

# WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

## COMMITTEE MINUTES 19th October 2022

**Present:** ML (Chair), GK (Captain), TC (Secretary), DM, PL, KD, PJ (Match Secretary), JG, SP (Lady Captain), JP (Vice Captain)

### **Apologies:**

GD (Treasurer), MM, NB

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September were approved as a true record after amending to note that JG was an attendee.

### **Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:**

1. PJ aiming to get honours boards completed including 2022 winners by the start of next season.
2. No information on progress with the purchase of the greens iron. However, it was emphasized that what had been agreed was that the Club would contribute £1,000 with the remainder being raised in sponsorship.
3. The Captain will advise KD of dates for a CPR course.
4. Noted that bar prices had been increased by an average of 3% as per September decision.

### **Correspondence:**

1. A letter from Warkworth Parish Council was read out. This explained the intention to designate the area of the Club as a Local Green Space which would therefore be protected from development. Some concern over what this meant for the Club if, for example, it wanted to develop the clubhouse. The Secretary will contact the Council for clarification.
2. Two emails from members concerning bar opening hours. These should be resolved in the near future - see later agenda item.

### **Incorporation and lease**

Reported that members had voted 199 for/2 against/2 abstentions in favour of changing the status of the Club. This represents 67% of those eligible to vote in favour. The EGM scheduled for Thursday 20th October will, therefore, ratify the decision.

The Chair updated on talks with potential accountants.

No update on the lease.

### **Membership and Finance:**

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no full update. However, he had sent some figures for September:

Income: membership £2605; green fees £5065; total £7670

Expenditure: £7807 (including £2500 rent)

Bar/catering: income £5390; expenditure incl wages £3964

**Greens Matters:**

DM took members through the previously circulated Greens Committee report. There were no matters requiring main committee attention other than to note the significant forthcoming bill for repair of tees machine and that the winter tee markers will be put out as soon as the replacements are ready. In the meantime the Greenkeeper is to mark the permanent markers with the hole numbers to assist visitors.

**Handicaps/Competitions:**

Agreed that as Saturday 24th December is Christmas eve and 31st is NYE that demand for competitions is likely to be limited. Consequently he will arrange two 'fun' competitions for both gents and ladies to enter.

The Bottle Bash is scheduled for Thursday 29th December.

**Captain's Matters:**

No matter

**Ladies' matters:**

Noted that the Ladies have rejoined the nine hole league for 2023. They will liaise with the Match Secretary to identify suitable dates for matches and these will be included in the 2023 fixture list.

**Juniors' Matters:**

None

**Seniors' Matters:**

None

**Personnel:**

No matters

**House/Social Matters:**

KD took members through the previously circulated minutes of the House Committee. There were no matters requiring main Committee action other than to agree the future of the bar/catering service.

After some discussion agreed that PJ would assume the role of manager. He will produce a business plan for the service going forward with the intention of starting a revised service on 1st December.

**Health and Safety:**

None

**Marketing:**

The recent members survey was discussed and the key areas for improvement noted.

In the case of the course the main considerations are to improve the fairways and tees and these are already being worked on.

In the case of the clubhouse it is the catering/bar service - see earlier - and the run-down appearance. Agreed that any surplus in the 2023 budget should be spent primarily on the clubhouse.

For the club in general it is the lack of any social events. Consequently agreed to form a Social Committee with the brief of putting together and running a social programme. Initial members to be TC/PJ/JP and the ladies are asked to put forward a member. The secretary will arrange the first meeting.

Finally noted that the relevant committees need to look at the comments and suggestions made by members in their area of responsibility and act on any that can be done in the short/medium term.

**AoB:**

1. The possibility of extending the path down from the 1st tee was again raised. This will be discussed with the Greenkeeper to see if there is a resolution.
2. JP asked if he could go ahead and paint the gents toilet area. This was agreed with an expenditure limit of £250.
3. Misleading signage on the Club perimeter suggesting the availability of food/drinks were highlighted. Hopefully this matter will resolve itself when the new service begins in December.
4. NNL presentation evening on Saturday 26th November. JP to attend to receive the field day trophy. Other award recipients from the Club to be advised. Agreed the Club will pay for award winners tickets.

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th November 7.00 p.m.**