

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 14 April 2022

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

The New Lady Captain, Sue Park (SP) was welcomed to her first meeting.

Apologies:

DC, PL

Co-option

Michael Moyle was co-opted onto the committee nem con.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

1. Noted that the bar glass-washer has been fitted. Thanks to members who carried this out.
2. Reported that the driving net has been re-erected after the the storm damage. The only remaining matter resulting from the storm is to repair/replace outside seating that was damaged. Finance was approved for this.
3. The Chair advised that he is still in consultation with the grants company and will report on any success at a later date.
4. The Secretary reported that nine hole visitors tickets have been paid for and we are awaiting delivery.
5. There has been no progress on the proposed buggy storage.
6. The waste contract has been resolved. It now remains for Biffa to collect their waste bi which is currently by the greenkeepers shed. They will only do this if it is empty. DM will arrange for this.
7. The Secretary reported that currently captain's ties are out of stock and the supplier is unable to say when they will again be available.
8. Updating the honours board is still on-going - delayed due to Covid at the suppliers.

Correspondence:

An email from a member concerning the difficulty for some of walking down the slope from the first tee. He suggested extending the path beside the 10th. This will be progressed when time and finance is available. Meanwhile members will be advised to use the existing 10th tee path.

Membership and Finance:

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The Secretary advised that the first reminder for payment of annual fees had been sent out today. Currently there have been 12 resignations and there are 43 who have yet to pay. Non-payers will be followed up again next week and in accordance with the committee decision anyone not renewing by 21 April will have membership privileges withdrawn. The Match Secretary has been provided with a list of non-payers to ensure no prize money is paid out to them.

Greens Matters:

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

- A new (second hand) machine is now on-site which will reduce pressure on the aging Cushman
- Speed humps are being purchased for the car-park
- Agreed to purchase a second fairway watering walker
- Agreed the minor error on the yardage markers at the 4th is of no consequence
- The green-keeper is arranging a collection of old oil and it was agreed that there is some scrap that needs removing.
- The Chair will source a sign for the 5th OoB and put up a notice in the foyer.
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Preferred lies will come off on 1st May.

Following a discussion and a vote it was agreed to leave the relocated tree in its current position.

Handicaps/Competitions:

The increased numbers playing on a Saturday is creating pressure on availability of tee slots. The Match Secretary will take steps to alleviate this, including a return to four balls in the morning session.

Captain's Matters:

The Captain gave a brief update on plans for his Captain's day on 7 July including the idea of an 'outside' band. He also advised of a good response to his outing in June and his intention to invite some other club captains to the invitation day in september.

Ladies' matters:

The ladies are running a taster session on 14 May.

Juniors' Matters:

No matters

Seniors' Matters:

None

Personnel:

None

House/Social Matters:

- (a) There is an on-going issue with the electric supply. ML/SDM to meet to see what can be done to allow for long term resolution.
- (b) KD gave an update on staffing. Like all catering businesses, availability of staff is an issue. She advised that we appear to have sufficient staff for the rota but efforts to recruit kitchen staff are on-going.
- (c) The Chair reported on discussions with ADT alarms. Due to cost it was agreed to stay with the current alarm layout. The clubhouse will be locked when the bar/catering staff leave. Members who require out-of-hours access to lockers will be provided with a key.
- (d) With effect from Monday 18 April there will be seven day opening with extended hours. The 6-8pm opening will be under particular review.

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Health and Safety:

There is an issue with trailing cables in the bar area. These will be re-routed.

Marketing:

None.

Jubilee Event:

The secretary reported that application for a Jubilee grant has gone to NCC but other than an acknowledgement no response to date.

AOB:

1. The state of the gent's toilets was raised. This is an on-going and long-term problem with no obvious solution.
2. There are reports that some members are signing in guests and then not playing with them. The Secretary will include this in the next newsletter.
3. The Lady Captain asked about members playing after Saturday competitions. The booking sheet opens for casual golf when the final competition group has passed the 10th tee.
4. The secretary will look into getting branded clothing for the Club to sell.
5. It was agreed the Club would not participate in the England Golf scheme for unattached golfers.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th May 7.00 p.m.