

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11 July 2016

Present:

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

Apologies: Andy Anderson, Sue Anderson

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Introduction The Chairman welcomed Colin Bayliss to his first meeting.	
2	Apologies The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.	
3	Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 June 2016 were approved. Proposed by Barbara Stone. Seconded by Rob Stone.	
4	<p>Matters Arising and/or Carried Forward</p> <p><u>Trophy Review</u> Paul was still trying to finalise a list of trophies and agreed to update on progress at the next meeting. Once complete the list should be sent to the Secretary.</p> <p><u>Outstanding Invoice</u> The issue of an outstanding payment owed by Lakeside Lodge had not been resolved and David S agreed to speak with last year's Men's Captain to clarify the situation and then speak with Lakeside Lodge if necessary.</p> <p><u>Buggies</u> The issue of buggies for lady members that was brought to the last meeting had not been resolved and Marilyn was asked to speak with Matthew and put forward the lady members' point of view.</p> <p><u>Competition Prizes</u> In response to the issue of competition prize money that was raised at the last meeting, the Committee clarified that for this year exactly 80% of income from competition fees was to be given back in prizes. This did not include income from Captains' Day, Charity Day and Christmas competitions because 100% of income for these competitions should be returned in prizes, in-year. Trish was asked to amend her spreadsheet accordingly.</p> <p><u>Compensation from Cycle Race organisers</u> The organisers of this year's Cycle Race had agreed to give £100 to the Captains' charity in compensation for the inconvenience the event caused to Club members. The Committee was unaware of whether this money had been</p>	<p>Paul</p> <p>David S</p> <p>Marilyn</p> <p>Trish</p>

	paid and, if it had, where it was. Trish was asked to investigate and report back to the next meeting.	Trish
5	<p>Reports All reports were accepted.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> Under a previously made agreement with Ben, he owed the Committee £3 per Club member as a contribution towards IT (handicap maintenance) costs. Ben had asked to make this payment once all annual subscriptions were in, which was likely to be in mid-July. Trish was asked to follow up with Ben to ensure the money was paid across in a timely manner.</p>	Trish
6	<p>Club Championships Sue D informed the Committee that the course seemed to be particularly well prepared for the Men's Club Championship this year, but this was not the case for the Ladies' Club Championship held the weekend beforehand.</p> <p>Sue asked whether in future the Ladies' Club Championship could be held during the same weekend as the Men's, which would help to overcome the apparent disparity without needing to ask green staff to undertake the additional work that would be required to prepare the course to the same standard over two weekends.</p> <p>There seemed to be no reason why this could not be done and current Vice-Captains agreed to put Men's and Ladies' Club Championships on successive days over the same weekend in the 2017 Club diary.</p>	David S Marilyn
7	<p>Use of Buggies update Club members who had medical conditions that made it necessary for them to use buggies to play in competitions had to provide notes from their doctors to verify their conditions. This procedure worked reasonably well, but there was no process for removing people from the 'buggy list' once their conditions improved.</p> <p>The Committee's view was that golf players were generally honest people who would not misuse this regulation and would probably prefer not to have to use buggies to play golf. With this in mind, the Committee decided that the Chris, as Secretary, should keep the 'buggy list' under review and for people with temporary medical conditions he should approach them on a case by case basis to discuss when their permission to use buggies should expire.</p>	Chris
8	<p>Pace of Play update Chris gave an update on the outcomes of two meetings he had had with Ben to discuss the actions the Committee wanted him to take to help Club members and visitors to have a good experience with pace of play on the course. Annex A summarises the actions taken by Committee members and other volunteers and Ben's response to the actions the Committee wanted him to take.</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence Chris had received a letter from the President of CAGU asking whether clubs were interested in joining some kind of handicap league to be run in the county. The concept was something the Committee had been thinking of setting up in the Peterborough area so it was agreed to find out more about what CAGU had in mind. Mbachu agree to attend a meeting that CAGU had called to discuss possibilities and report back at the next meeting.</p>	Mbachu

<p>10</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Competition Prize Money</u></p> <p>Ben had asked whether the Committee would be prepared to put prize money on individuals' accounts in the Pro Shop so that they would spend their money there. The Committee's response was:</p> <p>Prize winners were given a choice about whether they wanted John Lewis vouchers or money on their accounts and it was right and proper that they should have such a choice. There were several reasons why regular golf players might not want to spend their prize money in the shop, not least of which there may not be any golf equipment or clothing they wanted to buy and some preferred to give their winning to their partners who did not play golf.</p> <p>More winners might opt to have their prize money held on account if there was a financial incentive to do so, such as discount on shop purchases.</p> <p>Two's money was already kept on account for winners to spend in the shop and there was concern that people with such accounts could not use their money entirely as they wished. For example, there appeared to be a rule that money held in this way could not be used to purchase range balls.</p> <p><u>Competition Entries</u></p> <p>Rob asked for guidance on what should be done about players who wanted to take part in competitions but without signing in beforehand. They gave a variety of reasons for seeking to do so, but it was essential for players to register to play by signing in via the Club computer before teeing off.</p> <p>The Ladies' Section took a firm stance on this and did not allow, under any circumstances, players to compete if they had not signed in beforehand.</p> <p>Rob agreed to monitor the situation for the Men's Section to see whether there were any regular 'offenders' and, if so, he agreed to bring their names to the attention of the Committee.</p> <p><u>Hazard Markers at pond near green on 14th hole</u></p> <p>Rob reported an anomaly with the way in which the second pond on the 14th hole was marked. Some players treated that pond as a lateral hazard even though it was marked with yellow, not red, stakes and dropped their ball sideways within 2 club lengths.</p> <p>To minimise confusion, it would be best if that pond was marked with yellow stakes front and back and red stakes on the right and left hand sides. David was asked to discuss this with Ben to see whether he would be prepared to make this change.</p> <p><u>Slow play during Owls Trophy competition</u></p> <p>Paul reported an inappropriate way he had been spoken to by some fellow competitors during and after the Owls Trophy competition held on 10 July. He claimed that they had been somewhat overzealous in accusing the group in which he was playing of slow play and not calling faster players play through.</p> <p>Paul was asked to speak with Rob to get some factual information from the computer to verify his point (that his group had not played slowly) and then decide whether he wanted to make a formal complaint about the way he had been spoken to on the day.</p> <p><u>Guest Speakers</u></p> <p>Matthew had offered to get some prominent guest speakers to the Club. He was able to get Dave Alred, an accomplished sports psychologist, who had</p>	<p>Rob</p> <p>David</p> <p>Paul</p>
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	<p>worked with Luke Donald amongst others and Alison Nicholas, a former winner of the British Women's Open and US Open Championships.</p> <p>The Committee was enthusiastic about these ideas and Chris was asked to find out when these people would be available and what fees they would charge. Vice-Captains would then consider whether it would be financially viable for them to come and speak at the Club and, if so, what would need to be done to ensure good attendance.</p>	Chris
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 7.00 pm.</p>	All

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

David Smith
Chairman
7 September 2016

Annex A

Pace of Play actions for Committee

Action	Status
Use 10-min start time intervals unless there are compelling reasons to use shorter ones	Done and ongoing
Use volunteer starters to get players used to starting at 10 min intervals	Ongoing
Refresh publicity on lengths of time rounds should take – noticeboards, e-mail and newsletter	Done and ongoing
Provide information on <u>when</u> to let through groups behind – noticeboards, e-mail and newsletter	Done and ongoing
Provide information on <u>how</u> to let through – noticeboards, e-mail and newsletter	Done
Encourage more use of playing provisional ball – noticeboards, e-mail, newsletter	Done and ongoing
Promote 'Ready Golf' – noticeboards, e-mail, newsletter	Done and ongoing
Monitor pace of play using Club 2000, identify slow players/groups and give them feedback	Ongoing and under constant review
Publish advice on the speedy use of hand-held distance measuring devices	Done and ongoing

Pace of Play actions requested of Proprietor

Action	Status
Install a clock on first tee or, second best option, clearly visible from first tee	Ben: Agreed in principle and costs investigated, but not an expenditure priority. Ben investigating sponsorship.
Place notices on 5th and 13th tee boxes informing players about times to these points	Ben: Agreed - to be actioned by end July
Add a notice on 16th tee reminding players to ring bell <u>on way to the green</u> , not from it	Ben: Agreed - to be actioned by end July
Paint the bell post brighter colour (white or yellow) so that it is more likely to be noticed by visitors	Ben: Agreed - to be actioned by end July
Make near side of ditch on left of 6th fairway out of bounds	Ben: Turned down in preference to clearing ditch and overhanging branches to make it easier to find balls in ditch.
Provide timing sheets for visitors (within a 'Welcome to EFGC' card) – to be handed out at Pro-shop with scorecards	Ben: Initially turned down, but reconsidering.