

## Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2017

<b>Present:</b>	David Tansley	Chairman
	Trish Crighton	Treasurer
	David Smith	Men's Captain
	Marilyn Smith	Ladies' Captain
	Roger Mayhew	Seniors' 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
	Paul Bolden	Members' Representative
	Sue Dibble	Members' Representative
	Liz Johnson	Members' Representative
	Chris Cordery	Secretary

**Apologies:** Andy Anderson, Sue Anderson

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<b>Introduction</b> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Committee meeting.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.	
3	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 January 2017 were approved.	
4	<b>Matters Arising and/or Carried Forward</b> All actions from the previous meeting had been taken with the exception of finding out from the Seniors' Section whether they wanted their competitions recorded in the Club's Competitions' Bible. Colin, as Secretary to the Seniors' Section, agreed to take this issue to the next Seniors' Committee meeting and find out.	Colin
5	<b>Reports</b> All reports sent to the Committee ahead of the meeting were accepted and the following additional points were discussed ... <u>Chairman</u> The Committee drew the Chairman's attention to two issues connected with the Proprietor's responsibilities that had not yet been resolved and David T was asked to raise these with Ben at their next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was still no process in place for Captains to be informed of the names and contact details of new members so that they could welcome them to the Club.</li> <li>• The Members' section of the Club website was still badly out of date and whilst the meeting accepted that this may not be a high priority for the Office, Club members should at least be informed of when the website was likely to be brought up to date.</li> </ul>	David T

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ladies' Section reported the poor state of their 8<sup>th</sup> tee and asked for its repair to be made a high priority in the scheduling of course maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>Whilst referring to matters that were more properly the responsibility of the Proprietor, the Committee was reminded to suggest to Club members that they make more use of the Suggestions Box to make their ideas or general comments known to Ben.</p> <p>David T suggested that it might be a good idea to invite the new Head Greenkeeper, Matthew Francis, to the next Committee meeting to introduce himself and explain his plans for the course. The Committee considered this to be a good idea and Chris agreed to invite Matthew to the March Committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Trish had received a note from Andy Anderson questioning why there had been a large increase in the charge for trophy and board engraving this year. He had asked for a detailed breakdown of costs and whilst Trish was able to provide this, she suggested that this would involve a disproportionate amount of effort. The facts were that some engraving had not been done for 2 or 3 years and there had been a need to 'catch up'. This, plus the main Committee taking over responsibility for Seniors' trophies and boards, is what had made the charge higher than normal this year.</p> <p>In view of the question that Andy had asked, Trish agreed to work with Sue D to double-check the engraver's invoice and make sure that the Committee had been charged correctly.</p> <p><u>Ladies' Secretary</u> Barbara emphasised the success of running the Valentines Greensomes competition over two days this year. By doing so, participation had almost doubled, from 42 to 80 different players, compared with last year.</p> <p><u>Juniors' Organiser</u> Jenny asked Colin to let her have the names and handicaps of all Junior girls who were members of EF right now. This would be useful information for her to take to the Northamptonshire Golf county meeting that she would be attending next month.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Trish Sue D</p> <p>Colin</p>
6	<p><b>Plan for reducing contingency fund</b></p> <p>Following the January meeting Trish had been considering how to reduce the Committee's contingency fund, as required by the Club membership, and was concerned about attempting to do so too quickly. In her view this would create a high risk of running into a deficit, which she was keen to avoid. Overall, Trish's best estimate was that up to £1500 could be dispersed safely this year and the Committee discussed how this should be done. The following decisions were taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The highest priority was to purchase a substantial outdoor starter's clock for the first tee. This would be a way of spending money for the benefit of the membership generally and would support the Committee's Pace of Play project. Peter Burgess had previously undertaken some costings for this type of clock and he was asked to bring some options to the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>David Tansley was asked to discuss this issue with Ben before the next meeting and get his agreement for such a clock to be installed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remaining contingency money should be distributed equally to the 3 Captains with some broad guidelines to ensure that it was spent on initiatives that would benefit a large proportion of Club members. Trish</li> </ul>	<p>Peter</p> <p>David T</p> <p>Trish</p>



9	<p><b>Correspondence</b> There was no correspondence to bring to this meeting.</p>	
10	<p><b>Any other business</b> <u>11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Tees</u> Paul mentioned that the 14<sup>th</sup> tee was in a poor state of repair and David T agreed to find out from Ben, at their next meeting, what his plans were for improving it.</p> <p>Alan suggested that a permanent artificial surface should be provided in the area of the 11<sup>th</sup> tee where grass didn't grow well. This would enable the real grass surface to be used only for competitions, thus minimising wear and tear. Apparently Ben had previously agreed to this and David T was asked to check what his plans were.</p> <p><u>Club Diary</u> David S reminded the Committee that it was Competition Secretaries, not Captains, who were responsible for co-ordinating inputs for subsequent years' diaries. Competition Secretaries would, however, need to work closely with Vice-Captains to ensure they were involved in putting together the diaries that would be theirs when they became Captains.</p> <p><u>Length of Course</u> Rob reported that Andy had asked Ben to ensure that winter tees were not moved so far forward that the course length was reduced by more than 100 yards. This was because CONGU regulations required clubs to maintain their course playing distances and any competition that was played on a course that was more than 100 yards short of its stipulated length would have to be 'non-qualifying' for handicap adjustment purposes. [Please note that Andy has subsequently reported that he has asked Ben to ensure that on competition days tees are placed not more than 5 yards forward of the measured course markers on each tee, acknowledging that this is not possible on the 11<sup>th</sup> in winter.]</p>	Andy Barbara Vice-Cs
11	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next 2 meetings will be held at 6.00pm on: 21 March 2017 18 April 2017 (please note: this is in Easter week)</p>	All

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

David Tansley  
Chairman

21 March 2017

## Chairman's Report

### Committee Meeting 21st February 2017

I met with Ben in early February and we had a wide-ranging discussion relating to our golf club. I felt the meeting was very positive and despite the difficulties of a national decline in golfers I sense Ben is committed to the long-term future of golf at Elton Furze.

He wants our club to be the best golfing experience possible for all wishing to play at Elton, and always welcomes constructive ideas to improve the club and course. He only asks members to recognise that financial considerations have to be taken into account when considering improvements to the club and course.

We both recognised the importance of the committee and club working together to promote Elton Furze. Ben paid tribute to the hard work carried out by the committee to this end and highlighted the organisation of open competitions at the club as an example of this.

We discussed the roles and responsibilities of both the club committee and himself as club owner. We broadly agreed the roles were the same as had been agreed last year with a small caveat on slow play which we will discuss at the February meeting. All committee members should be made aware of these responsibilities.

I offered him an open invitation to attend any of our committee meetings for which he was grateful. I suggested Matthew our new Head Ground Keeper might wish to attend our meeting in March to get to know the committee a little better and advise us of his plans for the coming season. Ben was in favour of this and with the committee's approval I will invite Matthew to this meeting.

David Tansley

## Men's Captain's Report

### Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

On 7<sup>th</sup> February I attended the CAGU meeting where the draw for the Burrige Cup was made. EFGC was drawn at home against The Cambridgeshire Hall Mark. EFGC are in the top group of the second half so if successful would have home matches until the final. Paul Priston has agreed to run this for me. I wish him and his team all the best.

We were also given more information about the CAGU Inter Club Greensomes League. We were put in the same group as March, Lakeside Lodge and Old Nene, to play each other home and away. The timescale given was very short with us having to complete all our matches by the end of June. Bearing in mind our diaries have already been completed, there are 2 games I identified we could not play at the weekend in the time slots given. These will have to be evening matches if they can be arranged. I will be sending out a notice to male members shortly asking for help to support us in this competition. Depending on how it goes, I believe the men's section would need to consider if this competition takes priority over friendly matches next year, as the diary is pretty congested.

The next quiz night takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> February and I am also working towards our Charity Quiz on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. I have already managed to get 2 teams to come from outside the club to increase the numbers. I would ask Committee members if they only go to one quiz night a year please make it this one and encourage other family and friends to join them. (I can guarantee there are no questions on pop music 2016, or 2015!) . The majority of the questions have been set by Parkinson's UK.

David Smith

Ladies' Captain

## Report to February 2017 Committee Meeting

Another very short report as nothing is really happening at the moment.

The first draw for the 100 Club was made at January's quiz evening, the winners being:

Anna Horrell £100

Graeme Shacklock £25

Steve Furzeland £25

The next draw will be at the February quiz evening.

There has been concern from quite a few ladies about the ladies' tee on the 8<sup>th</sup>, which is in a very poor condition. It has been uneven for quite some time now, but it is now being churned up by animals digging.

It is pleasing to see that the match sign-up sheets are starting to fill up, although the men's sheet for the mixed matches is still a little light!

Marilyn Smith

## SENIORS' CAPTAIN

### Report to February 2017 Committee Meeting

The year has been very quiet up to date. The Seniors' Captain's Drive-In will be played out on the 7<sup>th</sup> March for the benefit of my charity (the EAAA service ). Anyone wishing to participate in guessing the total yardage that Alan and myself will hit the ball off the first tee, can find the yardage sheets on the bar counter. The cost is just £1.00.

The team sheets will soon be on the board for the start of our friendly inter-club matches, the first being a home match against Cambridge Meridian.

Our winter competitions are nearing completion and are due to be completed by the end of March.

I think that's all for now, see you Tuesday.

Roger Mayhew

## JUNIOR ORGANISER

### Report to February 2017 Committee Meeting

Will be attending a safeguarding Children in golf workshop on March 6<sup>th</sup> with Zoe. This should enable the club to attain Golfmark accreditation.

Proving a little frustrating finding a suitable PGA Level 1 course – understandably they're spread all over the country, with a reasonable number at the Belfry. Unfortunately the early April one clashes with half term when I need to be home for Esme. Hopefully there'll be something suitable in the next release of courses. For what it's worth I'll be shadowing Matthew on the Seniors Monday coffee mornings, to get a feel for it.

Junior Golf Passport recommences on Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>). Not sure of final numbers yet, but hoping for some new faces.

Competition wise aim to start with (from April) monthly events on the same weekend, but opposite day and after lunch, as the regular monthly medals. I'll put some words together (with the help of our new Comms person) for distribution to all members. I'll also include with it a date for all to meet up in the clubhouse, if people wish, to discuss plans and ideas.

Colin

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Report to February 2017 Committee Meeting

The balance of the current account as at 31.01.17 was £5131.45 and the deposit account £5006.07.

Money paid into the bank in January was £1751.00. The invoice to Ben for January competitions was £474.00.

Money paid out in January was £8001.47 which included £6610 to Rett UK being the funds raised by the 2016 Captains and £877.61 for trophy engraving.

The trophy engraving is a lot higher than previous years (this used to average around £200 pa) for two reasons (i) we are covering the cost of the seniors trophies as well as the main club and (ii) none of the seniors trophies and some of the main club trophies do not appear to have been engraved for a few years so there have been several trophies that needed 2/3 years engraving on them.

Liabilities are as follows:-

Prize Fund £1519.44  
Charity Fund £820.00  
Skelton Eclectic Fund £590.37  
11 months 100 Club prizes £1650.00  
Computer Fund £996.00

With regards to reducing our reserves during 2017 I am proposing that we look in the first instance to allocate £1000 to the three captains with the probability of doing the same for 2018. This item is on the agenda for further discussion at the meeting.

Trish Crighton

## Handicap Committee Report to February 2017 Committee meeting

### England Golf Changes to the Status of Non-Qualifying Competitions

The following were agreed as initial guidelines to deal with the new requirement from England Golf to take into account non-qualifying competitions when considering adjustments to handicaps.

1. Handicap committee to meet at end of March, June and September to review data received from away and home scores.
2. Arrange for organisers of our club swindles to provide best 5 cards and poor scoring from each event they organise, making allowance for swindle to club handicaps.
3. Re-look at initial handicap allocation every three months in the first year.
4. Any open events at Elton to forward the top 5 scores to relevant clubs.
5. For our players when competing in opens we prefer the team to fill out a duplicate card and return to relevant Handicap Secretary. Alternatively, take a photo of the card and e-mail to Handicap Secretary.

Elton Golf Club Handicap Committee

7.2.2017

## Hcp / Competitions Secretary

### Report to February 2017 Committee Meeting

February 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. Winter League Rnd 6 completed, final placings and k/o draw issued, Valentine Greensomes completed, Sunday & Wednesday, good response (40 teams over the 2 days, extra tees added on Wednesday)

#### *Club V1*

Issue around Knockout charges, unable to get detailed print out, Club V1 are investigating (sent e-mail 14/02/17 asking for update).

#### *Adverse Weather Conditions*

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

#### *Pace of play*

See attached timings for Winter League round 6

#### *Qualifying Competitions (measured Course)*

Need to ensure that for qualifying competitions, off the yellow tee's that it does not reduce below the measured course, Andy has sent Ben an e-mail making him aware of the requirements.

Rob Stone & Andy Anderson

## Ladies' Competition & Handicap Report

### Report to February 2017 Committee Meeting

#### Intermediate League

Ben Martin has very kindly agreed to offer the ladies' a Sunday fixture. The match Elton will host is on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 at 2pm-3pm.

Ladies' Summer K/Out is now live on the Psi screen.

40 pairs have signed up for the Valentine Greensomes this year, last year we had 21 pairs. Ben very kindly agreed to adding two extra Tee slots due to the demand. We still had another three couples who were unable to play. Definitely worth putting this competition over the two days. Although it has felt like we are running a dating agency! A lovely thought from one of our members who gave his playing partner a bunch of flowers, Men please take note!!!

Good response so far for the Mixed Open. The Ladies' Open a little slower due to it being held on a Sunday, quite a few of our regulars not entering for this reason as Sunday is a family day.

The Seniors' committee have been informed of the new EGU directive, and are happy to help put this in place.

The ladies' fun competitions on Wednesday are to entered into the computer as from this week (payment still to be paid in the Pro shop for these events) so a record of the team events are available.

Barbara Stone & Sue Anderson