

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held Monday 12 February 2018

Present:	David Tansley (DT)	Chairman
	Trish Crighton (TC)	Treasurer
	Peter Burgess (PB)	Men's Captain
	Jenny Walters (JW)	Ladies' Captain
	Nigel Widdowson (NW)	Seniors' Captain
	David Pope (DP)	Men's Vice-Captain
	Janet Elliott (JE)	Ladies' Vice-Captain
	Bill Livingstone (BL)	Senior's Vice-Captain
	Rob Stone (RS)	Men's Handicap Secretary
	Barbara Stone (BS)	Ladies' Secretary
	Colin Bayliss (CB)	Juniors' Organiser
	Sue Dibble (SD)	Members' Representative
	Liz Johnson (LJ)	Secretary

Apologies: Paul Bolden (PBo) Sue Anderson (SA) Andy Anderson (AA)

In attendance: Ben Martin (BM) Proprietor

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised BM was attending for item 4a only.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Received and recorded from PBo, SA and AA.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of meeting held on 22 January were approved</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising All actions from the previous meeting had been taken</p>	
4a	<p>Proprietor BM advised the committee that Matthew Rea (MR) would be leaving Elton Furze (EF) at the end of March. He was an excellent teaching pro and BM wished him all the best for the future. BM would be using the expertise of Joe Kelly, a PGA representative, for guidance with the short list and interview process for a replacement to be found in the near future. BM also advised that Matthew Francis, Head Green Keeper had been very ill and hospitalised. He was discharged today but off work for the next two weeks recovering. The committee wished Matthew a speedy recovery. BM has a new green keeper starting on 5 March and will also be speaking with Kev Crighton regarding his availability in order to bring the green keeping staff to 4.5 for the coming season. The 150 yard marker, produced by PB was out on the 6th fairway. A newsletter was due out shortly. RS asked BM if he had plans to tell the members why more</p>	

	<p>worm castes were on the course, relating to the banning of some pesticide sprays. BM advised that the banning of some sprays would be a major problem for all golf clubs, he would be consulting with Dr Tim Lodge regarding turf management.</p> <p>NW asked BM how we can keep our younger members, 28-35 age group. BM had spoken with various younger members regarding EF plans, we need to maintain our course to a high standard and be aware of what our competitors are doing. He was waiting to see what competitors do re joining fees before offering any 'deals' for new members.</p> <p>BL asked about the amount of debris on the course, BM was aware of this, a result of lack of green keepers at present. PB offered to form a working party to clear this debris, BM was in agreement with this.</p> <p>DT felt that this was a good way for BM to attend meetings and the most beneficial way forward. Committee agreed.</p>	PB
5	<p>Reports</p> <p>All reports were agreed and accepted.</p> <p>BL asked about charity 'buckets' around the course as players often forgot to pay their 'fine' on return to the club house. This was discussed and the current system will be left in place.</p>	
6	<p>The Ross Trophies</p> <p>RS advised that it was agreed last year to replace the ladies LGU brooch with the Ross Trophies for Macmillan Cancer. The idea was to charge an entrance fee to run alongside the September medal for men and ladies {to include ladies midweek medal}. Geoff and Jane Ross had donated the winners trophies. RS proposed the use of the spare honours board for this competition, seconded by JE and carried unanimously.</p>	
7	<p>Sir Nick Faldo Commemoration Jug Competition</p> <p>LJ advised the committee about this competition for the winner of the Men's Club Championship, Adam Brown. Entry fee is £70.00 and should the club pay this? After discussion it was agreed that the club would fund in full.</p>	LJ
8	<p>Members using buggies</p> <p>LJ advised committee of the members currently listed who were using buggies. This will be updated to reflect the true picture.</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>LJ had an email from Chris Cordery requesting committee approval for the Rules Modernisation group to issue an update of the new rules to members for them to use during social and non competitive rounds. RS provided detail of some of the new rules and after discussion LJ was asked to respond to Chris agreeing to his proposal.</p> <p>DT asked committee if they had any questions for TC regarding the budget. He asked about the computer expenses which TC explained, saying we needed to keep an eye on it for the future.</p> <p>DT also asked about the progress of the working group looking at distribution of prize money. TC provided a quick update stating a full report will be provide at the next committee</p>	LJ

	meeting.	TC
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>JW informed committee that Jane Ross had offered her services with organising the Race Night scheduled for Friday 18 May and asked if a small number of committee members could meet later in the week to start the ball rolling. Volunteers found and meeting to go ahead.</p> <p>NW had received details of 2 senior club events from Cambridge Golf Union and was requesting funding of the entry fees. After discussion it was agreed NW should approach the senior committee for assistance with funding.</p> <p>DP was able to arrange a charity meal at Maharanis Indian Restaurant, at a cost of £15.00 per head with £7.50 going to our charity. Committee agreed DP should proceed with organising this.</p> <p>DP asked why you could book into competitions via the PSI screen a day ahead of booking through the app. BS responded, to allow those without computer access the opportunity to enter. Discussion took place and it was agreed to leave the booking system as it currently is.</p> <p>TC had received an invoice from the pro shop for the purchase of the Captains sweaters and shirts that was considerably higher than the previous year. TC had queried this with the pro shop and there had been confusion and delay in ordering these items and Glenbrae had not offered a discount this year plus cost of setting up a new logo, hence the increase. Discussion took place and it was agreed that for the future the Treasurer would be responsible for the ordering of these items rather than each individual captain which hopefully would result in a more streamlined, speedier process.</p>	JW
12	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 12 March</p>	

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

David Tansley
Chairman
12 March 2018