

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 9th October 2018 at 7.00pm

1) Present

J A Gray Chairman, GV Douglas Treasurer, D Coates Match Secretary,
Mr D Metcalf, Mrs R Barrett Ladies Secretary,
Mrs J Gray Ladies Handicap Secretary, Mrs K Dalby

2) Apologies TC KP DB

In the absence of the secretary Mrs Joan Gray kindly took minutes of the meeting

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved as a true record

4) Matter arising

None

5) Correspondence from TC

- a) -George and I have arranged a finance committee meeting for 10.00am on Tuesday 23rd October to agree 2019 budget and fees recommendation.
Noted
- b)- I have agree we will host the inter-county foursomes in April 2020. **Agreed**
- c)- AGM - need your, lady captain's and match sects reports asap. If I have the reports, agenda and papers will go out w/b 29th October **Noted**
- d)- can you check that George has ordered some more winter cards (I asked him a couple of weeks ago to do so) **George has ordered winter cards**
- e) - I expect that you will have a recommendation from the Greens Cttee to purchase a replacement greencutter. There are no proxy votes but I support this expenditure up to ca£12,000. **See Greens Committee minutes**
- f)- winter work programme - suggest that we get the machinery serviced properly and allow Alan to work on the course.
- g) - what arrangements are there for replacement of Gillian? **George to ask Gillian for written confirmation of her retirement date**
- h) - we need to officially know Alan's intentions. The membership all seem to know he is leaving in March but we need this officially so we can start looking for a replacement. **George to ask Alan for written confirmation of his proposed retirement date**
- i) - November meeting - suggest this is delayed by one week so can deal with AGM matters - if not there will be two meetings in a week.

Agreed that the next meeting should not be Wednesday 21st **but Tuesday 20th at 7.00pm to give 1 week gap between that date and the AGM as required by constitution**

6.Membership and Finance

Current membership fees paid into the club amounted to £57K compared with £51K last year. Visitor numbers have been down from last year but the club has received a similar amount in fees.

Bar wages are down

The amount spent on spares and repairs has risen considerably

Item withheld

j) Greens Matters

Minutes of Greens Committee of October 3rd (Previously sent out by JAG)
Repairs to the bunkers on the 8th (not 3rd)

Discussion took place in relation to:-

Extra greenkeeping hours required in budget

Purchase and use of Verti drainer

JAG asked if the slitter was in operation yet. No as back roller has to be made

Proposed purchase of Jacobsen Demo Greens cutter

The proposed changes to the winter tee boxes – 1st and new 10th, 6th on existing summer tee and 15th on former winter tee and reverting to previous tee used for 9th and 18th - behind the gorse bushes

Tee signage to be put up asap – ask greenkeepers and volunteers to help.

Score cards now received by JAG who will send to printers for a proof copy.

The repair to the 5th green has not been done as the greenkeeper originally proposed and may have to be re-done.

The BLEC Groundbreaker will be on site between the 3rd and 4th Turkey trots to aerate the greens

Mark Pearson has been doing quite a lot of work on the machinery eg made a new 'A Frame' for the gang mowers , the greens machine has taken up a lot of time.

The flymo has been repaired and Assistant G/k Geoff has done a great job cutting the banks on the 9th/13th and the 5th medal tee boxes.

Louvain Wraith has asked if Killie could be cut. Committee felt that it was the wrong time of year to do this but if Asst G/K had the time it would be done.

k) Handicap Competition Matters

There are still difficulties with visitors playing on a Saturday and disrupting the competition. TC is having a sign made for course closure during a competition

The results format for the Turkey Trots has been changed and the minimum number of points required to be on the prize list will be 6 thus creating a bigger pot for those scoring 6 and above. This information will be pinned on the board.

Discussion took place on some winners wanting to receive golf vouchers – (Suggest Percy Wood or American Golf Discount) rather than bottles. DC and GVD will discuss this further.

The Presentation Night will be on Friday 30 November and not Friday 1st December as stated in the fixture book. Trophies and Turkey Trot prizes will be presented on the same night.

JAG mentioned the number of comments regarding the lack of a fixture book. However DC said that he had already had discussions with TC and a fixture book would be provided for members next year.

JAG will attend the NNL League Meeting at Wooler on 10th October armed with suggestions from DC to help improve Field Days.

It was noted that the Inter County Foursomes would be held at WGC in April 2020

The score cards are finished. DM will send a copy to JAG and JAG will forward this to the printer for a proof copy

9) Captain's Matters

23rd November – Dinner Dance at the Hermitage with entertainment
GVD will follow up a request to have a charity golf day in memory of David Arkley – proceeds to the Heart Foundation. Teams from the Co-op will be invited. To be held Saturday or Sunday 23rd / 24th November

10) Ladies' matters

Nothing to report

11) Juniors' Matters

Nothing to report

12) Seniors' Matters

The Seniors AGM will be held on Friday 12th October

13) Update on Environment Agency

Nothing to report. JAG suggested that this item be removed from further agendas as he feels the Environment Agency and Northumberland Estates are no longer interested in the project. If anything major happens to the course – i.e. flooding we would take it up again with Northumberland Estates.

13) Personnel Matters

The stewardess to will be asked to write to the club stating her proposed retirement date.

GVD has had discussions with APD regarding his proposed retirement but has yet received nothing in writing.

14) Clubhouse/Social Matters

The committee would like to thank volunteer staff who have stepped in at short notice to operate the bar.

A rota of bar staff would be needed to operate the bar if Gillian leaves prior to new staff being appointed.

A further meeting will be arranged with the House Committee to discuss catering and future plans. GVD to furnish KD with further information.

15) Weddings update

The wedding held on 6th October was a great success. JAG had spoken with the bride and she was delighted with the day. The marquee was supplied by a Morpeth firm and JAG was very impressed with it and the organization to erect and dismantle it. No further weddings are in the pipeline but it was agreed that wedding hire of the club land and facilities would continue to be a good way to increase club income.

16) Health and Safety

There has still been no information from NB regarding the shed site measurement

17) Marketing

The marketing exercise is already producing results with one new member having joined for £125 then paid again.

18) AOB

JAG had written a letter to John McIntyre to inform him of his award of Honorary Membership JAG has also produced an award certificate to be framed for him.

GVD has received a Health and Hygiene form which he will complete with the stewardess

19) Date of next meetings :-

Greens Wednesday 7th November at 6.00pm

Committee -Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7pm.

AGM Tuesday 27th November at 7.30pm

John A Gray

11th October 2018