

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2016

Present:

David Smith	Chairman & Men's Vice-Captain
Trish Crighton	Treasurer
Mbachii 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
Colin Bayliss	Men's Representative
Chris Cordery	Secretary

Apologies: Andy Anderson, Sue Anderson, Paul Bolden

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also welcomed the proprietor, Ben Martin, and invited him to introduce the subject he had come to discuss with the Committee.</p>	
	<p>Ben Martin Ben asked the Committee to consider putting all competition prize money into the Pro Shop for winners to spend there.</p> <p>He said that this was something most other local clubs did and taking such action would benefit EFGC financially. Ben informed the Committee that currently the Pro Shop broke even, but he thought that if members spent their prize money there this would help the Shop and Club professionals to continue to be financially viable.</p> <p>The Committee had discussed this issue at its previous meeting, but Ben asked it to reconsider its position.</p> <p>Competition winners were already given a choice about where to spend their prize money, in the Pro Shop or at John Lewis, and the Committee considered that the right thing to do was to continue to give them that choice.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Committee thought that if the Pro Shop had a good range of equipment and quality clothing sold at reasonable prices people would want to spend their money there, but currently this was not the case.</p> <p>Telling people where to spend their prize money seemed to be a rather hard line to take and although some members did want to support their Club Shop there seemed to be few incentives to do so. There were already restrictions on members spending their 'club held' money and Ben agreed to consider allowing them to spend it anywhere in the Club, for example on range balls, lessons and in the bar and restaurant. This might make it more attractive for people to spend their prize money within the Golf Club as a whole.</p> <p>Although the Committee was unwilling to alter its position, it asked Ben to consider whether he would be willing to provide incentives for members to spend their prize money in the Pro Shop or elsewhere within the Club. Ben agreed to give this further thought and come back to the Committee when he had some ideas that he would like the Committee to promote with members.</p>	

2	<p>Apologies The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2016 were approved.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising and/or Carried Forward</p> <p><u>Trophy Review</u> (carried over from last meeting) Paul was still finalising 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> (carried over from last meeting) The issue of an outstanding payment owed by Lakeside Lodge had still not been resolved and Trish agreed to contact Lakeside to try to track down the missing money.</p> <p><u>Buggies</u> The outcome of Marilyn's enquiries about buggies had now been resolved. Players with medical conditions that made it necessary to use buggies to play in competitions should book them with Pro Shop staff. In such cases bookings would be honoured ahead of visiting players wanting to hire buggies on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p><u>Competition Prizes</u> (carried over from last meeting) 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> (carried over from last meeting) 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 paid and, if it had, where it was. Trish was asked to investigate and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Contribution towards IT (handicap maintenance) Costs</u> Trish was asked to find out whether members' contributions towards the Club's handicap maintenance costs that is now collected with annual fees had been transferred to the Committee account.</p> <p><u>Club Championships</u> Starting in 2017 Men's and Ladies' Club Championships would be held during the same weekend. This would ensure that both Men and Ladies would be able to play the course when it was particularly well prepared by grounds staff for the Club's premiere competition of the year.</p> <p><u>Men's County Handicap League</u> Mbachi had recently attended a CAGU meeting during which officials outlined plans for a county-wide handicap league. The Committee considered this to be a worthwhile initiative and supported it in preference to another, similar but unofficial idea that had been discussed over the past few months.</p> <p><u>Hazard Markers at pond near green on 14th hole</u> Ben had agreed to re-configure the coloured stakes surrounding the water hazard near the green on the 14th hole. He would put red stakes on the left and right of the hazard and yellow stakes on the front and back. The</p>	<p>Paul</p> <p>Trish</p> <p>Trish</p> <p>Trish</p> <p>Trish</p>

	<p>Committee believed this would minimise confusion and make it easier (therefore saving time) for players to take relief correctly.</p>	
5	<p>Reports</p> <p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben had agreed in principle that the Ladies' Section could be captained by a 5-day member • Ben had agreed to attend the AGM this year, but asked to have questions sent to him beforehand so that he had time to consider them before the meeting • Ben had reported that he intended to have 3 lodges built by April 2017 • The Chairman had received good reports on the new Professional's coaching methods and style <p>All other reports sent to the Committee ahead of the meeting were accepted and the following were added ...</p> <p><u>Men's Captain</u> The Men's team had defeated Brampton Park 3-1 in a match played since Mbachii had circulated his report.</p> <p><u>Seniors' Captain</u> Ben had agreed to have an extra competition board put up in the clubhouse. This would be for the 'Keith Taylor Trophy' and David T was asked to speak with Terry Toyne to find out whether he would be willing to make a board as he had done with others in previous years.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> The Seniors' Treasurer had asked to see an itemised list of money that had been spent on the Seniors' Section this year. Trish agreed to make a list and send him a copy.</p> <p><u>Ladies' Competitions' Secretary</u> Given that green fees have to be paid for the Mixed Invitation Day in October, this did not leave much spare money for prizes. As a result, Barbara asked for £150 to be given from Committee funds towards prizes this year. This was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>David T</p> <p>Trish</p>
6	<p>Competitions Update</p> <p>Barbara presented a report from a meeting of the Competition and Handicap Sub-Committee held on 6 August. This is attached with and forms part of these minutes.</p> <p>This Sub-Committee recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it be formally constituted with its own Terms of Reference with primary responsibilities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reviewing Handicaps in accordance with CONGU regulations b. Dealing with disputes that arise from competitions • That entrants to 'Boarded Competitions' must have played in at least 7 full qualifying Club competitions (not supplementary or roll-up) in the 12 months preceding the date of the competition. This was intended to ensure that entrants to such competitions had 'paid in' to a reasonable number of competitions before they became eligible to win prizes that were sometimes of substantial value. <p>The first recommendation was put to a vote and agreed unanimously. In the case of the second recommendation, Rob was asked to check computer records and find out how this would have affected competitions this</p>	<p>Rob</p>

	<p>year. The Committee considered that before a decision was taken about minimum qualifying competitions and 'Boarded Competitions' the membership should be consulted formally, so Chris was asked to put this item on the agenda for the November AGM.</p>	Chris
7	<p>Juniors' Update Having been elected onto the Committee as a Men's Representative, Colin Bayliss had agreed to take responsibility for the Juniors' Section of the Club.</p> <p>Before the meeting Colin had circulated some ideas for how he intended to run the Juniors' Section next year and how he intended to access sources of funding. He was already working with Matthew Rea, the Club's Professional, and starting to formulate some plans, including the nomination of a Juniors' Captain for 2017.</p> <p>Furthermore, Colin agreed to find out from Matthew whether he would need to get DBS checked (formally known as CRB) before he was able to work in any substantive way with juniors.</p>	Colin
8	<p>Initial Plans for Election of Committee Members for 2017 Apart from the normal rotational Committee roles, such as Captains, there were 3 people who would need to be re-elected this year if they wished to continue to serve on the Committee. They were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Smith (Chairman) • Trish Crighton (Treasurer) • Brian Draper • Paul Bolden 	
9	<p>Update on Plans for Rules Evening David Tansley was organising a Rules Evening for the benefit of the whole Club, probably taking place in the autumn. This would require careful costing to make sure it was affordable and the Committee was asked to underwrite the £250 fee required by the rules official who would run the evening.</p> <p>This was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.</p>	David T
10	<p>Correspondence There was no correspondence that needed to be brought to the Committee at this meeting.</p>	
11	<p>Any Other Business Brian Draper reported that feedback on the Pace of Play signs that were now positioned on the course had been positive.</p> <p>Mbachi reminded the Committee that wherever possible communication with the Proprietor should take place through the Chairman. This would help Ben to manage his communication with the Committee and it would benefit the Committee by providing co-ordinated communication with the Proprietor.</p>	All
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 7.00 pm.</p>	All

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

David Smith
 Chairman
 4 October 2016