

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th October 2013

Present

Captain:	J J Lewis	Y
President:	W S Wrigley	Y
Lady Capt.:	B Harrison	Apologies
Hon. Sec.:	S Martin	Y
Captain Elect:	J P Dawber	Y
Past Captain:	N P Kay	Y
Hon. Treasurer:	P Sidebotham	Y
Greens:	S P M ^c Gee	Y
Greens:	L Butterworth	Apologies
Competitions:	A Lambert	Y
Competitions	A J Lomas	Y
Handicaps:	S Barlow	Y
Bar:	J P Davidson	Y
House:	I Morgan	Y
House:	G Ogden	Apologies
Marketing:	Mrs J Dawber	Y

Captain

- Welcomed all and congratulated all involved in building the new Entrance to the drive. It looks excellent, a big improvement. All Finals Day was most enjoyable and saw some great golf.

Lady Captain

- Apologised for absence.

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2013

- Proposed by Ian Morgan and seconded by Joe Davidson as a true and correct record. Signed by Captain.

Matters Arising from Minutes of September Meeting

See Secretary's Business dated 7/10/2013.

Litigation:

- I've asked Ashgrove Insurance for an update. They say it may well have been settled but we won't hear anything until renewal next year.

Land issues

- No response from Dave Taylor but Head Greenkeeper has taken the opportunity to reinstate the fence posts.
- We have applied for renewal of Planning Permission for the extension to the Car Park. Same as last time but with a permeable surface. Gary Haigh will provide a costing.

Defaulters

- Some success chasing payment of overdue subscriptions. Rule 4.4 letter sent to; Simon Dear, Peter Young, Phil Davies, Jack Nutter, Chynna Hobson and Michael Probert.

Events Group

- I met with Wayne Williams from Rumour Entertainments 29/8/13. I emphasised we are looking to eliminate any risk of loss to AULGC and that Rumours Entertainments would be wholly responsible for any events they take on. He accepted this (for the 4th time – previously discussed 3 times on the phone) and will let me know which dates they will take on soon. He knows promotion will be key because our members are unlikely to attend in sufficient numbers to generate profit. Tickets will go on sale exclusively to members for a short period before going on “open” sale.

Junior Disciplinary

- Joe Jones has completed the Rules Academy on-line Training Course and produced his Certificate from the R&A.

Seniors' Opens

- Building Society cheque for the profit on the two competitions received.
- Steve Suddaby tells me it's two to sign for withdrawals and there's no cheque book (the signatories attend the Building Society office and ask for a cheque).
- That's reasonable in terms of ensuring no one is “exposed”.
- But does the cheque handed over to us represent the whole balance? – I need to ask Geoff Spiby.

Bonfire 2014

I spoke with our insurers and was advised:

- Premiums won't be available until Jan 2014 (when claims etc. are known for Nov 2013).
- Cost of premium will depend on numerous factors including; our experience, our expertise, professional involvement, strength of barrier around the fire, likely numbers in attendance, numbers and experience of Marshalls, etc. etc.
- The greater the professional involvement, the lower the risk and therefore the lower the insurance premium.
- Equally, the greater the professional involvement, the lower the profit.
- In conclusion, my view is that the risk is too high to run it. Agreed by consensus.

Secretary's Business

- **See Secretary's Business dated 7/10/2013.**

Membership:

- New Members: 1 x G6 & 4 x G7.
- Resignations: 0
- 4.4 Letters: as above.

Next President of AULGC

- Past Presidents propose Geoffrey Spiby.

Next Captain Elect of AULGC

- The Past Captains propose Tony Lambert.

Matt Nixon

- President proposed and Captain seconded a motion that we should offer Honorary Life membership - All agreed.

Equality/Health & Safety – big issues for Golf Clubs.

- Peter Sidebotham and I met with David Lewis (H&S professional at NHS) as planned on 27th September 2013. The Risk Assessment on the golf course is now complete apart from a few minor updates - update to follow soon.
- Guidance will be provided to Caterer for Risk Assessments on the Kitchen and House/Bar Manager for the clubhouse.
- Jane Sanderson-Broadhurst is now back at work following 5 weeks paid sickness absence after her slip in the kitchen.
- Pro and House Manager to attend Fire Marshall Course in the winter.
- A separate budget will be created for H&S – top priority will be the bridge at the 18th.

Visitor Green Fees

- Will be debated in detail at Marketing sub-committee.

Letter from Past Lady Captains

- They Past Lady Captains would like to make a gift to the club of a Centenary Flag to mark this special year. Flag will be flown at appropriate times and avoid flapping into the adjacent tree.

Complimentary Tee Times for Blue Coats School

- 1) Four tee times on a Thursday in May? Agreed.
- 2) Home venue for national competition? Need 3 tee times for singles match-play. Played 4 rounds plus Regional Final (Bolton Old Links) and National Final last year. Agreed

Disabled Parking

- Committee spaces will be made available.

Credit Card

- For occasional nominal, purchases where we don't have an account with the supplier. Will be kept in the safe. Agreed.

David Thwaites

- Agreed he is "attached" to AULGC with the support of Colin Boyle. He will be involved in providing lessons to schools etc.

Signage/Directions to AULGC

- Hon Sec to speak to TMBC about more effective signage.

Banners Advertising the Function Room

- Marketing Group to consider a budget.
- Priest at St Christopher's Church to be approached re an agreement to erect our banners on the railings on Lees Road.

Treasurer

- No formal Report but PS is much more optimistic about the results for the year to 30/9/13 than previously.

Marketing

- **No Report**

House

- **No Report.**
- Emergency Lighting System now repaired and in full working order and a Maintenance Contract is in place.
- Trolley Shed in course of clear-out with the help of Pro & Asst Pro. Currently it's a H&S hazard. Once audit is complete and unused trolleys are disposed of we will consider our options – do we rent the shed to the Pro and allow him to charge rent for Trolley storage or, indeed, convert it for video lessons etc.?
- Some tiles have "blown" in Powder Room.

Bar

- **See attached Report.**
- T/O net of VAT is just £11 short of target of £102K – Bar Manager is due a bonus.
- Bar Sec to set up a meeting with Marstons and Captain and Treasurer.

Greens

- **No Report**
- All agreed we would play to small holes on temp greens on the winter.
- Tee levelling programme will start 28/10/13.
- New bunkers at 5th & 6th holes are under consideration.
- Some existing bunkers will be re-shaped.
- Some paths will be re-edged.
- Re-modelling of the pond at the 2nd will continue.
- 100 tons of "top dressing" has been applied to the greens this season.
- Tree planting and felling will feature this winter.
- All agreed we should try cages to protect more valuable trees from vandalism.
- Fairways will be scarified.
- Great feedback on the course from the ODGL Finals Day.

Competitions & Handicaps

- **See attached Report**
- 1) Agreed
- 2) Noted
- 3) Agreed
- 4) & 5)

- Hon Sec to ask GolfMark for views on Juniors receiving pro-rata prize values. on the basis that they win frequently but pay nominal subscriptions.
- Handicaps will liaise with the Ladies to ensure the Mixed Opens run smoothly.
- Handicaps will liaise with House/Bar Manager & Caterer re Opens but it was accepted that they need to do more to promote the Clubhouse and catering.
- Handicaps to ask Pro/Assistant Pro to set up Registration Desk in the Clubhouse for Men's Opens – we need more from the Pro if his Retainer is to remain at its existing level.
- BRS now has the capability to send email to entrants of a particular competition – e.g. promoting catering etc.

Handicaps

- **See above.**

Social

- Brief update from Captain.

Centenary Committee

- No Report

Suggestion Book

- Nothing significant recorded since last Committee Meeting.

AOB

- **To be flagged in advance of future meetings and built into the agenda.**

Next Meeting

- **Full Committee:** Thursday 31st October 7.30pm, jacket & tie.
- **Budget Meeting:** Tuesday 15th October 8pm, smart casual
- **Calendar meeting:** Tuesday 15th October 7pm, smart casual

Captain _____ Date _____