi-Fi Guest Network

- Now live – **password is “hole19golf”**. **Just a reminder.**

Treasurers Report

No Report – given the month only ended yesterday

Liquidity

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VAT Rebate

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CASC

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Marketing

- **No Report**
- Relevant advertising in place.
- Swing Room/Trolley Shed – progressing.
- Whole in One 3D mapping - progressing
- BMW signage – progressing. Chris Sherlock and Hon Sec will meet Marketing Manager to finalise. Surplus of funding above cost of signage will support cost of new fencing around car park. Chris will keep Head Green-keeper in the picture.

Membership

- Response to membership offers is good

Health & Safety

- Plan in course.

Grant Funding

- **No Report**
- Steve Hanmer will continue to lead this project.

Junior Development

- **No Report**
- Steve Rawson has attended England Golf Safeguarding Seminar
- Mike Boyle will set up Junior Development Fund
- Captain feels Academy coaching would be better attended on Sunday mornings

House

- **No Report.**
- Essential upgrade of Emergency Lighting system - progressing.
- Environmental Health visit – essential repairs/cleaning progressing against tight deadline.
- Security – see Robberies above. Barrier entry and CCTV progressing.
- Various leaks repaired.
- New cupboards built.
- Kat Ashbrook pressed again to have her Bain Marie collected.

Bar

- **Report attached.**

Greens

- **No Report.**
- 6th green is not as badly damaged as anticipated but it will need re-turfing once drainage has been rebuilt.
- New tractor to be ordered shortly at net cost of £12,450.
- Fencing around car park to receive attention
- One staff now in 15th week of sick leave

- Practice Field – no joy with grant funding. Will cost c£100K to drain it. **Hon Sec to explore possibility of raising funds via sale of land with Hon Surveyor.**
- New housing development adjacent to Practice Field – will developer pay for netting? **Hon Surveyor**

Trolley Shed/Swing Centre

- Chis Sherlock has further researched and re-costed. Mick Yates (member) priced swing centre work at £3.5K. A suitably clad container will cost c£3K. Total costs £7.5K
- Chris will continue negotiations with Golf Pro.
- Club own container and charge rent for Trolley Lockers.
- Golf Pro to pay commission to Club at 20% of lessons.

Competitions

- **Report attached.**
- Mixed comps to await input from LC

Handicaps & Opens

- **No Report.**
- **Open Competitions to undergo a full review.**
- Handicaps will be reviewed as usual

Social

- **Report attached**
- Annual Dinner Dance was a great success
- Various socials organised through to mid-2017.
- Advert for NYE shortly.
- Good numbers for Cpts Xmas Party.

Centenary Committee

- **No Report**
- Keen to raise funds again for specific causes.

Suggestion Book

- Explanation provided re need to renew balcony furniture.
- Another suggestion says *don't change anything, it's great!*

Next Meetings

- **Full Committee: Tuesday 20th January 2017 at 7.30pm**

Captain _____ Date _____

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

BAR REPORT
December MEETING 2016

1. Very little to report, we continue to make a strong start to the year and are currently £3K up on last year figures. With healthy bookings into the month of December and would estimate that the figure will rise into the New Year. The GP from the month stocktake is also healthy 62.6% with the year to date figure standing at 60.3%.

2. We have had a meeting with Coors today, reason for the late report. The Starapramon will be changed to Peroni and the Doom Bar to be changed to Atlantic. The meeting proved very useful with our new Rep, where we have negotiated 3 free barrels for Captains weekend and 3 free barrels for Presidents weekend. He has also promised us a free barrel of Peroni when we first change over. As requested by our past Lady Captain, we have spoken with regards to holding a Gin night. He will go off and speak with their suppliers and come up with a few ideas etc. there will however be an increase on price of the Peroni once installed.

Subject: Competitions Report For Committee Meeting Dec 1

This is generally a quiet time for Competitions, so this is basically an update with one proposal held over from last month because of the change in Committee and a couple of suggestions which involve other areas.

1) Boxing Day Bucket;

Funds were received some time ago from Seamus Oddie who has agreed to the sponsor the Boxing Day Bucket. The Senior Section has agreed to provide the runner up prize as usual. The Captain will liaise with Matt Nixon regarding his participation. If Matt can play, as agreed last year, the sponsor will partner him from the first tee, with the Captain and his partner.

2) Captain's Christmas Competition:

We have 68 entries at present which is the biggest field for some while. It would be great to get a full 72 and I shall hold off making the draw until Wednesday. I am not here during the day on Thursday.

3) Winter Singles/Fourballs:

Only one match was not played. A subsequent claim for an extension a week after the closing date could not be considered. The request was to play on 11th Dec which is the closing date for the next round.

4) The Winter Handicap System:

This came into effect last weekend. To summarise;

Saturday Comps: First and Second will each lose one stroke for the remainder of the Winter.

Sunday Comps: First, and Second (if there is a Second Prize) will lose one stroke for the remainder of the Winter. (Exception: Scrambles when only the Winners lose a stroke).

Tuesday Comps: First, and Second (if there is a Second Prize) will lose one stroke for the remainder of the Winter.

5) Open Turkey Trot:

The Captain and I recently discussed an Open Turkey Trot. These appear to be successful at Stamford & Dukinfield. It's one for the Opens Team, but as these events are held in mid-week, maybe we could replace one of the Tuesday Stablefords, with this event. I am led to believe that Dukinfield have offered some ideas on how to make this event a success. The key thing is to ensure the events don't clash, and that we are not playing from mats.

6) Sunday Comps:

The Sunday Comps are continuing to run with an average of twenty five players. The sudden increase is from new three day members and visitors. I received a request that because of this increase we should ask/instruct Winter Fourball matches to be played after 9 30. on a Sunday as they take longer than three balls. I'm not sure how practical this is. The problem tends to only arise for Rounds 1 and 2. After which there are insufficient matches to cause concern. I'd be tempted to leave things as they are.

7) The Mixed Knock Out and the Dennis Holt Memorial Trophy:

This proposal was held over from late last year following the larger than usual change in Committee members. It was felt to be simply wrong that an outgoing committee should decide this issue.

After the events of last Autumn, we need some clarity as to whose responsibility these two Competitions are. I believe that I am the Gentlemen's Competition Secretary. The Ladies Section feels that whilst it has administered these events for many years, any decisions regarding disputes come to the Gentlemen's Comps Team. What do the Management Committee think?

8) Mixed Golf Generally

Personally, I believe we need a group of people keen on mixed golf, (not necessarily from the Management Committee) who will drive, administer and run these two mixed competitions, together with the Mixed Opens, and the Lady Captain's Mixed Event which I understand is scheduled for next May, in their entirety. The Opens though of course are for the Opens Team.

