

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 8 February 2016

Present:

David Smith	Chairman & Men's Vice-Captain
Trish Crighton	Treasurer
Mbachi Nkana	Men's Captain
Sue Dibble	Ladies' Captain
Marilyn Smith	Ladies' Vice-Captain
Roger Mayhew	Seniors' Vice-Captain
Andy Anderson	Men's Competitions Secretary
Rob Stone	Men's Handicap Secretary
Sue Anderson	Ladies' Handicap Secretary
Brian Draper	Men's Representative
Paul Bolden	Men's Representative
Chris Cordery	Secretary

Apologies: David Tansley, Barbara Stone

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Amended minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2015 were approved as were the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2016.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Committee was informed that it pays for insurance for the computer screen and 60% of the annual fee for Club 2000. The Proprietor pays the remaining 40% because the overall system has benefits, in slightly different proportions, to both sides of the Golf Club. This year's subscription had already been paid.</p> <p>At the last meeting the Committee had been positive about the Proprietor's ideas for social events and David S had been asked to discuss some details with Ben and Zoe.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that over 70 people had so far bought tickets for the 'Thank You Party' scheduled for 4 March. This was seen as a positive sign that members were willing to support events.</p> <p>David reported that Ben had agreed to pay the ongoing (annual maintenance) costs of the defibrillator bought by last year's Ladies' Captain from charity money she had raised.</p>	
5	<p>Reports <u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>David reported that he had discussed Item 8 (Sandra Mayhew's complaint) of December's minutes with Ben. Ben asked for the Committee to be informed that Sandra's issue had been addressed and that she was satisfied with the outcome. Roger Mayhew (Seniors' Vice-Captain) confirmed that this was the case.</p>	

	<p>David also informed the Committee that, as Men's Vice-Captain, he had started to put together a skeleton calendar for 2017.</p> <p><u>Written Reports</u> Written reports (see attachments) circulated by other members of the Committee before the meeting were accepted and the following issues arose:</p> <p>The March Quiz Night had been scheduled for Good Friday, but social events were not normally held on bank holidays. The Committee, therefore, agreed try to run an event the week beforehand, on 18 March, and the Captains were asked to consider rearranging the Quiz or asking Terry Francis to organise a Whist Drive which had been popular in the past.</p> <p>Brian asked whether the Men's and Ladies' Captains were planning to run some 9 hole competitions once evenings became lighter and they agreed to do so. There was recognition that these had not been successful last year, but the overall feeling was that they were worth trying again.</p> <p>Mbachi informed the Committee that he intended to speak with Ben about the possibility of altering tee time allocations for the Furzegate Pairs competition.</p> <p>Trish informed the Committee that competition entries between October 2015 and January 2016 were lower than normal and this was affecting income. This was probably due to bad weather, but the Committee agreed to keep an eye on the situation and especially the effects it might have on disposable income.</p> <p>Despite this there was likely to be a surplus in the Committee's finances this year and the 3 Captains were asked to consider bidding for money to support events that had benefits (or at least potential benefits) for the whole membership, eg supporting Captains' Days or providing entertainment after major events. Captains would need to work closely with the Treasurer to find out how much money was available at any one time.</p>	<p>Sue D Mbachi</p> <p>Sue D Mbachi</p> <p>Mbachi</p> <p>Sue D Mbachi David T</p>
6	<p>Pace of Play review Chris informed the Committee about progress with the Pace of Play Review. Rob had provided some timings that could now usefully be inserted into page 2 of the discussion paper.</p> <p>Brian had already sent Chris a very comprehensive response on various aspects of the paper and his points would be taken into account alongside others that were received over the next few weeks.</p> <p>Chris agreed to circulate the paper outside of the Committee with the intention of getting some wider views.</p> <p>The Committee was reminded to get any contributions they wanted to make to the debate to Chris before the April meeting.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>All</p>
7	<p>Captains' Invitational Rob raised the issue of how the Captains' Invitational competition should be organised this year. Over the past few years the event had lost some of its intended gravitas.</p> <p>Following discussion Captains and Competition Secretaries were asked to come back to the April meeting with concrete proposals for how the event should be organised this year.</p>	<p>Sue D Mbachi Andy Barbara</p>

