

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Not: Items deemed confidential have been withheld from the published minutes.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13th December

Present: J A Gray (Chairman), G Sawley (Captain), G Douglas (Treasurer), T Capron (Secretary), C Douglas (Lady Captain), K Dalby, J Gray, D Metcalf, A MacKay,

Apologies:

K Park (Vice Captain), R Barrett, D Coates, D Bell

Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday 8th November 2017:

These were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

1. There is still no update on the VAT refund
2. The Treasurer will go ahead and get the roof fixed.
3. The handicap review has taken place and members affected advised on an individual basis.

Correspondence

None

Finance and Membership

Item withheld

Greens Matters

The Chairman tables the minutes of the Greens Committee held Tuesday 12th December and highlighted matters requiring committee decisions..

The Committee approved:

1. Expenditure of up to £1,000 on a turf cutter.
2. The Committee endorsed the programme of works proposed by the Greens Committee with the exception of removing the bunker on the right of the 8th fairway.
3. It was noted that the Committee has previously agreed the removal of the first bunker to the left of the 7th green and its replacement by a gorse plantation.
4. The Committee noted the comments concerning the winter tees and agree it was a matter for the Greens Committee to resite these as appropriate with the proviso that summer boxes must be protected.

The Committee was unable to make any decision on the sharpening the blades in the absence of any financials. However, it was felt that this was a matter for Greens Committee decision unless there were any financial implications above planned expenditure.

The Secretary will chase up the outcome of the recent course grading exercise.

It was noted that the Estate workers had left Killie in a mess after the recent drainage work. The Chairman will raise this with the Estate Manager.

Competition/Handicap Matter

It was agreed not to print a fixture book now the fixture list can be accessed on line through the website. The Secretary will produce a fixture list on request by individual members.

It was noted that the Texas Scramble Open on Sunday 14th January has attracted good entry numbers to date.

Captain's Matters

As this was his last meeting The Captain gave a brief update and said he had thoroughly enjoyed his year and felt he had been well supported by members. He said that whilst he had decided against staying on the Committee he was going to be actively involved developing the social side of the Club.

The Chairman thanked him for his year and it was agreed that if he changed his mind about being a committee member he would be welcomed back.

He handed the Treasurer a cheque for £669 resulting from his general fund raising activities and the Committee agreed his request that this be added to any monies available for the course furniture.

Ladies Matters

No matters

Juniors

No matters.

Seniors

No matters

Environment Agency/Flooding

Nothing to report – no meetings have taken place

Clubhouse/Social Matters

In the absence of any interest there will be nothing at the Club on New Year's Eve.

GS will liaise with DM to organise an event for Valentine's week-end.

DM outlined some ideas for 'pop-up' catering evenings. It was agreed that he and GS would liaise with the first being on opening day, Easter Saturday. It was emphasised that the Stewardess must be given first option on any catering and only if she turns this down can outside caterers be brought in.

DM outlined some other ideas, such as a games room. It was agreed to take small steps and concentrate on the aforementioned social evening in the first instance. The Captain emphasised that in any such developments sight must not be lost that the Club is run primarily for members.

Personnel Matters

It was noted that we are still waiting for confirmation from Myerscough College concerning the apprenticeship. It was agreed that he needs to be formally started as an apprentice and that an agreement will be drawn up with a starting date of 1st January 2018.

The Chairman will meet with him to agree working arrangements over the Christmas period

Concern was expressed over the ad hoc nature of staff holidays and the Club does not always know when these are being taken. It was agreed this is unsatisfactory and the Chairman will ascertain the Greenkeeper's intentions and the Secretary will do the same with the Stewardess.

Health and Safety

A recent communication from a company offering H&S management will be investigated further.

Marketing

The new website is up and running and has been generally well received. Any ideas/comments for items to go on the site welcome. JG asked that results are posted when the season starts.

It was noted that we are advertising in the Northern Insight magazine with the cost being a 4-ball for the magazine's publisher.

Weddings

The Chairman reported that the only wedding planned for 2018 is the one on October. He and the Treasurer are meeting IM early in the new year to finalise arrangements.

AoB

1. A rota for opening/closing the clubhouse over the Christmas period was agreed.

DoNM

Wednesday 10th January 2018. 7.00pm in the Clubhouse.