

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note - Items deemed confidential have been withheld from the published minutes

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14th March 2018

Present: J A Gray (Chairman), K Park (Captain), D Bell (Lady Captain), G Douglas (Treasurer), T Capron (Secretary), J Gray, D Metcalf, K Dalby, R Barrett

Apologies: D Coates, A MacKay

In Attendance: G Sawley

Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday 14th February 2018:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

1. Still no progress on the VAT refund. The Chairman and Treasurer are to meet with officials of AVGC to ascertain how they obtained their refund.

Correspondence

Emails from two members concerning (i) cancellation of the Winter Championship and (ii) changes to course layout were discussed. The Secretary will reply to them detailing the Committee response to their observations.

Finance and Membership

February figures (previous year in brackets)

Item withheld

The Treasurer gave a brief overview of expenditure which is broadly in line with last year.

It was agreed to hold the half-yearly financial review on Tuesday 10th April.

Membership - the Secretary advised that all non-payers have been followed up. We have lost 18 members (including two who are still 'thinking about it'). This is less than previous years and represent about 10% which is in line with other clubs. All non-joiners have been sent the leavers questionnaire but only a few have been returned. There seems to be no common factor for not re-joining - they range from two joining Burgham because they have friends playing there, three leaving the area and two giving up golf.

The Club has an advert in the press and on the website and social media outlets for a pro-rata reduced membership fee from 1st April. To date this has attracted three new members.

Greens Matters

The Chairman took members through the minutes of the Greens Committee held on 5th March.

Key Matters:

1. Course Signage - GS showed members the proposed new signage. The Committee agreed to go ahead with the Greens Committee recommendations and noted that the cost is within budget.
2. Health and Safety - the concerns of the Greenkeeper were considered. It was noted that risk assessment of course matters (machinery, procedures etc) is within the job

description of the Greenkeeper. The responsibility of the Committee is to ensure he is carrying out such assessments. The Greens Committee will follow this up as a matter of urgency.

3. The Greenkeeper is taking leave from Saturday 14th April for one week. In view of the on-going problems with the Apprentice (see later) it was agreed we need a contingency plan to cover his absence. The Chairman will deal with this.
4. The new score cards are still not available. There is a limited number of the 'old' cards which can be used in the short-term but it was noted that we must have the new cards before these run out.

Competition/Handicap Matter

1. The Texas Scramble Open had gone well and including the raffle the Club had raised ca£400.
2. It was noted that Ross Young and Steve Fairhurst will represent the Club in the inter-County foursomes and we have been drawn against Whitley Bay in round 1. This is being played at Bedlingtonshire GC with our tee-off at 10.30am.
3. It was agreed to reschedule the Whittle Trophy on Saturday 24th Saturday with the Greensomes Pairs being played on a date TBA later in the year.

Captain's Matters

The Captain has arranged a three-club competition (shotgun start at 3.00pm) for Sunday 9th April.

It was agreed to run a 9 hole Texas Scramble (shotgun start at 3.00pm) on Bank Holiday Monday. As the Captain is working that day the Secretary will liaise with the Match Secretary to run the event.

It was agreed the Captain's Drive-In would be at 1.00pm on Saturday 31st March. The Secretary will amend the competition start sheet so there can be no starts between 12.50 and 1.30.

Ladies Matters

The loss of Gwen Turnbull was reported and it was agreed the Club would offer the family a refund of 2018 fees. JG will liaise with the family on this.

It was noted that Penny Lewis and Kathleen Dalby have been asked by the Northumberland Union to be part of the County team to play the Borders at Woll. The Club will meet any expenses incurred.

Juniors

No matters.

Seniors

No matters

Environment Agency/Flooding

Nothing to report – no meetings have taken place

Clubhouse/Social Matters

DM gave an update on the proposed CCTV system.

It was noted that the Stewardess is on holiday from 12th - 19th April. The Treasurer will arrange cover.

It was agreed that the caravan site could arrange an event for the evening of Saturday 7th July. The Club will charge £25 for use of the premises. DM will liaise over this matter.

Personnel Matters

There is major concern over the progress/absence record of the Apprentice. The tutor from Myerscough has also indicated that he is well behind with his College course work. It was agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer would compile the facts and as a matter of urgency arrange a face-to-face meeting with the apprentice to discuss all concerns and agree a way forward.

Health and Safety

DM was provided with a completed accident report following the recent injury to the Apprentice.

The Secretary will check on the currency of the risk assessment for those areas (primarily the clubhouse) not within the responsibility of the Greenkeeper.

Marketing

See comments under Finance and Membership.

Weddings

The Chairman has passed on the request for a wedding in 2020 to IM. He and the Treasurer will meet with IM after Easter to finalise the arrangements for the wedding in October.

NNL MEETING

It was agreed that the Club would support the motion that buggies could only be used in NNL league matches with a doctor's certificate at the forthcoming meeting.

AoB

No matters

DoNM

Wednesday 11th April 2018. 7.00pm in the Clubhouse.