

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2017

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| Present: | David Tansley Trish Crighton David Smith Marilyn Smith Roger Mayhew Peter Burgess Jenny Walters Nigel Widdowson Sue Anderson Rob Stone Andy Anderson Barbara Stone Sue Dibble Liz Johnson Chris Cordery | Chairman Treasurer Men's Captain Ladies' Captain Seniors' Captain Men's Vice-Captain Ladies' Vice-Captain Seniors' Vice-Captain Ladies' Handicap Secretary Men's Handicap Secretary Men's Competition Secretary Ladies' Secretary Members' Representative Members' Representative (Communication Coordinator) Secretary |
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Apologies: Paul Bolden, Colin Bayliss

| Item | Discussion | Action |
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| 1 | <p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, Nigel Widdowson to his first meeting.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Apologies The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 June 2017 were approved, although Trish informed the Committee that the Club's full complement of greenkeepers was not as stated at paragraph 5. Right now the actual numbers were 3 full-time and 2 part-time.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Matters Arising All actions agreed at the last meeting had been taken.</p> <p><u>Handicap Limits</u> Rob briefed the meeting on his latest thinking about whether to recommend removing handicap limits that applied to certain competitions. He was asked to investigate the probable historical reasons for these limits before the Committee took a decision on whether or not to remove them.</p> <p><u>Rakes in bunkers</u> David T had not yet had an opportunity to speak with Ben to determine his preference on whether rakes should be placed inside or outside bunkers. He agreed to do so when he next had a chance.</p> <p><u>5 Qualifiers Rule – clarification</u> A recent situation in a 'boarded competition' had made it necessary to clarify how the '5 Qualifiers' rule needed to be applied and the Committee agreed the following: For competitions in which the 5 Qualifiers rule applied, Club members may play in such competitions even though they may not have played</p> | <p>Rob</p> <p>David T</p> |

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| | <p>in the requisite number of qualifying competitions; however, they may not win any prize in such events and if they finished in a prize place they would be disqualified.</p> <p><u>Mixed Matches</u> Jenny mentioned that she had received a positive response to a recent e-mail sent to Club members asking for more men to sign up for mixed matches. However, some people who had contacted her and expressed interest in playing felt they were not yet good enough golfers to do so.</p> <p>The Committee's view was that Club members should be encouraged to put themselves forward and be selected to play in these sorts of 'friendly' matches, even those without a 'c' annotated handicap.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Reports Reports submitted before the meeting were accepted.</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> Ben had not responded to a message from David T asking whether there was anything he wanted to communicate to the Committee, so there was nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Men's Competition Coordinators 2018</u> David S reported that Graeme Starkey and Jeremy Spurgeon were willing to co-ordinate Burridge Cup and CAGU Inter-Club Greensomes teams in 2018, as they had done this year. Peter, as next year's Men's Captain, was content with this and David S agreed to let CAGU know.</p> <p><u>Communication of match/competition results</u> Liz agreed to ensure that county match and competition results were sent not only to the press but also to Committee members so that they were kept informed of important results. Club Captains had an important responsibility to ensure that Liz was provided with the necessary information in a timely manner.</p> <p><u>Competitions – return of scorecards</u> Rob reported that combination locks had now been fitted to all scorecard return boxes and the codes were known to appropriate officials in the 3 adult sections of the Club. From this point on players who mistakenly put their scorecards in the wrong box would still have them accepted as long as they returned (meaning 'submitted') their cards in accordance with section 6-6.b of the Rules of Golf – card to be returned 'as soon as possible'.</p> | <p>David S</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Captains</p> |
| 6 | <p>Next Challenges <u>Rules of Golf</u> The Committee considered that it could do more to promote greater knowledge of the Rules of Golf amongst Club members and that this should be its next major project. Several people around the table had ideas on this subject and there was clearly an appetite to take this forward. Major changes to the Rules of Golf planned for 2019 made this a good time to consider what should be done and when.</p> <p>A small working party, of perhaps 4 or 5 people (not necessarily all Committee members), would be needed and Chris agreed to consider how to start the ball rolling.</p> <p><u>Social Events</u> Jenny and Peter, as Ladies' and Men's Captains next year, were keen to have a programme of social events and they would need support in</p> | <p>Chris</p> |

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| | organising them. David S, although unlikely to put himself forward to be a Committee member next year, expressed willingness to help. | David S |
| 7 | Correspondence There was no correspondence that needed to be addressed at this meeting. | |
| 8 | Any Other Business The Committee was informed that following agreement between the Men's and Seniors' Captains the latter was the custodian of Club ties. These would be sold for £13, which would give a profit of £3. Profit made from sales to Seniors' would go to the Seniors' charity of the year and profit from ties sold to men who were not seniors would go to the Club Captains' charity. The Committee was further informed that the Secretary was the custodian of Captains' and Past Captains' ties. | |
| 9 | Dates of Next Meetings The next meetings will be held as follows: 19 September 2017 – 6.00 pm 17 October 2017 – 6.00 pm | All |

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

David Tansley
Chairman

19 September 2017

Treasurer

Report to July 2017 Committee Meeting

The balance of the current account as at 30.06.17 was £9,295.98 and the deposit account £3000.00.

Money paid into the bank in June was £3276.00, money paid out totalled £4863.50 – this is considerably higher than normal because of the purchase of 50 Club Ties (£444.30) which will be repaid as and when they are purchased by members, and also the clock tower (£1137.60).

Liabilities:-

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| £5505.24 | Prize Fund |
| £3020.00 | Charity Fund |
| £770.37 | Skelton Eclectic Fund |
| £900.00 | 6 months 100 Club prizes |
| £996.00 | Computer Fund |
| £579.16 | Captains Grants |
| <u>£231.80</u> | Owed to EFGC –Match Meals |
| £12002.57 | |

Assets:

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| £9295.98 | Bank Account |
| £3000.00 | Deposit Account |
| <u>£1405.00</u> | June Competitions |
| £13700.98 | |

Trish Crighton

Ladies' Captain

Report to July 2017 Committee Meeting

The fifth draw for the 100 Club was made at June's committee meeting, the winners being:

Jackie Butler £100

Rob Stone £25

Ranu Odedra £25

The next draw will be at the July Committee meeting.

Match results for the past month are:

Mixed v Milton Away – Halved

Mixed v Nene Park Home – we won 3-1

Ladies v Burghley Away – Halved

Congratulations to Steve Furzeland and Colin Bayliss for completing their marathon "Longest Day" Challenge on one of the hottest days of the year, raising well over £1000 for Parkinsons UK.

Men v Ladies match was halved. We were quite lucky with the weather, which had previously forecast heavy rain. Not everyone was happy with the format we chose, but I think most people enjoyed the match. The scores were very close, so the match could have swung either way. However, the Men retained the trophy as they had won last year. We will rectify the situation in November!

Marilyn Smith

Men's Captain's Report

Committee Meeting 18th July 2017

What a month of achievements!

I start with excellent news that the Scratch Team have won Division two and will be promoted to Division One for next season. A great effort from all those involved and many thanks to last year's captain, Mbachii for managing the team.

The Greensomes League team have also won their league (scraping through their last match by not losing too many holes) to qualify for one of the 2 knock out matches to take place on August 6th at Lakeside Lodge, commencing at 2.00pm. The team has been selected but support would be good if anybody is available.

Steve Furzeland and Colin Bayliss completed their 4 rounds in a day challenge on what was one of the hottest days of the year. Well done boys and thanks to those members who helped caddy and ball spot. Well done to the Perkins boys who also completed the 4 rounds, all at EFGC (but finished quite a bit later than Colin and Steve.

Unfortunately, the Derek Burridge team lost to a better team from Brampton Park in the semi-finals. A great achievement though and many thanks to Graeme Starkey for managing the team for me.

Graeme and Jeremy Spurgeon (who has managed the Greensomes League team) have agreed to manage these 2 teams again next year. If the Committee is happy to agree I will advise CAGU of our participation.

The Men's v Ladies' match ended in a drawn result. As having won the Autumn match last year the men retained the trophy.

David Smith

Seniors' Captain

Report to 18 July 2017 Committee Meeting

First of all, our seniors inter-club matches results have improved marginally as we lost our away game to Ramsey but won both our home matches against Brampton Park and Bourn, which is what you would expect.

My Captain's Away Day, held at Stoke Rochford, went very well and was enjoyed by most from the comments I received.

I was pleased for Colin and Steve in succeeding in their golf marathon fund raising quest on the 21 June. I believe they raised over a thousand pounds. Well done lads.

My Seniors' Captain's Day last week attracted 57 participants many of which donated raffle prizes. I also received raffle prizes from members who were unable to play. This resulted in £331 being raised for my charity. I would like to thank everyone for their support.

My charity pond hazard container is still a little on the light side, perhaps members have forgotten about the donation request by the time they finish their round, or cannot locate the container.

That's all folks.

Roger Mayhew

Ladies' Competition & Handicap Secretaries

Report to July 2017 Committee Meeting

Owls Trophy

Last year we had 12 pairs entered into this competition. This year we have opened the competition over two days and have had 22 pairs entered.

Ladies' Open

We have 104 entrants. Two tees still to fill; I am hopeful these will get taken.

Handicaps

The new directive from the EGU to return non qualifying cards is being well observed by most of the ladies most of the time, although I have not received any cards from anyone that I could use in a review.

I have also reminded all the ladies the procedure for any supplementary cards they want to submit.

Barbara Stone & Sue Anderson

Handicap / Competitions Secretary

Report to July 2017 Committee Meeting

August 2017 Program issued.

Competitions.

All competitions completed up to 14/07/17

Well done to Mary and Colin Webber (OWLS) and Babu Odedra, Gross winner and Tim Cummings, Nett winner (Maplestone Bowl).

Seniors' box is to be fitted with a combination lock to allow access to retrieve cards put in the wrong box. (access restrictions apply)

Review of PGA and Elton Masters max handicap limits.

E-mailed (Lombard) PGA to find out the rational of changing the hcp limit, but have not had a reply.

There is nothing stated in CONGU only that full hcp must be used for hcp purposes.

Hcp limits can be set by the committee. Have things moved on now that we need to review them? This year's Elton Masters 93% full (men and ladies) Men's club championships 97% full (6 players above 18hcp).

Updated Midweek Medals and Roll Ups to be resent/sent to all members, as some said they had not received them.

Pace of Play

Need to ensure members keep up with the game in front and not just in front of the game behind, 4.5 hrs recorded for the Owls on Sunday, Wednesday slightly better 4.25 hrs

Club V1

No issues at the moment

England Golf Registered Players

Zoe has now updated the England Golf register.

Members are returning away cards as requested.

Rob Stone & Andy Anderson

Juniors' Organiser

Report to July 2017 Committee Meeting

Next Junior Competition is scheduled for Saturday 22nd July.

Marketing has been circulated for 3-day Junior Summer camps. Price has increased a bit over last year and at the last count 6 kids had signed up. These camps will be aimed more at the novice or inexperienced Junior to give as complete a grounding as possible – several of our Juniors have moved on from that and will benefit from more individual coaching which Matthew will provide over the holidays.

Managed to find some more money for the Juniors – a pro shop account with £40 on it, untouched for a few years!!

Will be having a couple of sessions a week during the school break (holidays permitting) for all Juniors – for some practice and/or fun competitions.

Finally, a big pat on the back for Sam, Paul, Isabel and Rachel for running the putting competition on Charity day for Isabel's charity. Definitely added to the fun and I know David & Marilyn will be recognising this with a further donation.

Colin