

5	<p>Reports</p> <p>The meeting accepted written reports that had been circulated by Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain, Seniors' Captain, Treasurer, Men's Handicap and Competitions' Secretaries and the Ladies' Competition Secretary. These can be found as attachments to these minutes.</p> <p>Sue D added that some people were yet to pay for the 100 Club and Committee members agreed to help by asking people to join or if they had already signed up to make sure they paid in the next few days.</p>	All
6	<p>Ladies' Competitions</p> <p>Some lady members of the Club had asked whether 'fun' or non-qualifying mid-week golf could run alongside the medals and stableford competitions that were in the 2016 diary.</p> <p>However, another group of ladies did not want to see a reduction in the number of qualifying competitions and two had written to the Committee to express their concerns about this suggestion and their opposition to it.</p> <p>In considering the balance in differences of points of view the Ladies' Captain and the Ladies' Competitions' Secretary asked the Committee to support their view that there should be no change to the current plan for Ladies' mid-week competitions as shown in the 2016 diary.</p> <p>This issue generated considerable discussion and some Committee members who had not been aware of it as it had developed over the past few weeks asked a number of questions for clarification.</p> <p>In summary, the Committee considered that it was important for all members of the Golf Club to have maximum opportunity to keep their handicaps up to date by playing in qualifying competitions. And it was essential for ladies who wanted to play in open competitions at other clubs and in club matches to have handicaps that reflected their playing ability at any one time.</p> <p>Furthermore, those ladies who wanted the opportunity to play more non-qualifying golf were able to do so by not entering these types of competitions and still use the ladies' morning to play social or 'fun' golf in their own groups, but separately from organised qualifying competitions.</p> <p>The Committee therefore endorsed the Ladies' Captain and the Ladies' Competitions' Secretary's recommendation not to change the balance of qualifying vs non qualifying competitions as shown in the 2016 Club diary.</p> <p>This issue raised another.</p> <p>Some Committee members expressed surprise that this issue had come to a General Committee meeting and wondered why the Ladies' section couldn't have dealt with it themselves. The Ladies' section, unlike the Seniors' section, don't have a formally constituted body to resolve issues that apply only to ladies.</p> <p>The Committee therefore concluded that in future, in similar circumstances, ladies who were members of the General Committee at any one time should form a group, not a committee, to discuss, debate and resolve their own issues. In doing so they should bring each issue to the next Committee meeting so that possible wider implications could be considered and for ratification. This matter was put to a vote the result of which was 11 votes For, one Abstention and the Chairman was non-voting.</p>	

7	<p>Possible removal of Plate competition from Men's Summer Knock-Out Over the past few years the Men's individual Summer Knockout competitions had a Plate competition for those players who lost their first round matches. This enabled all entrants to have at least two matches for their single entrance fee, but over the past few years very few people had taken part. As a result, the Committee was asked to consider scrapping it.</p> <p>A mix of views were expressed but for now the Competitions' Secretary was asked to keep the Plate competition for 2016, to refresh publicity about it, promote it better and generally encourage more people to take part. If there was not greater take up this year the Committee was willing to consider scrapping it in the future.</p>	Andy
8	<p>Pace of Play review Chris thanked Mbachii for starting a review of the Pace of Play at EF and Brian Draper for his assistance in taking this issue forward. Chris was putting together a paper that summarised the consultation that had taken place so far and would circulate a draft in the next few days.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to read the paper and whilst it was still a draft consult more widely about further ideas for establishing and maintaining an appropriate pace of play on the golf course.</p>	Chris All
9	<p>Potential Proprietor organised events Zoe had written to the Committee on behalf of Ben to suggest some social events for the year ahead. The Committee was informed of the following ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Sponsor Day • An Open Day • A Members' Party <p>Following discussion David S agreed to speak with Ben/Zoe about the details and add some further ideas into the mix.</p>	David S
10	<p>Correspondence Terry and Elly Toyne had written to the Committee to express their concern that prize giving after the Christmas competition held on 12/13 December had not been conducted in the way that was written in the Competitions Bible. Their main concern was that first and second prizes appeared to be vouchers and these were awarded even though the winners were not in attendance, but they also considered that the selection of prizes seemed to be of poor quality.</p> <p>On reflection and supported by wider feedback from Rob the Committee agreed that the prize-giving event had not been conducted in the proper way and current Captains were asked to make sure that the requirements written into the Competitions Bible were implemented correctly after this year's competition.</p> <p>Chris agreed to respond to Terry and Elly to let them know the Committee's conclusions.</p>	Mbachii Sue D Chris
11	<p>Any Other Business Ben had sent a message to the Committee informing everyone that a group of golfers seen on the course the previous Saturday morning were not a society; they were green fee paying members' guests. Furthermore, Ben had asked for the Committee to be informed that he stood by his commitment not to allow societies onto the course on Saturday or Sunday mornings.</p>	

	<p>Liz Johnson had sent a message to the Committee confirming that she would be going ahead and buying a defibrillator for the Golf Club with some of the money she had raised for her charity last year. This would require ongoing maintenance and David S agreed to speak with Ben to find out whether he would be prepared to meet this cost which was likely to be £85 every 2½ years.</p> <p>Trish raised the issue of what should be done about unclaimed prizes. The Committee considered that competition winners should take responsibility for collecting their prizes and Trish should not use up her time reminding them to do so. A formal policy was needed on this subject and Chris agreed to put this on the agenda for the next AGM, scheduled for November/December.</p> <p>Rob announced that he would be arranging for an Annual Handicap Review to take place on Friday afternoon.</p>	<p>David S</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Rob</p>
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on 8 February 2016 at 7.00 pm.</p>	All

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

David Smith
Chairman
8 February 2016