

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 09 February 2022

Present: ML (Chair), MM (Captain), GD (Treasurer), TC (Secretary), DM, PL, KD, JG, PJ (Match Secretary), DB (lady captain), DC, GK.

Apologies:

None

Item withheld

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

1. The Secretary reported that the greenkeeper is liaising with the ladies section to put in place permanent markers for the proposed winter course. When this has been done he will arrange for the course to be rated.

Correspondence:

None

Membership and Finance:

The Treasurer tabled the January figures

Income

Green fees £3992

Membership £2447

Bar and food £3895

Expenditure (major items only)

Green wages £3525

Bar Wages £2212

Greens fuels £819

Greens Exp £217

Club Systems £1175

It was agreed that we need to monitor the catering service so we have a good idea of its profit/loss. Accordingly, each month the Treasurer will report on bar income/wages and expenditure on consumables. It was noted that this will not give a full picture due to purchases such as beer not conforming to a monthly pattern, but it was agreed it will give a good proxy of progress.

The Chair asked for an update on the waste disposal contract. The Treasurer will report back on this.

The Secretary did not table membership numbers as at this late stage in the year they are relatively stable. He did, however, report that three of our winter members have taken up the opportunity to convert to full membership. He advised that membership renewals will be sent out at the beginning of March and in April we should have a good idea of membership retention.

Greens Matters:

DM highlighted matters on the previously circulated Greens report. Key matters were

- The shed fuel tank has been relocated
- Agreed that rather than spending on distance markers we should finish the task of getting all tee markers in place. This is budgeted and the Chair can advise of what is still required.
- The OoB to the right of the 5th fairway was clarified. It will run from a white marker located at the corner of the road. The ruling will be that a ball lying on or across the round is deemed to be OoB which means white postes will not be required. The change will come into play on the day we move to the summer course (March 21st)
- Noted that the Cushman has been repaired. However, agreed that investigations be made to source a replacement. This is not budgeted and will need committee approval before any purchase is made.

Handicaps/Competitions:

Agreed that The Chair and Match Secretary would get prices for improving the honours boards. However, noted that this is not in the 2022 budget so committee approval will be needed before any expenditure is incurred.

The Match Secretary advised that he has clarified with the County Handicap Adviser the procedure for amending the handicap of a player who recorded a score in a team competition.

Captain's Matters:

None

Ladies' matters:

None

Juniors' Matters:

None

Seniors' Matters:

None

Personnel:

None

House/Social Matters:

Noted that the change of license is in hand. Agreed to consider a social programme with the Friday quiz being restarted. The Chair will liaise with Ken Bailey on this.

Noted that members/visitors are not paying for tea/coffee in the honesty box when the clubhouse is not staffed. This will be included in the next newsletter.

Noted that much staff time is being spent washing glasses and that the methodology probably does not conform to the current best practice. Hence it was agreed to purchase and have fitted a bar glass washer. The Chair will arrange this.

Repairs following Storm Arwen

The Chair advised that repairs are in hand and will be progressed in the coming weeks..

Health and Safety:

None.

Marketing:

None.

Jubilee Event:

The Secretary reported that a grant of £500 from the Parish Council is available to support jubilee celebrations. Agreed that in addition to the intended golf competition to be organised by the Gents and Ladies Match Secretaries we should seek to arrange some form of family event. Agreed that the Captains and their Vice-Captains would work with Abbie on this.

AOB:

1. Lee Baxter/Wayne Gair will be approached to ascertain if there are any road planings we can access to fill car-park potholes.
2. Agreed we need different colour green fee tickets to distinguish those who have paid for 9 and 18 holes. Also, the possibility of some form of surveillance on the winter 10th tee - not a practical possibility at present.
3. The Chair advised that he is investigating the possibility of some form of buggy storage with charging facilities. The DM emphasized that he needed to be involved to ensure the electric supply can cope.
4. DC advised that Gateshead Cricket Club have been able to access some grants for equipment and he will investigate this further.

Date of Next Meeting: 9th March 7.00 p.m.