

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 18 FEBRUARY 2021 (virtual on zoom)

Present: MLucas (Chair), MMoyle (Captain), TCapron (Secretary), GDouglas (Treasurer), PJackson, KDalby, DMetcalfe, GKnox, JGlass, ATurvey

Apologies:

DBell (Lady Captain), PLewis

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

approved

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

None

Correspondence:

None

Membership and Finance:

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

item withheld

There were no significant variations from budget; some of the wage costs will be recovered under the furlough scheme.

Item withheld

The Secretary updated on membership. Due to the on-going Covid-19 lock-down there are a large number (ca75) of non-payers. There have been 16 actual resignations.

There followed a discussion over the Club's response to the effect of Covid on membership and days lost due to lock-down. The paper previously circulated by the Secretary was discussed. It was agreed that it was a sensible way forward and the proposal was adopted nem con. In summary there will be

- a change of the membership year from 1 January to 1 April with the January-March 2021 months being written off. Non-payers would be asked to pay the full fee for the 12 month period to March 31 2022 and those who had already paid would have nothing further to pay until April 2022.
- winter members would be offered the choice of (i) an extension to 30 April or (ii) a 20% reduction in the winter membership fee for 2021/22

It was noted that this change to the membership year has implications for the Constitution and this would have to be regularised at an EGM at a later point in the year.

The Captain's year would change in line with the membership year - both the current Captain and Vice-Captain were content with this.

The Secretary will advise members following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday 22nd February.

Greens Matters:

DM gave an update. The assistant greenkeeper is on full furlough and the Greenkeeper is on flexi-furlough.

It was hoped that the greens can be top-dressed before any re-opening (noted this will depend on the weather). The decision on when to end the staff furloughs will be left to the discretion of the Greens Committee.

Noted that the new practice driving net is under construction and will be ready in advance of resumption of play. Thanks to ML/JG/PJ for the work putting the net up.

Safeguarding

The Secretary advised that the Club's submission for the Safe Golf Award had been sent back as the DBS check for the Welfare Officer had not been made through England Golf (There is no indication in the guidance noted that this was a requirement). Accordingly the Secretary has made a DBS check through the England Golf system. It is hoped this is done before the deadline date of 31 March but this is outside the control of the Club.

Handicaps/Competitions:

No matters

Captain's Matters:

No matters

Ladies' matters:

Noted that the Club's Women into Golf Charter has been approved by England Golf. It was emphasised that there are actions that will have to be undertaken during the year to meet the requirements of the Charter and this will require input from the Ladies Section.

Juniors' Matters:

Noted that the Club has approached Linzi Hardy to take the junior coaching and that she is in the process of getting the necessary additional certificates to allow this.

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

No matters

House/Social Matters:

KD gave an update

- ongoing work on the roof leakage as soon as the new kitchen fan has been installed
- she is chasing the window fitter

The Secretary advised that the Epos hardware and software had been installed today and is working fine. (Thanks to DM for installing the necessary cabling.) The system will have the necessary data installed and the payment cards are on order.

Noted that the whole clubhouse will need a good clean prior to re-opening and that the bar needs (i) a good tidy up and (ii) the stock needs to be looked at to check for anything that has gone past its expiry date.

DM advised that one of the bottle fridges needs attention.

Health and Safety:

Noted that there had been an incident when some unknown person had used the course for unapproved sledging and paramedics had been called. Nothing further is known about this incident.

Marketing:

No matters

AoB:

1. GK highlighted the poor state of the car park surface. DM advised that this was being addressed on an on-going basis.
2. The Secretary asked AT to let him have the price list for the golfing items he is intending to make available to member to purchase,

Date of Next Meeting:

Agreed this should revert to the usual Wednesday slot - provisionally Wednesday 10th March but this may be altered depending on any news about when the Club can re-open.