

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 16th October 2019

Present:

ML (Chair), DC (Captain), GD (Treasurer), TC (Secretary), DM, KD, CD (lady Captain), PL, PJ (Match Secretary), JG, KB

Apologies:

None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

1. KB reported that the match against Whitley Bay had been played (Warkworth winning) and the intention is to henceforth run it on a home and away basis each year.

Correspondence:

None

Membership and Finance:

Item withheld

The Secretary updated membership figures:

Male 201 (+10 from August); Ladies 27; Juniors 39 - male 35(+1); female (4); winter 7 men/1 lady.

2020 Budget

The Secretary tabled the draft budget prepared by the finance group for consideration. It was noted that the income figures are considered on the conservative side bearing in mind (i) the increase in membership in 2019 and (ii) the drop in green fee income. On the expenditure side the major changes are a sum for re-wiring/electrical work in the clubhouse, work in the kitchen, labour requests from the greens committee to allow proposed winter work and continued course development, necessary repairs to the fairway cutter and purchase of a tractor bucket, and greens brush.

Noted that nothing had been included for the catering franchise. After discussion it was agreed that we would request payment of the outstanding sum of £XXXX and then propose an amendment from 1st January with four quarterly payment of £XXX. The Secretary will meet with Carly to talk this through.

The committee considered the proposed increase of X% in the greenkeepers wages and the increase of £5 per head for the 2020 fee.

The draft budget was approved.

Greens Matters:

There has been some adverse comment over the new hole inserts standing proud of the hole. DM advised that they have been put in to try and protect the hole edges during the winter months. he will raise the concerns with the green-keeper.

Agreed to move to the winter course at the beginning of November.

Handicaps/Competitions:

Noted that the November open is full with a waiting list.

The Match Secretary will publish the winter competition programme before the end of the TT series. The proposed 2020 fixture list will be circulated for comment as soon as NNL and seniors fixtures are to hand.

Captain's Matters:

The Captain reported that he is working with Carly with the view to the dinner being in the clubhouse on Saturday 23rd November.

Ladies' matters:

No matters

Juniors' Matters:

No matters

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

No matters

House/Social Matters:

No matters

Health and Safety:

No matters

Marketing:

No matters

AGM Tuesday 26th November:

The notice of meeting will go out by Tuesday 22nd October. Reports to be with the Chairman by end October (Chairman on behalf of the Committee, Captain, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Lady Captain). He will style check and forward to the Secretary by Friday 3rd October for circulation.

Agreed that, subject to his approval, the Committee will nominate John Gray as the new President.

KB will announce his vice captain on the night. The Secretary will investigate the Captain's tie.

Presentation Evening Friday 29th November:

The Captain will make the presentations. The Secretary confirmed that all trophies will be engraved before the event. Noted that Kenny Lansbury has won the Captain's Grand Prix (best gross scores across the season) and Tony Garton the Ann Bell Trophy (best nett player).

Report from NNL AGM

The Secretary gave a brief report.

1. The AGM had decided to leave the format of the league as now, namely two division with three up/down.
2. The Field Days are to be revamped in an effort to increase interest. The seven current teams (probably eight for 2020 assuming Burgham re-joins) will have a guaranteed eight places that they must take up two weeks before the date. Thereafter the entry sheet will be opened up to any player registered with an NNL club. Entry fee to be £10 paid to the host club. £10 to include a sweep (amount tba but in the region of £3 to create a prize fund of ca£250 per event). In addition to the cumulative team trophies there will be a cumulative individual trophy. Final details tba agree at April 2020 meeting.

AoB:

1. The Chairman noted that some of the hole flags look a little tatty after a year of wind. The Treasurer advised that we replace them at the start of each season.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 20th November, 7.30pm when the sole business will be to consider any items for the AGM.