

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 09 DECEMBER 2020

Present: ML (Chair), TC (Secretary), GD (Treasurer), PJ, KD, JG, DM, MM

Apologies:

PL, DC, DB

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

approved

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

None

Correspondence:

An email from a member concerning the state of the car-park opposite the greenkeepers shed. It was agreed this needed attention and the Secretary will contact John Gray to ascertain how hardcore had been obtained in the past.

An email asking for dogs to be permitted on the course. It was agreed to allow dogs under control for a 6 month trial period starting 1st January 2021.

A proposal from a member for a new Honorary Member. It was noted the nominee did not satisfy the criteria agreed by the committee in 2018. The Secretary will give feedback to the proposer.

Membership and Finance:

The Treasurer had sent an update. for the month of November (previous year in brackets)

Item withheld

The Secretary updated on membership

full male 234

full female 28

Winter 23

Suspended 2(0-not shown separately in previous years)

Junior male 33

Junior female 3

It was noted that the request for payment of 2021 fees will go out this week.

Greens Matters:

DM has previously circulated an update that detailed work done over the lockdown period. He highlighted further planned work to be undertaken over the winter period. Delayed action seed is to be spread on some fairways such that it can start to germinate as soon as the weather warms in spring. All machinery will be serviced. If time permits the bunker to the left of the 5th green will be renovated. The newly purchased practice net will be erected.

Safeguarding

The Club's policies and procedures relating to Young People and Adults had been previously circulated for consideration and comment by members. No amendments were proposed and accordingly both policies were approved nem con.

Handicaps/Competitions:

PJ gave a brief update on the WHS which so far seems to be working OK. The idea of allowing play in the 18 hole competitions on Saturday and Sunday has been well received as it means all who want to play are able to even with the very limited light.

The bottle bash on the Monday bank holiday after Christmas will be 9 holes allowing a full field to play.

He is going to investigate the possibility of getting the TTs sponsored in 2021.

The Secretary reported that we are to host the County Seniors team in February for a practice round.

Captain's Matters:

It was noted that the 2021 Vice Captain is Gary Knox.

Ladies' matters:

ML reported that EGU has approved the Club's Women into Golf Charter. (This is now a requirement of EGU registration). It was noted that there is a requirement for the Club to take actions to promote Women into Golf in 2021 and we will have to make an annual report on progress to the EGU.

KD advised that on Tuesday 15th December the ladies are running a qualifying competition so that members can get used to the WHS system. As there is no measured ladies winter course they will be playing from the summer tees using the permanent markers in lieu of tee markers (this is in line with County suggestions.)

Juniors' Matters:

The Secretary advised that we are making satisfactory progress towards getting the SafeGolf Mark by the required date of 31 March 2021 - see also item earlier concerning policies and procedures. (This again is a requirement of EGU registration.) An issue may be getting an approved coach for our juniors next year. Linzi Hardy has been approached but it is not known if she has the necessary checks - professional golfers should be registered through the PGA.

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

No matters

House/Social Matters:

KD gave an update. There has been considerable work done in the clubhouse, especially in the kitchen - thanks to all who have helped.

Notes the extractor fan needs a new motor and this is a specialist job. KD will liaise with DM on this.

The Secretary gave a brief update on the installation of the EPOS financial system. He has met with the ClubSystems rep and the hardware/software should be delivered early in the new year with training thereafter whenever Covid allows. In advance DM will install the necessary cabling.

Health and Safety:

The Chair reported that Bill Lilburn, who has recently re-joined, has offered his services on H&S checks/risk assessments. The Secretary will provide contact details to DM.

Committee Membership 2021

Agreed that DM (greens) and KD (house) would continue to chair the committees . Rather than hold elections any committee member who would like to help with a committee should contact the relevant chair.

Marketing:

The Secretary advised that due to on-going problems with the Gazette we would not be advertising in it in future. In addition there is little evidence the adverts elicit any interest in new memberships.

AoB:

1. The Chair advised that the lease is due for renewal in three year and we need to start thinking about this in the new year. He is also giving thought to the future development of the clubhouse.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 13th January 7.00pm. This will either be in the clubhouse or by zoom, depending on the Covid restrictions in place at that time.