

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 14 JULY 2021

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

Apologies:

GDouglas, ATurvey, DCoates, DBell

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

These were approved

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

N/A

Correspondence:

1. An email from D Gray concerning the committee's decision to allow dogs on the course was read out. Members recognised that it had been an AGM decision to ban dogs and only a subsequent AGM could change that Club policy. However, it was noted a number of members had requested dogs be permitted assuming they were under strict control on a lead and that any decision by the AGM needed to be informed by evidence. Hence the Committee had authorised a trial. As a part of this members will be asked for their views following the period when dogs have been permitted; the Chairman is researching the policies of other clubs; the views of the Greenkeeper will also be canvassed. Depending on the outcome of the trial a proposal may be taken to the next AGM to change the Club policy.

Membership and Finance:

Due to the incapacity of the Treasurer there was no financial report. However the Secretary had met with the Treasurer and could report a healthy financial position with a bank balance of ca£90,000. Members were aware that a large invoice of ca £11,000 was outstanding meaning a balance of ca£79,000. (*Subsequent enquiries with the Treasurer have elicited that he had already deducted this unpaid invoice from the balance.*) Other forthcoming significant expenditure includes the insurance payment (ca£4,500) and the England Golf membership levy (ca£4,000). Overall members were content with the financial position.

Membership at 30/06/2021 (June 2019)

- full male 236 (188)
- full female 27 (25)
- junior male 41 (32)
- junior female 5 (2)
- medical suspensions 1 (0)

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; application has been made to the bank to add the Chairman and Secretary to the mandate in addition to the current Treasurer and President.

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
- the STRI report has been commissioned. We are now awaiting their timetable.
- the divot bags and two stands are in place and hopefully members will play their part and use them. It was agreed to purchase a further stand and the greenkeeper will put a bag collection box adjacent to the trolley shed.

Handicaps/Competitions:

- The Match Secretary had sent a brief update. Essentially no issues and WHS seems to be working fine.
- The Secretary reported that the NNL Field Day and Summer Opn had resulted in a surplus to the Club of £350 and £200 respectively.
- the Match Secretary updated on the honours boards - the missing name strips should be in place by the end of August
- the Secretary will take on arranging trophy engraving in the absence of the Treasurer
- there will be a 'Captain's Choice' nine hole competition on the afternoon of the August bank holiday.
- noted that the Galley is intending to run some sort of 'family fun day' on Sunday August 29 but no further details to hand.

Captain's Matters:

The Captain advised that Captain's Day had gone well and that he is still looking to organise an away day later in the year if restrictions allow.

Ladies' matters:

No matters

Juniors' Matters:

No matters

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

The Committee endorsed the Greens Committee recommendation that Neville Holden be offered the position of second assistant. The Secretary will inform him and make appropriate arrangements for PPE etc.

House/Social Matters:

- No matters requiring Committee attention
- The Chairman gave an update on the Franchise with Galley. Overall it is working well. There is a monthly meeting with the manager of the franchise and some minor points have emerged that are being resolved.

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:

No matters

Marketing:

No matters

Update on the Constitution

The Chairman gave a brief update. We are aware that we still need to hold an EGM to regularise the change to the membership year. However, there are also some further changes needed to the Constitution due to changes in the law and subsequent England Golf recommendations to clubs. Accordingly the Chairman is re-writing the Constitution for presentation to an EGM.

AoB:

None

Date of Next Meeting:

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