

## Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2017

**Present:**

David Tansley	Chairman
Trish Crighton	Treasurer
David Smith	Men's Captain
Marilyn Smith	Ladies' Captain
Roger Mayhew	Seniors' Captain
Peter Burgess	Men's Vice-Captain
Jenny Walters	Ladies' Vice-Captain
Alan Turner	Seniors' Vice-Captain
Colin Bayliss	Juniors' Organiser
Rob Stone	Men's Handicap Secretary
Sue Anderson	Ladies' Handicap Secretary
Andy Anderson	Men's Competitions' Secretary
Paul Bolden	Members' Representative
Sue Dibble	Members' Representative
Liz Johnson	Members' Representative
Chris Cordery	Secretary

**Apologies:** Barbara Stone

**In attendance:** Matthew Francis – Head Greenkeeper (up to Item 3 only)

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p><b>Introduction</b> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Committee meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b> The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matthew Francis – Head Greenkeeper</b> The Chairman welcomed Matthew Francis to the meeting and asked him to inform the Committee about the Club's plans for the course.</p> <p>Matthew considered that the USGA standard greens at EF were a valuable asset and that, considering the time of year, the course was in good shape. His long-term aim was to improve the existing features of the course, as opposed to making substantial changes and this included, enhancing the quality of many bunkers by de-compacting sand in some and adding sand to others, repairing some tee boxes and maintaining and in some cases extending paths.</p> <p>Appreciating that Matthew had to operate within financial constraints, the Committee asked him to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing more ball washers</li> <li>• Putting in steps on more tee boxes</li> <li>• Repairing the ladies' tee on the 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Putting both yellow and red stakes, as appropriate, around the water hazard near the green on the 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Implementing a better way of providing indication of pin position than the present system (eg use different colour flags or 'zoning')</li> <li>• Improving the approach to the 7<sup>th</sup> green</li> <li>• Installing 'Juniors' Tees', 160 yards from greens</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing the height of the tree that stands in the corner of the field in front of the ladies' 17<sup>th</sup> tee, subject to the owners giving permission</li> </ul> <p>Some Committee members considered some paths to be dangerous because of the lumps of tarmac they contained. Peter Burgess offered Matthew aggregate that would be more suitable for golf course paths than broken tarmac at £200 for 20 tons.</p> <p>Matthew agreed to publish a schedule of maintenance work so that Club members would have greater visibility of what was planned. This might help reduce the number of course improvement suggestions or complaints that members made sometimes rather repetitively.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 February 2017 were approved.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising and/or Carried Forward</b> All actions from the previous meeting had been taken with the exception of those that would be discussed later.</p>	
6	<p><b>Reports</b> All reports sent to the Committee ahead of the meeting were accepted and the following additional points were discussed ...</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> David T had met with Ben to address points raised at the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben and Zoe were working on a new system for integrating new members into the Club and this would include a way of informing Captains of the names and contact details of new members. They were also putting together a pack that would contain useful information for new members and Andy thought that the Committee should have sight of this so that Committee members knew what newcomers to the Club were being told. Chris agreed to speak with Zoe about this.</li> <li>The new, refreshed website should be online soon.</li> <li>Ben had given his agreement in principle for the Committee to install a clock on or near the first tee. Peter agreed to circulate some designs and costs before the next meeting so that the Committee would be in a position to make specific recommendations to Ben shortly afterwards.</li> </ul> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Trish informed the Committee that from next month the deposit account would show only £3000, which was money in the contingency fund. All remaining money the Committee held would be in the current account. This would make it easier to distinguish contingency money from disposable funds.</p> <p>Draft Guidelines for expenditure of grants given to Captains in 2017 had been circulated before the meeting and they were accepted. They are attached to these minutes.</p> <p><u>Seniors' Captain</u> In his report, Roger had asked for Committee funds to pay for entry to a CAGU Seniors' Championship. The cost was £51 and on the basis that Club funds were used to pay for entries to other 'representative' competitions the Committee agreed.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Roger/ Trish</p>
7	<p><b>The National Golf Club Challenge</b> EFGC had been invited to play in The National Golf Club Challenge and, in doing so, help to raise money for an injured Servicemen's charity. The Committee did not wish to dilute efforts to raise money for the Captains'</p>	

	<p>chosen charities this year and it was reluctant to make even more calls on Club members' generosity in contributing money to charity. The Committee decided that the Club would not take part in The National Golf Club Challenge this year.</p>	
8	<p><b>Pace of Play</b>  Rob informed the Committee of the excellent round times achieved in the March stableford competition. He had put the results on the main noticeboard and on howdidido with a note congratulating those people who played.</p> <p>Chris informed the meeting that England Golf had now approved the Case Study that had been written describing EF's 'Pace of Play' project and the results it had achieved. David S asked for thanks to be recorded in the minutes to those people who had led the project and put time into making it work.</p>	
9	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  There was no correspondence to be brought to this meeting.</p>	
10	<p><b>Any other business</b>  <u>Charity Quiz Night</u>  David S reminded the meeting about the Charity Quiz Night scheduled for 31 March.</p> <p><u>Skelton Eclectic</u>  Paul drew the meeting's attention to a mistake in the Club Diary. The Skelton Eclectic (SE) starts on 8 April, not 22 April as published.</p> <p>Paul also considered that the SE was not played on a level playing field because people with high handicaps were at a disadvantage when playing in competitions with a maximum handicap limit, such as the Elton Masters.</p> <p>Competition Secretaries agreed to review the SE when putting together the 2018 diary and next considering revisions of the Competitions' Bible.</p> <p><u>Seniors' Competitions' Secretary</u>  Sue A announced that she was being put forward to the Seniors' Committee for election as their Competitions' Secretary, taking over from Myles Coleman.</p> <p><u>Changes to the Rules of Golf</u>  Sue A referred to changes to the Rules of Golf that will take effect from 1 January 2019: 2 years' time. Committee members were encouraged to familiarise themselves with this initiative by accessing the relevant sections of the RandA website.</p>	Comp Secs
11	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next 2 meetings will be held at 6.00pm on:  18 April 2017 (please note: this is in Easter week)  23 May 2017</p>	All

These minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

David Tansley  
Chairman  
23 April 2017

## Ladies' Captain

### Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

The golfing year has started to speed up now, with our first Mixed match being played on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we lost to Lakeside Lodge by 5 games to 1. On the plus side, we only had a little rain and the food and company was good!

We have a ladies match against Toft on Thursday – I hope to report a better result for this one!

The second draw for the 100 Club was made at February's quiz evening, the winners being:

Graeme Shacklock £100

Marilyn Smith £25

David Smith £25

The next draw will be at the March quiz evening. David and myself will be using our wins to pay for the prizes at this charity quiz evening.

The list is filling up for this event, with a number of teams taking part from outside the club.

A menu and list has been put up for the Ladies Spring Dinner in April, and it is filling fast, so hopefully there will be a good turnout of ladies.

Barbara has also kindly created a poster and sign-up sheet for the Ladies' Easter competition which takes place on the same day. The format will be a pairs betterball along with an Easter Bonnet competition.

Marilyn Smith

Men's Captain

## Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

We had our first match in the CAGU Inter Club Greensomes Handicap League on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. I had such a good response with many good players that I was able to pick a team leaving me to Captain from the side lines (like any good Ryder Cup Captain!). As a consequence, we were able to win 3 of the 4 matches at home against March GC. This resulted in us accumulating 6 points with a 'Holes up' total of 16 (bit like goal difference in football). Jeremy Spurgeon has now agreed to take on the running of this competition on my behalf.

I reported earlier that Paul Priston was taking on the Burridge Cup for me. Unfortunately, due to personal matters he is unable to carry this on, so I have found a replacement in Graeme Starkey, who has good connections with many of the younger element of the members. Hopefully he will be able to nurture these and get them involved in some club matches.

I have circulated details of the Captains' away day on the 14<sup>th</sup> May at Rutland Water. I have had a good response to start with and many more have said they would be adding their names. I hope this will be more successful than the poorly attended weekends away getting more members involved.

I look forward to seeing you at our Charity Quiz night on 31<sup>st</sup> March where there will be lots of points on offer. And what do points make??????????????

David Smith

Seniors' Captain

## Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

Our Seniors' drive-in went off ok, although we didn't hit the balls as far as we thought we could, only achieving a total of 326 yds. We did however raise £89.00 towards my charity. The winner who guessed nearest the total yardage was Jenny Walters, who picked up the prize of a bottle of wine. I would like to thank everyone who entered this event and contributed towards my charity.

Match selections are now underway although at present I would like to see greater enthusiasm from our senior members to participate in these matches.

Planning has started for our 'Spring Dinner' on the 28<sup>th</sup> April and I hope it will be well attended.

There is a CAGU Senior Champion Club Trophy competition being held at Brampton Park in September, in which a team representing the club will compete against other clubs in the county. I would like to enter Elton Furze into it. The cost is £51.00 for the team.

Is this something that the club will cover?

That's all see you Tuesday.

Roger Mayhew

## Treasurer

### Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

The balance of the current account as at 28.02.17 was £4498.96 and the deposit account £5006.07.

Money paid into the bank in January was £539.00 and money paid out totalled £1171.49. The invoice to Ben for February competitions was £762.00.

#### Liabilities:

£1803.24	Prize Fund
£820.00	Charity Fund £820.00
£590.37	Skelton Eclectic Fund
£1500.00	10 months 100 Club prizes
<u>£996.00</u>	Computer Fund
£5709.61	

#### Assets:

£4498.96	Bank Account
£5006.07	Deposit Account
£762.00	February Competitions
<u>£50.00</u>	Deposit for Men's Away Day
£10317.03	

The are currently no outstanding invoices for payment.

Trish Crighton

## Guidelines for expenditure of grants given to Captains in 2017

At the EFGC AGM held in November 2016 the General Committee agreed to reduce the amount of money it held in a contingency fund from £5000 to £3000.

One way of doing this would be to give grants to the 3 Club Captains and in principle this was agreed at a Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017. At this meeting the Treasurer advised that this year up to £1000 could be distributed between the 3 Captains with minimal financial risk, but the Committee thought that guidelines should be issued for how this money should be spent.

Money held by the Committee was accumulated mainly from competition entry fees and, therefore, in principle it should be returned to Club members as equitably as possible.

In 2017, the 3 Club Captains will be given grants of £333 each, to be spent within the following guidelines:

- Money should, in principle, be used for the benefit of as many Club members as possible
- It may be used to encourage participation in competitions or post-event activities, for example by providing refreshments or mementos
- It may be used for prizes in competitions for which there is no entry fee
- It may be used to support social events, such as rules evenings or guest speaker events
- It must not be given to charities

Captains do not need to seek permission for individual items of expenditure, but at the end of their tenure they will need to report to the Committee how they spent the money allocated to them.

Chris Cordery – Committee Secretary  
Trish Crighton – Treasurer

14 March 2017

These guidelines were approved at a Committee meeting held on 21 March 2017

## JUNIOR ORGANISER

### Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

Unfortunately had to postpone our attendance at the Safeguarding Children in Golf Workshop as Zoe was unwell – will be rearranged in the near future.

No new Level 1 PGA courses have yet been released – hopefully should be some sooner rather than later. I have been shadowing Matthew at both ends of the spectrum (Seniors and Juniors!!) to get a feel for coaching.

Current Junior Passport sessions are well under way. 8 kids are signed up, 7 are not members and Matthew/Zoe are working on a pack to encourage them to join

I'll be setting up a couple of sessions over the Easter break to get as many of the juniors together as possible. We'll have some fun chipping and putting competitions as well as some general practice. Will also be looking to allocate some club handicaps and run through the competition schedule with them and their parents.

Had a word with Ben last week about Junior tees – he will sort with Matt.

Zoe is keen to set up a Junior Academy. More detail as we move forward, but I know Zoe's keen to get Esme's thoughts!! Anything that raises the Junior's profile and increases their sense of "belonging" can only be good.

Colin

## Ladies' Competition & Handicap Secretaries

### Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

#### Opens

Very good response to the Mixed Open, the ladies still a little slow, we may have to rethink this next year. The Captains will try and push these at the matches.

Reminder sent out to all ladies regarding knock out's. We have quite a poor attendance this year. Draw for the ladies knock out is 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Vaughan Trophy 24<sup>th</sup> March, hopefully by sending the reminder we may get a few more entrants.

Ladies Winter Pairs knock out has been completed, winners are Liz Johnson and Mel Steel.

Men and Ladies Competition and Handicap Secretaries had a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the new directive. We also discussed communications between Men and the Ladies regarding Competitions. The Ladies were not included in the first instance for the Trophy Board Qualifiers because we did not have any new members (Andy had checked this with Zoe). Originally this competition was for NEW members to be able to pay in 5 paid qualifiers to enable them to play in the knockouts.

Score cards have been coming back for the Handicap Secretary for non-qualifying competitions.

Barbara Stone & Sue Anderson

## Handicap / Competitions Secretary

### Report to March 2017 Committee Meeting

April 2017 Program issued.

#### *Competitions.*

March Stableford completed, notices posted to remind players of closing dates for knockouts

White tees to be in place ready for the PGA on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April

#### *Pace of Play*

March Stableford round times recorded and published, well done to all players. Thanks to Vijay & Colin for their assistance. See agenda item 8 for full break down.

#### *Club V1*

Still awaiting feedback on knockout charging.

#### *Non Qualifying competitions (notification to members)*

Issue notice to all member, outlining the requirements of the new initiative and EFGC response.

Rob Stone & Andy Anderson