

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 11th AUGUST 2021

Present: ML (Chair), MM (Captain), GD (Treasurer), DM, KD, PJ (Match Secretary) part meeting, DB (Lady Captain), JG, DC

Apologies:

TC (Secretary), PL, GK

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

The trial allowing dogs on the course has been completed and the committee agreed they would recommend to an AGM that dogs be allowed under supervision on the course. TC to prepare a motion for the AGM with background and details to allow the members to understand the issue.

Correspondence:

An email from Gavin Wales was discussed on the issue of Club Championship and the requirement to have taken part in a number of qualifying competitions. It was agreed that any member with a CDH number and below the required handicap level would be eligible to play. TC to write to GW confirming this.

JL had written in on behalf of the Galley detailing an issue with the computer being rebooted over a lunchtime which had led to open orders being lost, it was agreed that rebooting of the system would be agreed jointly.

Membership and Finance:

The Treasurer supplied income and expenditure for the month with 18869 expenditure and 11608 income.

In the month England Golf had been paid £4037 and our insurance had been paid £4560. The expenses were expected to reduce in August.

Derek Nicholl the clubs' accountants had offered to run our Making Tax Digital and Payroll, GD has been informed this would be a small sum, details of what service we would get, and the full cost will be obtained by GD for the next meeting. He would also require access to the EPOS system and back office of this application.

GD discussed issues with Back Office Apps system in Club V1, Club V1 have a helpdesk and should be contacted to detail how this should be run.

GD to cancel waste contract also gas bottles contract and have the bottles collected.

Greens Matters:

DM will resend minutes to TC for distribution with main minutes.

DM detailed the agronomist was to undertake their inspection of the course on 12th August, JG will

meet with the agronomist and accompany them on their inspection. The report will be distributed to all committee members on completion.

Additional signs required detailing path from 9th are required, SA should detail what is required on the sign and these will be purchased to match all others on site.

SA was concerned with visitors playing golf on Ladies Club Championship, it was agreed that as members could play before this time but not visitors, on the Gents Club Championship neither member, or visitors would be allowed to play, and the course closed sign would be put up to control this.

SA detailed an issue with golfers very early in the morning, which was affecting work on the course, if this remains an issue then we may have to introduce a time ban before a certain time. SA to monitor.

Prices will be obtained for grinding of cylinders from at least three suppliers including Rickerby's, Foxton and a third contractor.

DM will look at a five-year plan for the course and equipment.

Issues with the automatic sprinkler were discussed and SA is resetting machine as required during the working day, this will continue until he understands fully setting and best practice for its use.

ML proposal for a bonus for staff due to the good condition of the course was undertaken, it was agreed that a bonus could be awarded if the Finance Committee detailed suitable funds available and the Main Committee agree. Cost of living would be given in January as usual unless there were any performance issues.

Rakes for the bunkers were discussed and it was agreed that better quality rakes were required in all bunkers to ensure consistency and to improve the appearance of the course.

5 new 1.5m square winter mats will be purchased by SA these will be set level with the ground on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 10th.

Handicaps/Competitions:

MM/PJ/GD will manage the Gent Invitation Day, it was agreed that £15.00 would be entry fee with 4 ball better ball as stableford format. Nearest white line, longest drive, nearest pin on 6th and nearest pin in 2 on 18th will also be included.

PJ will update honour boards before next meeting.

PJ will run Friday night sweep and ML will collate eclectic scores for final six week run of sweeps.

Captain's Matters:

No Matters.

Ladies' matters:

No matters

Juniors' Matters:

No Matters.

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

No Matters.

House/Social Matters:

An update was given on the franchise and there are no major issues to report.

A new A3 colour printer has been purchased and is in the hallway for use by all sections. PJ and KD detailed issues with location of main pc and working on computer, a laptop will be purchased, and systems will be installed so users may use it comfortably.

Issues with the broadband, speed and reliability were discussed and it was agreed that we would ask Matt Edwards to look at this issue and IT in general to see if he could recommend alternatives and upgrades that would boost speed and reliability.

DM detailed concern with the decking and it was agreed to bring the replacement of the boards forward from the winter period to an earlier time. The days the work will be undertaken will be discussed with JL. This work would need to be undertaken by a contractor or volunteers, a request for volunteers should be sent out once dates are agreed.

Additional signs for no parking by 9th green, keep quiet for deck and seating by 9th green and relocation/repairs to the parking sign adjacent the entrance will be undertaken by JG/ML.

JL has been contacted by NCC for the advertisement behind the 2nd tee and will lease directly with them on the issue.

ML detailed the application to change the licence to a full public licence from a club licence has been lodged, consultation from the Fire Brigade was positive and if by 1st September there are no objections then a full licence would be granted.

A discussion was held on the use of a buggy for use on the course and to sell to the public, this was supported in principle subject to JL obtaining all necessary approvals.

Winter work programme

It was agreed that the Greens and House Committee's would set out winter work programmes.

Environmental improvements

ML detailed the availability of grants to enhance the course for wildlife, JG offered to contact the agency involved and the Greens Committee/SA would look to suitable schemes of improvement if we were eligible. ML to send details to JG.

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:

Advert placed in Gazette for licence ML to photograph and send to NCC as proof advert was published.

TC has placed advert in Northern Golfer.

AoB:

DM detailed a tree had been planted on the course, members will be approached that may have planted it and it will be relocated to a more suitable location by the greens staff.

MM suggested that a small gift be give to DG, PG and IG for their work in running the Friday night sweep over the last few years, this was agreed, and a suitable gift will be purchased and presented.

JG requested we consider constructing a shelter between the 5th green/ 15th tee for use in dangerous weather.

DB passed over a flyer from Alnmouth Golf Club for their charity day and we will donate a four-ball voucher as well as placing the flyer in the foyer. TC to send out voucher to Colin col5845@hotmail.co.uk.

DB asked how progress on the rewriting of the constitution was progressing, ML detailed all complete and an EGM would be called once the public licence had been awarded as this was part of the changes that was included in the constitution. A draft of the constitution will be distributed to the committee after the 1st September the date for the licence change.

DC requested the sign by the fifth tee to be relocated as a great view for visitors and members is blocked by the sign, investigation into an alternative position will be looked at and this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 15th September