

# WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

## COMMITTEE MINUTES 12 January 2023

**Present:** ML (Chair), TC (Secretary), DM, PJ (Match Secretary), JG, MM, SP (Lady Captain), G Shillinglaw (GS) (observer)

### **Apologies:**

SP (Lady Captain) GK (Captain), NB, JP (Vice Captain), KD

The Chair welcomed GS to the meeting and explained that he had expressed an interest in getting involved with the committee.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2022 were approved as a true record.

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

1. PJ aiming to get honours boards completed including 2022 winners by the start of next season. Confirmed this includes the ladies boards.
2. DM has sourced a thermostat for the heating system and this will be fitted on 3rd February.
3. The Secretary has not yet contacted the insurance company about the key safe.

### **Correspondence:**

1. A request from KJ to be allowed to shoot on the course. This was agreed subject to him liaising with DD to ensure no overlap and safety protocols are followed.
2. A message from VH concerning some ladies bringing their own food into the clubhouse. It was confirmed that Club policy is that only food purchased on the premises can be eaten there except on those occasions when the Club is not providing a catering service.

### **Incorporation and lease**

Noted that a reply had been received from the landlord acknowledging receipt of our request to renew the lease and that he will respond in due course.

### **Membership and Finance:**

The Treasurer supplied some figures:

Income: £8878 comprising membership £2840, Green fees £3493, catering/bar £2245

Expenditure: £11039 comprising rent £2500, scorecards £612, greens wages £3778, bar wages £1292, £1615 plus sundries

Overall a loss in the month of £2161 with the bar loss comprising £662.

The Secretary presented a draft budget for 2023. He highlighted some major increases in expenditure, notably an assumed loss on the bar/catering, a projected £5,000 increase in the rent, and the government increase of 10% in the living wage. Overall, assuming income remains as for 2022 this results in a projected loss of £4125. Accordingly it was agreed to recommend to the AGM

an increase of £15 on the fees and to increase the week-end green fee rate to £30 from 1 April.

Concern was again expressed over the lack of any annual accounts and that the Treasurer be advised that if nothing is forthcoming in the next week we would have to take steps to have them produced elsewhere.

#### **Greens Matters:**

No matters requiring committee approval.

A price for a path from the first tee was presented and discussed. It was agreed that at this time we could not afford this.

Progress on getting sponsorship for the greens iron (or rather lack thereof) was discussed and it was agreed that there had to be some progress or the on-loan iron would be returned.

#### **Handicaps/Competitions:**

The Chairman highlighted that the Christmas Eve competition format had been altered after the committee had agreed it should be 9 holes. It was emphasised that committee decisions cannot be changed without either reference back to the committee or, if urgent, to the Chairman for him to authorise action..

#### **Captain's Matters:**

No matter

#### **Ladies' matters:**

1. It was agreed that the ladies could run a roll-up between 09.30 and 10.00 on Fridays.
2. It was agreed that the ladies section could continue to run as now, with its own bank account, after the change in the structure of the Club.
3. The issue of allowing dogs into the clubhouse was discussed. It was agreed that we are now out of step with most local pubs etc that allow dogs and that henceforth dogs would be permitted so long as they were under control.
4. Noted that all captains (Club, ladies, seniors) would drive in on the opening day.

#### **Juniors' Matters:**

Agreed that Linzi Hardy be approached to run the juniors coaching on the same basis as 2022.

#### **Seniors' Matters:**

No matters

#### **Personnel:**

No matters

#### **House/Social Matters:**

PJ confirmed that progress was being made on the action plans arising from the recent inspections.

PJ will give an update on use of the coffee machine at the next meeting.

It was agreed the Club will pay £100 for team meals for the NNL scratch team. Noted that when the members league had been set up it had been agreed that Clubs would not provide

catering and we would continue to follow this policy until the NNL agreed to any change. DM will fit an extension so a pie shelf can be placed adjacent to the window by the bar.

**Social Committee:**

No meeting had been held but noted that tickets for the comedy night are now on sale and that we have a programme of artists appearing.

January quiz - noted that the intent was for just a small portion of haggis and neeps provided - it is not a main event.

The committee is meeting again later this month to look at events from April onwards.

**Health and Safety:**

The leaving of a kegs in the locker room was raised but noted this will no longer be allowed.

**Marketing:**

No issues

**Annual General Meeting:**

This is on Tuesday 7th March at 07.30pm. The Secretary will post the notice before he goes on holiday and reports from the Chairman, Captain, Lady Captain and Match Secretary need to be ready on his return for circulation. Essential we have accounts by this date (see earlier).

**Presentation Evening:**

Confirmed as Friday 24th March. No buffet.

**Renewal of SafeGolf Award:**

The Secretary highlighted that this is due and it is a requirement of the Club's affiliation to England Golf that it is completed by the due date. He will deal with this but one issue is that Gareth Davies, the current Welfare Officer, is not joining the Club in 2023 due to mobility problems so we need to identify a replacement. GS said if no-one was willing he would take this on but would rather not, if possible.

**AoB:**

1. Financial regulations - the Secretary will draft something for consideration at a future meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th February 7.00 p.m.** The Secretary gave his apologies in advance.