

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 28th OCTOBER 2020

Present: ML (Chair), KB (Captain), GD (Treasurer), DM, PL, JG, BD (Lady Captain), PJ (Match Secretary)

Apologies:

TC (Secretary), DC, KD

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

None

Correspondence:

A letter had been received from a member; the points raised have been answered by TC.

Membership and Finance:

The Treasurer tabled the September/part October income figures

Green fees £4656

Membership £4461

Total Income £14205

Total expenditure £8958

A discussion was held on the 2021 draft budget, this was agreed to be used as the budget for 2021 and income/expenditure will be monitored against the figures included in that document.

The proposed membership rate was discussed and agreed, this will be detailed in the AGM.

DB is to remain captain of the Ladies section and will not be required to pay membership fees in 2021.

Greens Matters:

The weekly reports and winter maintenance plans are attached to the minutes.

The 3rd bunker has been altered and competed, feedback from members is required to see if this is acceptable as it has been reshaped and is not as deep as previous bunker. The advantages of the bunker in its present format was discussed and easier maintenance and the requirement not to rebuild every three/four years were a couple of the highlighted advantages. Feedback from members is to be asked for to see if they would like other bunkers to be altered as the 3rd.

A new tee box has been installed on the 12th and the condition of the winter tee on the 6th/15th may require a tee box to be installed there as well.

The water leaking from the sprinkler by the 2nd green was discussed, this needs to be resolved as soon as is practical with a new sprinkler head and/or modifications to the system in that location.

The practice nets will be purchased, ML to send details over to GD, these will be situated over by the car park area, details to forward to greenkeeper who will schedule erection, help from volunteers may also be required.

The rule for pick and drop in the rough instead of preferred lies will be introduced and will be in place for four months from 1st November until end February. Signs will be prepared for fairways with this requirement to inform members and visitors to this rule.

The path behind the first tee is slimy it will be cleaned, and we will check to see the cost of resin as a replacement.

ML detailed the condition of the 6th/15th tee was poor, this will be looked at by the greenkeeper

The issue with rabbits has improved, thanks should be passed on to all those helping keep the rabbits under control.

The water storage tank is to be cleaned out.

Handicaps/Competitions:

It was agreed that winter members had full playing rights and could enter competitions, if required for 2021 winter members would be limited rights to play in competitions. Options such as being able to book in later than full members or having a limited number of winter member times available are options. A log of how many entries per week in winter competitions will be kept so this can be discussed and agreed after the winter competitions have been completed.

Yellow tees have been installed and will also be used for competitions.

There will be no presentation evening due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Full handicaps are to be allowed in competitions in line with recommendations from R&A and England Golf.

Paul discussed the WGHS and how members will access their new handicap, any members with an issue should contact PJ for assistance.

With an increasing number of competitors in gents competitions it was agreed that anyone not playing in competitions at their allocated time would have an immediate ban.

All competitors must return their scores and input them into HowDidiDo.

The new winter cards are to be printed; this reflects the new measured course.

Captain's Matters:

The captains team beat the chairman's team in the latest captain v chairman competition, this was well attended and enjoyed by the members that took part.

Ladies' matters:

No matters

Juniors' Matters:

It was noted that the Club should ideally appoint a Child Protection Officer. The Chair will approach a member who it is thought might be prepared to take on this role.

Seniors' Matters:

On Wednesdays GD and CD volunteered to run the bar for the seniors, this was accepted by the committee and a thanks was given to GD and CD.

Personnel:

The safeguarding policy was discussed and approved by the committee.

House/Social Matters:

A wet wall system will be installed in the kitchen area, this will replace the tiling system, ML to send details to GD.

The wall adjacent the gents has been damaged, repairs to the plaster are required, decoration of the wall and a new door closer, this should be adjustable.

The issue of an odour in the gent toilets was noted, GD believed it may be bleach causing a problem with the bacteria in the septic tank, this had previously been the problem. This will be monitored to see if it is a drainage issue or an issue with bleach.

The sale of golf equipment/balls through the clubhouse has been proposed by A Turvey and his partner, it was agreed this would be allowed and a percentage would be given to the club, the club will also advertise on the website that this is taking place.

Health and Safety:

The Chair has completed a review of the Clubhouse risk assessment register and sent out documents for checking by the committee

Marketing:

None.

AOB:

PL wished to congratulate TC on his efforts in divot filing, the committee endorsed these comments.

The AGM was discussed and as presentation evening it was felt this would not be practical to hold at this time, papers will be prepared and sent out to members, an AGM will be held in 2021 when restrictions are lowered/removed.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC