

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 13 OCTOBER 2021

Present: MM (Captain), GD (Treasurer), TC (Secretary) DM, KD, PJ (Match Secretary), DC, PL,

Apologies:

ML (Chair), GK, DB (Lady Captain), JG

In the absence of the Chair The Captain chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

1. The Secretary updated on the outcome of the members survey on dogs on the course. The views of members were overwhelmingly against having dogs so it was agreed no change in the current policy would be proposed.
2. The Secretary advised that no-one had come forward after the newsletter entry concerning the unapproved tree planted on the course. Accordingly it was agreed that the Chair of Greens would liaise with the Greenkeeper and identify a suitable place for it to be moved to.

Correspondence:

None

Membership and Finance:

The Treasurer tables the September income and expenditure figures.

Income: £7,960 (excluding Epos card top-ups)

Expenditure: £10,215.

Questions were asked over

(i) why course wages were well in excess of the budgeted figure - if extrapolated over the year they would amount to an overspend of ca£13,000. The Chair of Greens will follow this up with the Greenkeeper.

(ii) the extremely high electricity charge of £1,750 which is far higher than previous years. It appears this is due to The Galley and that it should be charged back as part of the franchise. The Chair will follow this up with the Treasurer.

The Secretary updated on membership

- membership numbers at 30/09/2021 (September 2019 in brackets)
 - full male 254 (+ 2 in the month) (201)
 - full female 30(+1) (27)

- junior male 44 (NC) (35)
- junior female 4 (-1) (4)
- suspended 1 (NC) (0)
- winter 1 (+1) (8)

Greens Matters:

DM talked through the Greens Minutes that had been previously circulated.

He highlighted the STRI report and specifically the recommendation on fairway raking. There followed a discussion about purchase of the required equipment but the Secretary advised that nothing could be started until the 2022 budget had been agreed and that implementation of the report needed to be phased.

The preparation of the winter course was explained - we are still awaiting delivery of signage and some mats. It was queried why we had gone onto the winter course so early when following the previous committee meeting it had been understood the winter course would come into play at the end of October (subject to weather). It was explained the Greens Committee had decided it would aid course recovery to start the winter course use at an earlier date. It was emphasised that any such change needs to be communicated - there had nearly been a problem as the Match Secretary was not aware of the change and the competition had been set up on the summer course and had had to be changed at the last minute.

Handicaps/Competitions:

The Match Secretary explained the plan for the winter season after the Turkey Trots. The four winter league days would run over the Saturday (normal competition tee reservation) and Sunday - casual tee reservation. Other competitions would be run as nine hole events to give all who wanted to play the chance to get onto the sheet.

The Secretary advised that all trophies should be engraved before the presentation evening.

The Match Secretary will arrange a meeting of the Handicap Committee towards the end of the year to carry out the annual review.

Captain's Matters:

No Matters.

Ladies' matters:

No matters

Juniors' Matters:

No Matters.

Seniors' Matters:

No matters

Personnel:

No Matters.

House/Social Matters:

The minutes of the House Committee had been previously circulated. KD highlighted a couple of matters:

1. The winter Galley hours are on the Club website. As with many catering organisations there have been problems getting sufficient staff and as a consequence there have been some unplanned kitchen closures.
2. Some concern over the kitchen closure on the day of the wedding - why had this happened. To be followed up with the Franchisee.
3. The Treasurer advised that closing the previous contract for waste removal will cost £1,500. This to be taken up by the Chair on his return.
4. Concern that the Galley may be booking functions without reference to the Club calendar - possible issue with a wedding that coincides with the 2022 Lady Captain's Day. To be taken up with the Franchisee.
5. It was agreed that The Galley could stock and sell branded clothing - this will be discussed at the next Club/Franchise meeting - amendment to the contract/profit split??

Revised Constitution

In the absence of the Chair no further information but it will be ready for member's consideration at the AGM.

AGM

Reports from Captain/Chair/Match Secretary/Lady Captain to be with the Secretary by the end October. Treasurer to provide the annual accounts as soon as possible thereafter. Noted that The Chair is aiming for this AGM to approve the constitution and approve any fee increase for 2022. Committee members to be elected for a 15 month period with the next AGM in Jan/Feb 2023.

Presentation Evening:

This is confirmed as Friday 26 November. As there had been no presentation for 2020 and some winners would like to see their trophy it was agreed to run this presentation as a 'two year event'. Any 2020 winners present would receive the trophy and then hand it back for presentation to the 2021 winner.

2022 Budget

Intention is to set a 15 month budget running to end December 2022. Committee Chairs to let the Secretary have proposed spending plans asap and definitely by 25 October. In particular the annual hours proposed for PT green staff are required. The Secretary will prepare a draft budget for consideration at the November meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 November, 7.00pm

