

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 9th May 2018

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

Apologies: A MacKay, D Metcalf

Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday 18th May 2018:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

1. VAT rebate. Our accountants have been in touch with KPMG and we await a response.
2. The Secretary advised he had replied to members who had recently commented on the course.

Correspondence

A letter from D Wilkinson thanking the Club for the patch up the 3rd was read out. He said it had made his wife feel confident to play again.

Finance and Membership

April figures (previous year in brackets)

Item withheld.

Members discussed the pros and cons of increasing the green fee rate. It was noted that we are now cheap compared to others. It was agreed not to make any change at this point but the Secretary will carry out some research with a view to the rate being considered at the start of 2019.

Following a request from a visitor it was agreed to re-introduce the weekly ticket. This will be £40 but any one individual will be limited to three tickets in any one year. Tickets must be requested in advance to the Secretary.

Greens Matters

The Chairman took members through the minutes of the Greens Committee held on 30th March.

It was agreed that the Club is not on a position to undertake any major course developments in view of (i) available finance and (ii) availability of labour. Consequently in the medium term we will concentrate on keeping the course in good condition and well presented.

Comments from a committee member on dates/times of Greens meetings were discussed. The next meeting will be on 4th June, time to be agreed by the Chairman.

The Secretary expressed concern that the Greens Minutes contain no reference to repairing the damaged areas around the 9th and 4th greens, since had been raised at the April committee meeting and identified as a task that would be done as soon as the weather improved. This will be taken up with the Greenkeeper.

DC demonstrated ideas for the logo to go on the new scorecards. Members agreed option 1 which incorporates the Northumberland flag as a background to the current castle. This logo

will appear on the new course furniture and scorecards. Depending on the lead-in times DC will check to ensure we have sufficient of the 'old' scorecards.

Competition/Handicap Matter

1. It was noted that GH and DC had been defeated 2/1 by Morpeth GC in the 3rd round of the Daily Mail Foursomes.
2. The recent problems with the computer were discussed. It was agreed that the Club will introduce touch-screen technology as soon as is feasible. The Secretary has already researched this and it will cost ca£800 for the hardware and software upgrades needed. The Secretary will progress this with Club 2000.

Captain's Matters

The Captain reported on the success of the bank holiday 'yellow-ball' It was agreed to run a Texas Scramble on the next bank holiday - the Captain is working so DC/TC will arrange.

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

Ladies Matters

The Ladies highlighted that some players are wheeling trolleys on tees. The Secretary will arrange for a notice asking people not to do so.

Juniors

Junior coaching has started and about 10 attended the first session.

Seniors

No matters.

Environment Agency/Flooding

Nothing to report.

Clubhouse/Social Matters

In the absence of DM there was no update on the CCTV system.

It was agreed to try to stimulate clubhouse use by putting up a notice advertising drinks etc at the entrance to the beach carpark.

Personnel Matters

The Chairman reported that a PT seasonal greenkeeper had been appointed but he had left after 2 days on the advice of his accountant. The post will be re-advertised.

Health and Safety

It was noted that nothing had been done about the gas bottles. The Treasurer will address this with the Stewardess.

Marketing

It was agreed to offer membership from 1 May for £235. This will go onto the website. It was further agreed to update the membership cost at the start of each month without further reference to the Committee.

Weddings

Nothing to report.

AoB

1. It was agreed to get a price for the 'better quality' honours board strips since the current ones are poor quality and have a tendency to fall off.
2. The Chairman will investigate obtaining replacements for the three trophies stolen last year.
3. It was agreed that the Club will provide a meal for the the two teams in the Bathgate Trophy. DC to liaise with the Stewardess.

DoNM

Wednesday 13th 2018. 7.00pm in the Clubhouse.