

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE MINUTES 11 May 2022

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

Apologies:

DC, JG

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:

1. The Secretary reported that nine hole visitors tickets have been delivered and henceforth visitors playing 18 holes will be issued with a white ticket and those playing 9 with a blue ticket. It was confirmed that the tickets are undated and hence can be used until they run out.
2. There has been no progress on the proposed buggy storage.
3. The waste contract has been resolved. It now remains for Biffa to collect their waste bin which is currently by the greenkeepers shed. They will only do this if it is empty. DM will arrange for this.
4. Updating the honours board is still on-going - delayed due to Covid at the suppliers.
5. The Secretary updated on progress with branded golf clothing. Members agreed that the prices for such clothing (from Glenmuir) were acceptable and so the order will be progressed.
6. The trailing cables in the bar area have been re-routed.
7. Members have been advised to use the greenkeeper's slope down to the 1st/10th in wet weather.
8. Members have been advised via the newsletter of the requirement for a member inviting a visitor to actually play.

Correspondence:

An email from a member has been received querying the change to four-balls in Saturday competitions. It was agreed this decision will be kept under review but four-balls will continue for now. The Match secretary will advise the communicant of the reasoning behind the decision.

Membership and Finance:

The Treasurer tabled the April figures

Income

Green fees £3,850

Membership £20,960

Bar/catering £5,153

Expenditure (major items only)

Green wages £3,918

Bar Wages £3,145

Greens Exp £4,434 (new fairway sprinkler in this figure)

Prizes £202

ADT (security) £517

Electricity £700

ClubSystems £1,086
Bar stock £3,208
Ryton Electricals (wiring etc) £372

Overall income is holding up well with no major issues over expenditure except the performance of the bar/catering operation (see later)

The Secretary talked to the previously circulated membership report. As at 09 May membership numbers are:

- Full male 261
- full female 31
- Junior male 42
- Junior female 6

Overall these numbers should generate an income for the year of £93,000.

Greens Matters:

DM highlighted matters on the previously circulated Greens report. The key matter is problems with the aging fairway cutter which is prone to breakdown. It was agreed that over the winter period it would be sent to ascertain how much a full service/renewal would be. Thereafter a decision would be taken as to either carry out the major refurb or seek a new machine, depending on the cost of each option.

The Secretary will sort out getting the Greenkeeper onto HDID so he can see the tee sheet.

Handicaps/Competitions:

The Match Secretary updated. The major upcoming matter is sorting out the Jubilee competition. It was noted this will run on the Saturday morning and Sunday. With the planned 'fun' event planned for the Saturday afternoon parking is likely to be at a premium.

The Secretary noted help will be needed for running the Warkworth Field Day on Saturday 18 June and the Open on Sunday June 26 June.

Captain's Matters:

No matters

Ladies' matters:

The ladies are running a taster session on 14 May though interest has been minimal.

Juniors' Matters:

Noted that 14 juniors had attended the first coaching day on Monday 9 May.

Advised that we are hosting a round of the Junior Golf Tour on the afternoon of Sunday 22 May and that committee representation is needed. The Chair and Vice Captain will attend.

Seniors' Matters:

None

Personnel:

None

House/Social Matters:

- (a) There is an on-going issue with the electric supply. ML/DM to meet to see what can be done to allow for long term resolution.
- (b) The performance of the bar/catering operation is a cause for concern. Currently it is running at a loss. Following a discussion it was agreed that the House Committee would meet with the intention of (i) single bar staffing at all times except when there is a major event; (ii) the cook/chef would be employed for 30 hours per week and these hours would be used at times deemed most profitable. In particular Sunday lunches. It was agreed that the advertised opening hours must be adhered to.

Update on Incorporation

The Chair advised that the draft constitution has been submitted to solicitors for checking. When this is complete an EGM will be called to allow members to comment.

Health and Safety:

The Chair updated on the recent fire inspection. There are some relatively minor items that need dealing with and he is sorting these out.

KD updated on the accident to a member of the catering staff that resulted in a hospital visit. She will ensure the accident book is correctly completed.

Marketing:

None.

Jubilee Event:

The Secretary reported that an application for a Jubilee grant has been approved and the Club awarded a sum of £500. The Captain/Lady Captain will finalise arrangements and let the Secretary have details for inclusion on the Club's Facebook page and Twitter feed.

AOB:

1. The Lady Captain reported on talks she had had with the cleaner concerning (i) PPE and (ii) waste bins in the lounge area. Necessary PPE will be ordered. The waste bins were removed due to Covid regulations and will be put back into the lounge.
2. The Secretary advised that we had previously agreed that the £1,000 donation from GY would be spent on something long-lasting. Agreed members would bring suggestions to the next meeting.
3. PJ agreed that he would take over as Club Secretary wef from April 2023. The current Secretary will thereafter continue to carry out a part of the role. PJ/TC will work together over the remainder of the year to ensure a smooth hand-over.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th June 7.00 p.m.