

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2017

Present:	David Tansley	Chairman
	Trish Crighton	Treasurer
	David Smith	Men's Captain
	Marilyn Smith	Ladies' Captain
	Peter Burgess	Men's Vice-Captain
	Jenny Walters	Ladies' Vice-Captain
	Alan Turner	Seniors' Vice-Captain
	Colin Bayliss	Juniors' Organiser
	Rob Stone	Men's Handicap Secretary
	Barbara Stone	Ladies' Secretary
	Andy Anderson	Men's Competitions Secretary
	Sue Anderson	Ladies' Handicap Secretary
	Chris Cordery	Secretary

Apologies: Roger Mayhew, Paul Bolden, Sue Dibble

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Committee meeting, especially new members. He thanked everyone for supporting his election and said he thought the Committee, as a legacy from the previous Chairman, already worked well together.</p> <p>He asked everyone to make sure they communicated relevant issues to Club members, whilst at the same time making sure to support collective decisions.</p> <p>He also mentioned the style with which he would like meetings to run:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By keeping discussions as brief as possible • By listening to others' views • By not holding side conversations whilst others were speaking • By building consensus decisions in preference to voting unless absolutely necessary 	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2016 were approved.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising and/or Carried Forward</p> <p>All actions from the previous meeting had been taken.</p> <p>David Smith had purchased Captains' and Past Captains' ties and these had been placed in a box kept in the 'Committee cupboard'.</p>	
5	<p>Reports</p> <p>All reports sent to the Committee ahead of the meeting were accepted and the following points were discussed ...</p> <p><u>Men's Captain</u></p> <p>David S asked whether Committee funds could be used to pay for light refreshments, such as chips and sandwiches, after matches played in the newly established inter-club handicap league that CAGU was setting up. On the basis that this competition was 'representative', as opposed to social or friendly, the Committee agreed that this would be in line with existing policy</p>	

	<p>and practice. David S and Trish were asked to work together at the appropriate time of the year and arrange for refreshments for this competition to be paid from Committee funds.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> At the AGM the Committee had agreed to reduce the amount of money in the contingency fund by a substantial amount, something that had not been achieved last year. Trish suggested, therefore, that it might be a good idea to construct a plan for how to spend surplus contingency money and Committee members were asked to submit their ideas to her before the next meeting. Trish agreed to put them into a prioritised list for approval at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Ladies' Secretary</u> Barbara explained that she was currently negotiating with Ben to hold an annual Northamptonshire Ladies' competition at EF taking up just a few tee times during a weekend in September. This was part of a new initiative to introduce a county-wide inter-club competition, but EFGC's entry was dependent on the Club giving permission for the course to be used in this way. Barbara agreed to keep the Committee informed of progress.</p> <p><u>Men's Handicap Secretary</u> A request had been received from Mbachii for a second touch screen to be provided for signing into competitions and entering scores. In principle this appeared to be a good idea but Rob had looked into it and whichever option was chosen, the costs were high. Initial thoughts of the meeting were that the benefits seemed minor when compared with the costs, but the Committee decided to revisit this subject at the next meeting when the idea could be compared with other demands on the budget</p>	<p>David S Trish</p> <p>All Trish</p> <p>Barbara</p>
6	<p>Support for fellow Committee members Although Paul Bolden couldn't attend the meeting the Secretary represented a point he had asked to be made at this first meeting of the year. He felt that in the past some Committee members had not given enough support to Captains when they organised events.</p> <p>A different point of view was given: that Committee members generally did support Captains, although there were times when personal circumstances or other prior engagements meant they were unable to do so.</p>	
7	<p>Competitions' Bible The Handicap Committee, which also reviews take up of places in competitions, had discussed a number of minor changes they thought should be made to competitions in 2017 and Andy gave a summary. These were accepted and Chris agreed to make the necessary alterations to the Competitions Bible.</p> <p><u>Captains' Invitational</u> The Captains' Invitational competition (John Brenstuhl Trophy) had become complicated to organise and, for the last few years, poorly attended. Some alternative formats were discussed, but the Committee decided to make this a straightforward singles stableford competition, open for any members to enter. However, the Committee also wanted this competition to be organised in a manner that its origins and the trophy deserved. With this in mind, Captains were asked to make sure this competition was billed as the 'final major of the year', similar to the Elton Masters which was generally considered to be the 'first major of the year'.</p> <p>In the light of this decision David S pointed out that for this year only there would be a financial implication and he asked for additional funds to cover the</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>David S Marilyn</p>

	<p>prize money involved. Trish was asked to include this in her list of possible expenditure items she was going to put together for the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Past Captains' Competition</u> During the discussion it was further agreed that because the Past Captains' competition was open to former Captains who may no longer be members of Elton Furze, it made no sense to include this competition within the new '5 qualifiers' regulation that was agreed at the AGM. It would, therefore, be excluded.</p> <p><u>Seniors' Competitions</u> Currently most Seniors' competitions were not recorded in the Club Competitions Bible and Colin, as Seniors' Secretary, was asked to find out whether the Seniors' Section wanted their competitions to be included in there.</p>	<p>Trish</p> <p>Colin</p>
8	<p>Winter League prize allocations The Committee decided to award the prizes of individual round winners of the Winter League soon after each had been played, instead of doing so at Presentation Evenings. Trish would need to instigate this.</p>	Trish
9	<p>Club Championships – distribution of prizes Given the decision of the AGM to allow players in Men's, Ladies' and Seniors' Club Championships to win both gross and net competitions, Andy asked for clarification of the status of other prizes awarded within these competitions. The Committee took the view that Captains had discretion about awarding additional prizes and, if they wished, they could award them to people who had not won the main prizes and they could also stipulate that such winners were eligible to win only one prize.</p>	David S Marilyn Roger
10	<p>England Golf changes to the status of non-qualifying competitions in informing handicap adjustments England Golf (EG) had written to all Clubs instructing them, during periodic handicap reviews, to take into account a wide range evidence of playing ability when making handicap adjustments. Sue Anderson was leading on this at EF would be attending a county meeting next week where she expected to get further clarification. Sue agreed to provide recommendations at the next Committee meeting for how EF should comply with EG's requirements, in a way that was straightforward and pragmatic.</p>	Sue A
11	<p>Pace of Play Chris suggested that the Committee should continue with the initiative it had started last year to improve Pace of Play. This had broad agreement and discussion then centred around what further actions needed to be taken.</p> <p>Chris had already prepared a short article to go into the next newsletter and Rob had some accurate information that could be put on the Club noticeboard to inform players about actual round times. Without being overtly accusing, this would show those people who were playing at an appropriate pace and those who were slow. The intention would be to raise awareness about round times and encourage slower players to speed up or 'call through'.</p> <p>The Committee expressed reservation that such a list might interpreted as an attempt to name and shame slow players, so in the first instance Rob was asked to take a different approach. Whilst starting the next Winter League round he agreed to speak with those players previously identified as slow and ask them to play more quickly or call through more readily. The Committee</p>	Rob

Chairman's Report

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I have little to report to the first meeting of 2017 as I have not as yet had the opportunity to sit with Ben to discuss his plans for the club this year.

We are in the depth of winter at the moment but despite this the course is holding up well. Kevin has arranged to have the bunkers hand raked which has dramatically improved them.

Work continues to improve the walkways around the tee boxes which is good to see.

Some of the tees are showing serious signs of wear and the amount of moss on some greens is a cause for concern, but overall the course is holding up well to the winter rain and frosts.

The Captains drive in on the 15th January was well supported and all four captains managed good drives despite the numbers of members cheering them on!

I am looking forward to our first meeting next week. I would like meetings to be focused and concise and I trust we will continue to work as a team as we did in David's tenure as Chairman.

David Tansley

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report to January 2017 Committee Meeting

The balance of the current account as at 31.12.16 was £11381.92 and the deposit account £5006.07.

Money paid out in December was:-

£150.00	100 Club December
£125.00	EFGC – Nov Comps
£165.00	JL - Nov Comps
£50.00	Accountant
£644.72	Xmas Comp Prizes
£500.40	Club 2000 Support
£100.00	Sundries
<u>£268.14</u>	Captains & Past Captains Ties
£2003.26	

Money paid into the bank in December was:-

£82.00	Seniors Contribution Nov & Dec
£180.00	Rules Evening
£1550.00	100 Club 2017
£495.10	Charity
£16.22	Charity Bunker
<u>£891.00</u>	EFGC – November Comps
£3214.32	

The invoice to Ben for December competitions was £681.00

The Captains' Charity funds collected for 2016 totalled £6610.01 which is being presented to a representative from Rett UK on Wednesday 25 January in the clubhouse.

Trish Crighton

Men's Captain's Report

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So early in the season so this is brief (as requested).

Captains drive in took place on 15th January. A good turn out not only for the Ashley Martin Trophy but also some supporters who attended just the drive in. Providing the sausage rolls kept everybody there. The total distance driven by the 4 Captains was 616 yards, all on the fairway (a first I have witnessed!!).

I have confirmation from Ben that he will support the new friendly league being introduced by CAGU. Matches can be played either during the week or at weekends, but they need to be scheduled at quiet times. I still have some queries myself with the competition but will discuss these at the County meeting next month. I will look after this competition this year to see how it develops.

David Smith

Ladies' Captain

Report to January 2017 Committee Meeting

Here is my first report of the year – it will be very short as not much has happened so far.

Our Captain's Drive-In went smoothly (apart from the rain), with a good turnout. It was good that all 4 captains had a lovely straight drive up the middle of the fairway, totalling 616 yards (Martin Eldridge won the prize for closest guess), with Babu Odedra winning the trophy.

Barbara, Jenny and myself had a meeting to go over the competitions that the Ladies are responsible for, for the coming year to ensure that they all go as smoothly as possible.

The 100 Club are still about 5 short so we are continuing to chase some people up who haven't confirmed whether or not they still want to be involved this year.

Marilyn Smith

Seniors' Captain

Report to January 2017 Committee Meeting

This being the start of the new year not too much has happened to date. However our 'winter eclectic' which was a bit late starting this year is now up and running. Alan our Vice-Captain has sorted out a suitable spread sheet to keep all our competitors up to date with the latest scores, these being posted on the notice board.

The seniors matches planned for this year are the same as last year, (28 in total) a list is already on the notice board giving all the relevant dates.

A number of members have been asking me when am I having my Senior Captains drive in. It will be on the 7th March 2017. I have deliberately made it later this year, as holding it in January as was done last year, resulted in a complete washout. I'm hoping for better weather in March.

My charity this year is The East Anglia Air Ambulance Service which I feel does a fantastic job, and I am hoping to have the committee's support in the form of prize monies as and when required.

One of these charity raising days is the Seniors' Captain's Away Day which is on Friday the 23rd June 2017 and is being held at Stoke Rochford G.C.

This may be something open for discussion, however I could not help noticing that a Seniors competition called the 'Keith Taylor Trophy' for which we pushed Ben to accept another Board being erected in the clubhouse, is omitted from the list of board competitions and doesn't even appear in the Competitions Bible.

Roger Mayhew

JUNIOR ORGANISER

Report to January 2017 Committee Meeting

Christmas Competition attended by 11 kids – down on last year but some of the Peterborough schools still had not broken up on 21st December. Cost had gone up to £20 from £10 last year, which may have affected numbers, though I still think offered decent value.

Junior Championship was held on the same day – Congrats to Jake Barnes who triumphed, Isabel Davies was runner up. Aiming to restore it to a summer spot this year – hopefully the number of entrants will increase.

I've now got my DBS certificate – just need to attend a Safeguarding Children in Golf workshop to complete the formalities.

I've just received the application pack from the PGA for the Level 1 volunteer coaching course – still likely to be a couple of months before I go.

Matthew is about to start some coaching at Peterborough Regional College. Aimed at slightly older kids – the last couple of sessions will be at Elton so hopefully they can see what's on offer.

Junior Golf Passport will recommence in February. Hopefully, all the kids who've completed the first 2 sections will continue, and maybe a few new faces.

Started putting together a competition programme for the upcoming season – all weekend events will be during the afternoon when it's a little quieter. I'm also going to try and get all the Juniors & Parents/Guardians together in Feb/March to run through these plans.

Just finishing a piece to go to Zoe for inclusion in the Furze Flyer.

Colin

Men's Hcp / Competitions Secretary

Report to January 2017 Committee Meeting

January 2017 Program issued.

Competitions.

December Stableford, Xmas Comps, Winter League round 4, 5 & 6, January Stableford, 3 club challenge and the Ashley Martin all completed.

Club V1

Issue around Knock out charges, unable to get detailed print out, Club V1 are investigating (still ongoing).

Cost for additional Psi screen

Will cover in main agenda AOB

Adverse Weather Conditions

Procedure for suspension of play, cancelling a competition, abandoning a competition.

Pace of play

See main agenda item 10

England golf

Non-Qualifying competitions see main agenda item 9

Rob Stone & Andy Anderson

Competition & Handicap Secretaries

Report to January 2017 Committee Meeting

Ladies Intermediate League

Elton Furze were asked to host the competition in September 2017. Ben Martin gave us a date of Thursday 28th September. When I informed Northamptonshire Golf Ltd of the date we were then told it needed to be played at a weekend. I went back to Ben who told me this was not possible. I am still waiting for Mary McLaren to come back to me but she indicated we may have to withdraw. I forwarded her email to Ben and I have since spoken to him and he has asked me to keep him informed of the situation. In all correspondence we had regarding this competition it did not state we had to have a weekend date. I will keep you updated.

Opens

Opens are listed on Golf Empire and the Elton Furze website and entries have started to arrive.

I had a meeting with Captain Marilyn Smith & Vice Captain Jenny Walters to go through the diary for the coming year.

Handicap review was carried out with Handicap Secretaries and Competition secretaries also the Seniors Competition Secretary. All members notified of changes and posted on the relevant notice boards.

We have received a new directive from England Golf, which is on the agenda item9. Sue is attending a handicap meeting with NGL on 28th January and she can put forward any questions we have about the change.

Attached is a copy of the new directive for you to consider, please take time to read it and let have your opinion.

Barbara Stone Ladies Secretary & Sue Anderson Handicap Secretary



Recording of Non-Qualifying Scores - Amended Wording

From 1st January 2017 England Golf require **players to return all scores in competitive golf in Non-Qualifying Competitions away from the players home clubs**, to assist handicap committees with handicap reviews. (CONGU UHS - Clause 4.5b/8.12).

England Golf has made this decision in order to promote the integrity of the system, and maintain player confidence in handicapping.

Please note these scores must not directly affect a player's handicap, but should be used as 'supporting evidence' of performance when it comes to a handicap review.

Individual scores or Team results must be returned in all Singles, Am-Am and 4BBB with the exception of Texas Scrambles, Foursomes and Greensome competitions, or casual social rounds.

In addition to this, clubs should also be aware of regular roll-ups that take place at their club, and the performance of players in the various formats of those roll ups, without the need to formally record individual scores.

To assist with the return of scores, we advise that clubs outline a process to allow players to record these scores.

It is recommended that this is done directly to the Handicap Committee, and that the Committee keep a copy of all information for the current year and one previous year. The information does not have to be recorded on the handicap software, but should be stored in a format that can be used for any handicap review.

Information to be recorded:

- Date of Competition
- Format of Competition (inc Handicap Allowance)
- Venue/Course
- Tees used
- SSS of Course
- Names of playing partners (if a team/pairs event)
- Score returned

Failure to return these scores by the player could result in loss or suspension of handicap under clause 24.1.

To minimise the work load of the club committee, we have produced a template form that clubs may use to allow players to record non-qualifying scores (Non-Qualifying Scores Return Form).

Guidance to Clubs running Open Competitions.

We also request that clubs running open competitions return the scores of the top 5 places to the player's or team's home club. To assist with this, we have designed a pro forma that a club can complete and return. This could be done by post or email (Non-Qualifying Scores Open Return Form).

