

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 20th November 2018

1. **Present** JAG (Chairman), KP (Captain), GD (Treasurer), TC (Secretary), DC, JG, KD, DM
2. **Apologies** DB (Lady Captain), RB (Lady Secretary)
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
These were approved as a true record
4. **Matter arising**
 - a. Noted that there is a notice concerning Saturday visitors in the signing book.
 - b. Noted there is no further information about the proposal for a charity event.
 - c. Noted that the new summer scorecards have been delivered.
 - d. Noted that the Warkworth Field day has been moved to June at the request of the NNL.
5. **Correspondence**
None
6. **Membership and Finance**
The Treasurer tabled the monthly income report (previous year in brackets)

Item withheld

The financial statements for 2018 were reviewed. It was noted that the Club has had a good year with a surplus in the year of £15,000 compared to £3,000 the previous year.

The draft budget for 2019 was approved and the Committee will make a recommendation for an increase in membership fees by £10 to the AGM.
7. **Greens Matters**
The minutes of the Greens Committee held 07th November were discussed.

There were no matters that required the attention of the main committee.

It was agreed the proposed programme of winter work could be published.
8. **Handicap/Competition Matters**

(i) After some discussion it was agreed not to adopt the new OoB/lost ball local rule bearing in mind the recent guidance from Congu that the rule could not be used in qualifying competitions.

(ii) It was noted that the system is now allocating handicaps up to 54 for both men and women. It was agreed that we would continue to impose a limit of 28/36 for Club events and competitions but the seniors/Friday medal etc could use the higher handicaps if they so wished.

(iii) It was agreed to run midweek qualifying medals in 2019.

(iv) The Secretary advised that we have applied for a grant to install touch screen technology and this will be processed as soon as we hear back from England Golf.

(v) Noted that at the request of competitors an addition 9 hole Texas Scramble open has been arranged for Sunday 13th January 2019.

8) Captain's Matters

The Captain gave an update on the forthcoming Dinner/Dance at the Hermitage. It is pleasing to note that there is a full list.

9) Ladies' matters

No matters

10) Juniors' Matters

(i) Noted that replicas for junior trophy winners have been ordered and should be available at the presentation evening, subject to delivery by the supplier.

(ii) The Vice-Captain explained his ideas for increasing junior membership in 2019.

11) Seniors' Matters

It was agreed that the seniors could run 18 hole qualifying competitions on a Wednesday morning in 2019, subject to course availability. It was agreed that as these will be official events an entry fee of £1 would be payable to the club. The seniors can decide on sweep/2s club entry.

13) Personnel Matters

Noted that the Greenkeeper has informed us that he is 99% certain to be retiring on 31st March 2019. He will confirm as soon as he has had final discussions with his financial adviser over his pension. As soon as we have confirmation a recruitment process for a new member of staff will be started.

14) Clubhouse/Social Matters

Noted that the Stewardess is leaving on 31st January 2019. A recruitment process will be started as soon as the new committee is in place following the AGM. Noted that it may be necessary to have an interim arrangement for February of the process is incomplete.

16) Weddings update

It was agreed that a wedding could be held on the club premises in July/August 2020. The Secretary will inform the bride.

17) Health and Safety

No matters

18) Marketing

Noted that the recent advertising has resulted in several new members..

19) AGM

Nominations received for the Committee 2019:

Chair Michael Lucas (proposed B Douglass, Seconded K Bailey)

Treasurer George Douglas (T Capron/Dave Coates)

Secretary Tim Capron (Dave Metcalf/Ken Park)

Match Secretary Robert Balmbra (Dave Coates/Tim Capron)

Members:

Dave Metcalf (George Douglas/Dave Coates)

Kathleen Dalby (Dave Coates/George Douglas)

Joan Gray (Dave Coates/Ken Park)

The Captain elect will reveal his 2019 Vice Captain at the meeting.

2019 Membership fee proposal - see earlier under finance and membership.

Items for members - organisation of Club Championship - Tony Garton

It was agreed to sound members about the idea of making the area to the right of the road on the 5th/14th a penalty area.

20) AoB

(i) It was agreed to pursue the request for a friendly against RAF Boulmer in 2019.

21) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12th December, 7.00pm in the clubhouse. (to be confirmed by the new committee after the AGM)