

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 9th JANUARY 2019

1. **Present** ML (Chairman), GD (Treasurer), TC (Secretary), CD (Lady Captain)  
JG, KD, DM, RB, PL
2. **Apologies** DC (Captain)
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
These were approved as a true record
4. **Matter arising not covered elsewhere**
  - a. ML will follow up with the Co-op the idea of a charity event to be held in summer.
  - b. The Secretary advised that the grant to upgrade the handicapping hardware/software has been approved and that Club 2000 will be at the Club on Wednesday 27th February to install and provide training. All committee members invited to training but attendance by handicappers/match officials is most important. Agreed that if possible the touch screen be wall-mounted in the lounge with the 'box' in the back room.
  - c. The annual handicap review has taken place and all players whose handicap has changed as a result have been individually informed.
  - d. The Secretary advised that the members area of the website is now password protected and that he is working though the membership list so that members can set up a password that enables them to access the members area.
  - e. Noted the new Sunday Sweep is attracting between 10 and 15 players.
  - f. The Treasurer has still to follow up bar income from the October wedding.
  - g. Noted the rules night on Friday 18th January has been confirmed.
  - h. The Chair has sourced filing cabinets and shed racking and will liaise with DM over a van to collect same.
5. **Correspondence**  
The Secretary advised that the Green-keeper is retiring on 5th April. The Secretary will respond to him.
6. **Membership and Finance**  
The Treasurer tabled the monthly income report (previous year in brackets)  
  
Item withheld

He advised that on the basis of members renewing to date the membership income for the year will be £41737. With approximately 50 members still to rejoin the budgeted income for the year should be met.

To date there have been eight notifications of resignation.

The difficulty of dealing with non-payers continuing to play was discussed. It was agreed that members who have not yet re-joined will have playing rights until Friday 18th January. After that date they will be expected to pay a green fee and if they enter a competition they will automatically be disqualified. Notices will be posted to this effect.

Following the appointment of the franchisee (see later) ideas for developments such as member's discounts/card payments are under development. As a first step the Secretary is liaising with Club 2000 as there are features in the upcoming upgrade to V1 and membership management may enable these. It was noted that these developments will not come in over-night.

## **7. Greens Matters**

DM took members through the January greens minutes. It was agreed to follow the advice of the greenkeeper on fertilising and seeding the fairways and greens. It was agreed to purchase a Turf Cutter as this would pay for itself in saved hire charges over a relatively short period of time. DM to liaise with the Treasurer on this.

Action will be taken to stop players walking over the 6th tee until the posts/railing are replaced.

## **8. Handicap/Competition Matters**

(i) TC will start the open on Sunday 13th with JG taking over at 10.30am.

(ii) The DQ of a placed team in the competition on Saturday 5th January was discussed. It was agreed that in the light of the decision taken earlier about a payment period the DQ should be rescinded. RB will advise affected players.

(iii) RB will check that the winners of the 2018 foursomes K/O, Chris Graham and Alistair Turvey, will represent the Club in the Daily Mail foursomes. The Secretary will advise RB as soon as the draw is made (expected towards the end of January).

## **8) Captain's Matters**

For personal reasons the Captain will be unable to drive-in on the traditional Easter Saturday. It was agreed he drive-in on Saturday 30th March and that the drive-in competition, the Warkworth House Trophy be moved to that date. There will be an evening event.

### **9) Ladies' matters**

Noted that Penny Lewis and Kathleen Dalby will be representing the Club in the ladies Daily Mail foursomes.

### **10) Juniors' Matters**

(i) The £150 currently in the safe be banked and used to part-pay the junior coaching.

(ii) DM will approach the professional at Tyneside GC to see if he is interested in taking on our junior coaching.

### **11) Seniors' Matters**

No matters

### **13) Personnel Matters**

(i) The Chair advised that Mrs Carly Henderson has verbally agreed to take on the catering/bar franchise from the date Gillian leaves. Members agreed the deal was good for the Club and offered significant potential for the franchisee to develop the Club offering for members and visitors. There remain some details such as existing stock to be finalised. ML and GVD will meet with Gillian and Carly to sort these out. No official announcement will be made until Mrs Henderson formally signs the contract.

(ii) It was agreed to set in motion action to replace the green-keeper. The Secretary will draft terms and conditions and a job description and send these to the Chair and Greens Committee for comment/amendment. The post will then be advertised. It was agreed that no decisions on additional PT staffing would be taken until the post is filled to allow the post-holder to provide an input.

### **14) Clubhouse/Social Matters**

DM advised of a request to use the clubhouse for an event in March. It was agreed a charge of £50. DM will contact the interested party to progress this.

### **16) Weddings update**

Nothing to report.

### **17) Health and Safety**

The electrical systems in the kitchen area will be checked before the franchisee takes over.

### **18) Marketing**

No matters

### **20) AoB**

(i) PL raised the problems on the 1st tee on Sunday 6th January when a booked party were there at the same time as a Tee-off Times group. The Secretary explained that he had been unaware of the booked party so had not blocked out the times as not-bookable.

(ii) The Chair will attend the AGM of the NUGC if he is able.

(iii) It was agreed the Secretary follow-up the request from Tynemouth GC for some sort of reciprocal arrangement.

**21) Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 13th February 2019, 7.00pm in the clubhouse. The Secretary tendered his apologies in advance.