

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 16 JUNE 2021

Note - matters judged to be confidential may have been excluded from the published minutes.

Present: MLucas (Chair), MMoyle (Captain), TCapron (Secretary), DBell (Lady Captain), KDalby, D Metcalf, GKnox, JGlass, PLewis

Apologies:

PJackson, GDouglas, ATurvey, DCoates

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

No minutes as this is the first 'proper' meeting since the Covid lockdowns.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

N/A

Correspondence:

1. Email from S Lee concerning the 'unsightly' dumpy bags. Noted that these have been removed and the experiment to fill divots had not been a success. Following this it was agreed that we need to keep on top of divots if the fairways are to improve. Agreed to investigate 'divot bags and racks'. A number of commercial products were considered but G Knox has a contact who might be able to make something similar at a much reduced cost. He will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Membership and Finance:

Due to the incapacity of the Treasurer there was no financial report. The Secretary advised that both membership and green fees seemed to be at least on budget.

Membership - numbers are well up on June 2019 (no figures from 2020 available for comparison)

Action in the light of the incapacity of the Treasurer

- GD will be able to do the wage run at the end of the month; ML and TC to be added to the bank mandate so they will be able to make payments. However, it was agreed that the Club needs to find an individual willing to take on the role of Treasurer, in the first instance alongside GD but with a view to taking over in the longer term.

ML will process the £150 to each of the Club and Lady Captain as agreed from the sale of the remaining stock before the take-over by The Galley.

Greens Matters:

DM gave an update. Issues requiring action

- three tee mats to be costed and in place for the start of the winter season
- costing for an upgrade to the watering system to be sought
- there may be an issue over the diesel tank in the greenkeepers shed. DM to investigate further
- agreed to expend £930+VAT on an STRI report on the course condition. DM to action
- agreed that there will be no overseeding of fairways until the STRI report is to hand
- agreed to appoint a second PT greenkeeper. TC to message members to see if there is any interest before going external.

- noted that the course maintenance week will be w/b 16 August
- an invoice from Rickerby for a greens mower was queried. Appears this was purchased last FY but not delivered until this year. Whilst this was technically in the 2020 budget the actual cash will come from the current balance.

Handicaps/Competitions:

The Match Secretary had sent a brief update. Essentially no issues and WHS seems to be working fine.

The Secretary raised the need for assistance in running the Field Day and the Texas Scramble open. It was agreed it would be inappropriate for the Galley staff to have any involvement in running competitions.

It was noted that there had been some confusion over the Tom Morris qualifier but uncertain how this had happened as the competition had been set up as a standard 4BBB stroke play event.

Captain's Matters:

The Captain advised that due to the extension of the Covid restrictions there would be no evening entertainment on Captain's Day. He is still looking to organise an away day later in the year if restrictions allow.

Ladies' matters:

KD advised that there had been some interest in the advertised 'have-a-go' days and that as a consequence two were being run.

Juniors' Matters:

Noted that due to injury the first junior coaching had been postponed but all being well the rest should run as planned. The SafeGolf system requires the Club to hold a parental consent form for each juniors taking part in any Club organised activity. All parents have been asked for this - some have provided and blank forms will be available at the first coaching day to collect details for any juniors who turn up for whom we do not hold the relevant information.

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

confidential item withheld

House/Social Matters:

KD gave an update

- a second double glazing window is on order.
- The Galley has asked that the PSI screen be moved as it is causing an obstruction in the hall. Noted that it had been moved there on a temporary basis whilst the lounge was closed due to Covid restrictions and that it could now return.

ML updated on discussions with The Galley manager. Overall the franchise seems to be going OK.

Key items requiring action

- golf/catering packages to be advertised on the website and social media
- the Club will receive income for premises hire for events organised by The Galley
- there is considerable additional waste and The Galley will arrange collection on a regular basis using its contractor
- agreed that The Galley could order some trolleys for hire and they would arrange this

- agreed that if there is a 'big' event in the clubhouse, especially on a Friday or Saturday, that an area of the lounge would be reserved for members' use.
- all being well draught beer will be available when the brewery has replaced the lines and resited the cooler. This is scheduled for mid-july.
- the sale of golf items - balls/gloves/tees etc was discussed. It was noted that A Turvey had said he could organise a supply of these at reduced cost. This needs to be followed up.

Health and Safety:

There is some concern over walkers using the new coastal path being hit by stray drives on the fifth. An additional warning notice will be arranged by the Chairman.

Still some concern over the driving nets but now considered that all sensible steps have been taken to ensure user safety.

Marketing:

Agreed that it is the Club's responsibility to ensure that its social media platforms and website are kept up-to-date. The Galley can link to these.

Meeting with the Duke's Agent

The Chairman gave a brief update. Key matters are

- the upcoming lease renewal
- water flowing off the field adjacent to the sixth hole.

AoB:

There needs to be an EGM to regularise that change to the financial year agreed in the light of Covid. The Secretary to arrange this.

Date of Next Meeting:

Agreed this should revert to the usual Wednesday slot - next meeting on Wednesday 14 July.