

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 12th September 2018

1) Present

J A Gray Chairman, GV Douglas Treasurer, K Park Captain,
D Coates Match Secretary, Mr D Metcalf, Mrs D Bell Ladies Captain,
Mrs R Barrett Ladies Secretary, Mrs J Gray Ladies Handicap Secretary
Mrs K Dalby

2) Apologies TC.

In the absence of the secretary Mrs Joan Gray kindly took minutes of the meeting

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved as a true record

4) Matter arising

The divot filling exercise had been poorly attended

Greens maintenance week would be commencing Monday 24th September

The BLEC groundbreaker would be hired at the end of November for work on the greens

The Ryder Cup teams would be drawn next week after the Doug Paterson competition.

The replacement trophies have now been engraved and are in the trophy cabinet.

5) Correspondence

A letter has been received by the chairman to the committee from member Mr John Macintyre in which he outlines his 53 years of membership and commitment to the club. It was agreed that honorary membership should be accorded to John at his next membership renewal date.

6) Membership and Finance

The chairman was delighted with the increase in membership – especially young men who were regularly taking part in the club competitions.

GVD produced the latest balance sheet as follows:-

Third Quarter 30th June 2018.

Item withheld

7) Greens Matters

Minutes of 30th August 2018 Greens Committee (Previously sent out by JAG)

Discussion took place in relation to:

Bridge Painting

Employment of Assistant greenkeeper to cover holidays to be taken by the greenkeeper until the end of the year and 2 x 6 hour shifts weekly through the winter period

Extra 15 hours per week greenkeeping time commencing April 2019

All tee boxes need attention over the winter – especially the ladies 12th

.9th winter tee box to be placed behind the gorse rather than in front as last year (JAG will cut back the gorse bushes in front of the tee)

For a trial period it was agreed to put the First Winter Tee along the flat area at the eastern side of the car park. Notices to repair pitch marks would be placed at the tee and adjacent to the green. The 10th tee box would remain in its current place at the back of the first tee.

The greens will be top dressed and the greenkeeper will order the BLEC groundbreaker to work on the greens at the end of the Turkey Trot competitions

DC has noticed that there is a spelling error on the Tee marker for the 3rd tee
G Sawley will be asked to contact the manufacturers,

In discussions after the meeting GS and AM think it would be better to store the tee markers in a safe place and delay fitting them to the tees until nearer the start of the 2019 season

8) Handicap Competition Matters

D Gray had sent an email regarding being harassed in a recent competition by visitors. Visitors will now only be allowed on the course on a Saturday after 5.30 pm even though we have previously allowed visitors on a Saturday when there is a vacant slot. The stewardess needs to be advised of the new arrangements.

The Secretary was asked to send out an email to members reminding them that they must **not ignore** competition boards reserving the tees – and play during a competition (especially a ladies competition).

Dave Coates will not be standing as Match Secretary/ Handicap Secretary at the approaching AGM. He will still be willing to help the next incumbent. He said that a written job description for the position is essential.

JAG mentioned the number of comments regarding the lack of a fixture book.

However DC said that he had already had discussions with TC and a fixture book would be provided for members next year.

The score cards are finished. DM will send a copy to JAG and JAG will forward this to the printer for a proof copy

9) Captain's Matters

The stewardess has indicated that she would like to carry on in her post until the end of January

The Captain would be holding a Captain's Charity Night in aid of Cancer Research on Saturday 13th October at 8.00pm. Admission £3.00. An artist has been booked.

The Club Dinner Dance has been arranged at 'The Hermitage' in Warkworth with a 3 course meal. Cost £25.00 including a band

The Captain brought up the cost of 'Green Fees for a visitor playing with a member'

It was agreed that we should revert to the previous charge of £8 /£10 for this privilege, however a member would only be able to use this 3 times a year.

10) Ladies' matters

Nothing to report

11) Juniors' Matters

Nothing to report

12) Seniors' Matters

The Seniors will play the Doug Paterson 18 hole competition next week. No arrangements have been made as yet for the AGM

13) Update on Environment Agency

Nothing to report

13) Personnel Matters

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14) Clubhouse/Social Matters

It was agreed that the Caravan Site management could use the clubhouse for a Halloween Party and discussions were ongoing about a celebration on New Year's Eve – However bar staff would need to be employed for both occasions as the stewardess would not be available

A further meeting will be arranged with the House Committee to discuss catering and future plans. GVD to furnish KD with further information.

Previous discussions had focussed on :-

What does the club want for a catering service?

All money for bar and food should go into the till in separate blocks (cf John Davison Alnmouth Village with new till and card system)

Could we combine the jobs of the cleaner and the stewardess to make the role more attractive?

Health and hygiene certificates would be essential

A written job specification would be needed

A dress code would be essential

We need a 'Money safeguard handling' policy both for behind the bar as there are pots of money and envelopes containing money lying all over, and for the treasurer as handling money is a security risk.

Any further suggestions should be sent to Kathleen Dalby

15) Weddings update

JAG will contact IM with regard to a further meeting re the wedding arrangements on 6th October.

16) Health and Safety

There has still been no information from NB regarding the shed site measurement

17) Marketing

An advert for the 'Winter membership and 15 months for the price of 12 will appear in the press next week

18) AOB

DM - Halloween / New Year celebrations already discussed

Raised by TC

1a GVD said that the accountant says that we would not be entitled to a VAT refund as we had not paid the VAT in the first place. (Need to discuss and explain further in Finance committee).

2a HDID members are pleased that the upgrade will take place

3a Email from Dave Gray – already discussed

4a DC told the committee of his plans – he will not be standing as Match Secretary but will take on the role of Captain

5a Advert discussed

6a Christening agreed for 30th September. George has the bar sorted

7a Request for Christening in January 2019 agreed

- 8a DC will help with competitions as far as he can. Mrs Joan Gray volunteered to close the competitions down provided she was supplied with a 'substantial' meal in return.
 - 9a DC may be able to go to Wooler. If not JAG will go perhaps with GVD
 - 10a Report contributors made aware that reports need to be to TC by mid October .
2019 fees will be set once the end of year finance reports are available
 - 11a Group meeting regarding replacement Stewardess will be convened shortly by KD
 - 12a Caravan site events arranged. We must to know if there is a definite need for a NYE event before we engage staff
- 19) Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 11th October 2018 at 7pm. (not Wednesday because of NNGL meeting)

John A Gray

14th September 2018