

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Note: items deemed confidential have been withheld from the published minutes

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 18th April 2018

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

Apologies: K Park (Captain), R Barrett

Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday 14th March 2018:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

1. We still have no news on this. However, it is understood that AVGC received a significant sum after engaging KPMG (who took a proportion as payment). The Chairman and Treasurer will look further into this.
2. It was reported that the family of Gwen Turnbull were very appreciative of the sentiments expressed by the Club and the refund of fees.

Correspondence

Emails received from a number of members were discussed later, under Greens Matters.

Finance and Membership

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The Secretary gave an update following the mid-year review of expenditure/income. Both income and expenditure are running ahead of budget, income more-so. Consequently, the current projection is for a year-end outturn of a surplus of £3,500 (compared to the original break-even budget).

It was reported that there are currently 164 full members with 16 juniors. The recent April advert has so far resulted in 5 enquiries.

Greens Matters

The Chairman took members through the minutes of the Greens Committee held on 4th March.

Key Matters:

1. It was agreed that preferred lies will remain in place until the end of April. (This is the latest allowable under EGU rules).

The emails received from various members concerning bunkers etc were considered alongside the Green's Committee minutes. It was noted that no decision had been taken to fill-in the bunker by the 8th and that this had happened due to misunderstanding between the Greenkeeper and the Green's Committee, It will be reinstated. The committee had agreed some time ago to plant gorse to protect players on the 17th tee-box from balls being played up the 7th/16th. When this had established, the need for the bunker on the extreme left of the green would be examined. So far no gorse has been planted and any consideration would not happen for several years thereafter, Accordingly this bunker should not have been filled in and will be reinstated.

The idea of raising the level of the sixth winter tee, whilst in theory a good one, is impractical due to the large volume of soil that would be needed and the fact it was being done by volunteer labour.

The committee's decision made last year that greens should have aprons will be reiterated to the Greenkeeper.

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The Secretary will advise the authors of the various emails of these decisions.

Competition/Handicap Matter

1. Ross Young and Steve Fairhurst were congratulated on reaching the 3rd round of the Inter-County Foursomes before being knocked-out by Tynemouth in a close-fought match.
2. It was noted that Dave Gray and Garry Henderson had defeated AVGC in the Daily Mail Foursomes and will progress to round 2.
3. The Treasurer was asked to ensure the HCP Secretary/Secretary are advised of any new members so they can be entered on the system. There have been a couple of instances recently when new members have played in competitions before entry on the system meaning they cannot sign-in or enter scores. This caused major problems closing down competitions.
4. Due to increased numbers playing in competitions the practice of two pm slots will be re-introduced to prevent problems on the first tee.
5. The Club has been drawn to play Rothbury in the 1st Round of the Glendale Cup. The deadline is 30th June and JG has been informed.

Captain's Matters

In the absence of the Captain the Secretary reported. He advised that there will be a 9 hole competition on bank holiday Monday, shotgun start, so the course needs to be clear by 3.00pm.

The Captain's request to be able to invite 4 guests to play on Captain's Day was agreed.

Ladies Matters

There is a bingo night on Thursday 26th April

Juniors

Junior coaching has again been arranged with Mark from Bedlington. The Junior Organiser has the dates and they have been posted to the Junior Section of the website.

Seniors

It was noted that there had been no tee reservation for the recent match against Alnwick. This is because the Secretary had not been informed of the change of date.

Environment Agency/Flooding

Nothing to report – no meetings have taken place

Clubhouse/Social Matters

No progress on the proposed CCTV system

The proposed 'caravanners' event on July 7th has been superseded by a birthday party. DM is co-ordinating

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Personnel Matters

It was noted that the Apprentice has resigned. The Chairman will check with Longhirst (where he is now working) to ascertain on what date he started to check there has been no overlap.

The Chairman gave an update on the intended appointment of a PT seasonal greenkeeper. Interviews will be held w/b Monday 23rd April. The panel to comprise Chairman/Treasurer/AMac.

Health and Safety

It was noted that the risk assessments for both the course and clubhouse are up-to-date.

DM highlighted used gas bottles being left unsecured in the Club. The Treasurer will liaise with the Stewardess so that henceforth they are moved to the bin storage area.

Marketing

See comments under Finance and Membership.

Weddings

Nothing to report

NNL MEETING

It was noted that the new NNGL website is up and running. The Secretary will update the Match-Team Captain and the Field Day organiser of its workings.

AoB

1. The Secretary advised that he had agreed to 5% campervans parking at the Club on the nights of 15/16/17 June whilst the occupants do the coastal pathway. A nominal charge is being made.
2. After much discussion it was agreed the flag will only be flown at half-staff on the day of the funeral of members/past-members.

DoNM

Wednesday 9th May 2018. 7.00pm in the Clubhouse.