

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 12th December 2018

1. **Present** ML (Chairman), KP (Captain), GD (Treasurer), TC (Secretary), DC, JG, KD, DM, RB

2. **Apologies** DC (Captain elect)

3. The Chair welcomed Robert Balmbra to his first meeting of the committee.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

These were approved as a true record

5. **Matter arising not covered elsewhere**

- a. Noted there is no further information about the proposal for a charity event towards the fund following the death of DA.
- b. The Secretary advised that we are still awaiting a response from England Golf concerning the grant application for the handicapping software upgrade.
- c. We have not heard back from RAF Boulmer concerning a possible friendly in June.

6. **Correspondence**

None

7. **Membership and Finance**

The Treasurer tabled the monthly income report (previous year in brackets)

Item withheld

Intermediate fees - following a comparison with other local clubs it was agreed to simplify the fee structure with a single band for 25-29yo at a cost of £260. The Secretary will ensure the website and membership are amended and RB will convey this information to the members considering going elsewhere.

The Secretary advised that since the request for 2019 fees had been sent out there have been three resignations plus one possible. All resignations are followed up and a report will be available in early 2019.

8. **Greens Matters**

Agreed the Greens Committee will comprise Dave Metcalf (Chair), Penny Lewis and Robert Balmbra. Noted that the Greens Committee can co-opt as it feels fit.

Noted that a replacement greens machine has been purchased and delivery will be taken in February. Existing machinery will be kept as as spare/kept for spares/disposed of as appropriate. Also the machinery dump below the first tee will be cleared.

It was further agreed that quotes would be obtained for the new machine to be professionally maintained. Chair/Treasurer to action.

A hand mower will be purchased later in the year subject to available finance.

No progress on repairs to the machinery shed.

9. Handicap/Competition Matters

(i) JG will assist with the running of the Open on Sunday 13th January.

(ii) The Secretary will liaise with DC/RB to arrange the annual handicap review.

(iii) Following some discussion over the number not able to play in Saturday competitions due to short days together with no shows on Saturday it was agreed:

(a) RB will run extra sweeps on Sundays - no-pre booking. RB will put up a notice and this will be included in the next newsletter.

(b) The HDID start sheet will be examined at 6.00pm on Friday evening and any persons on the sheet at that time who do not sign-in on Saturday morning will be given a warning and then banned for one event on any subsequent no-shows. This to start Saturday 22nd December.

8) Captain's Matters

No matters

9) Ladies' matters

No matters

10) Juniors' Matters

We have been informed by Mark Sanderson (Bedlingtonshire GC) that he no longer able to do our junior coaching. The Secretary is looking for a replacement coach.

11) Seniors' Matters

No matters

13) Personnel Matters

It was agreed the Club would offer the bar and catering as a franchise with the franchisee making a payment (TBA) to the Club and then retaining all profits. The Chair will draw up the relevant particulars with the intent of advertising in early January. It was noted that we may need to make temporary arrangements to cover

the interim period. This is not a major issue in february but something needs to be in place for March as there is an open competition and a booked party both of which require catering services.

There is still no confirmation about the intentions of the greenkeeper.

14) Clubhouse/Social Matters

No matters

16) Weddings update

The Secretary has advised the bride of our agreement to a wedding in July/August 2020. No reply from her as yet.

The bar income from the wedding in October was queried. The Treasurer will follow this up with IM.

17) Health and Safety

No matters

18) Marketing

20) AoB

(i) An event to mark the retirement of the previous Chairman, Stewardess and potentially greenkeeper will be arranged later in the year.

(ii) KP queried when the advertising on the tee markers ran from/to. This needs to be clarified.

(iii) Agreed the members section of the website should be password protected with viewing limited to members. The Secretary will investigate how to do this with our website provider.

(iv) The Secretary has provisionally arranged for a member of the County Executive to run a rules night on Friday 18th January 2019. This will be advertised to members as soon as it is confirmed.

21) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2019, 7.00pm in the clubhouse.