

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2016

Present:	David Smith	Chairman & Men's Vice-Captain
	Trish Crighton	Treasurer
	Mbachi Nkana	Men's Captain
	Sue Dibble	Ladies' Captain
	David Tansley	Seniors' Captain
	Marilyn Smith	Ladies' Vice-Captain
	Roger Mayhew	Seniors' Vice-Captain
	Andy Anderson	Men's Competitions Secretary
	Barbara Stone	Ladies' Competition Secretary
	Rob Stone	Men's Handicap Secretary
	Sue Anderson	Ladies' Handicap Secretary
	Brian Draper	Men's Representative
	Julian Peck	Men's Representative
	Paul Bolden	Men's Representative
	Chris Cordery	Secretary

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising/ Carried over Captains' Invitational – carried forward to May meeting.</p> <p>Trophy review – Julian and Paul were asked to complete their review of trophies by the next meeting.</p> <p>Prizes for overall monthly medal/stableford winners to be progressed – Mbachi to discuss financial feasibility and implications with Trish.</p>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Julian Paul</p> <p>Mbachi Trish</p>
5	<p>Reports <u>Chairman's Report</u> David reported on recent discussions he had had with Ben.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was recognised that the development of the Juniors' section was not progressing as quickly as the Committee would like. Ben had invested in a passport scheme that tracks juniors' development. Tim had organised events for juniors and continues with Sunday morning sessions. Ben expects progress when the new pro is appointed. Barbara agreed to speak with Paul Davies, whose son was interested in golf, to see whether he would be prepared to co-ordinate a Juniors' section. • Ben had received a number of applications for the vacant Club Professional position and he hoped to make an appointment by the end of April. • Tree cutting in the area identified for future chalets was being undertaken more for woodland management than for any other reason. 	<p>Barbara</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees for 2016-17 would be £850, an increase of 4% over last year, which, Ben believed, was less than comparable clubs in the area. <p><u>Written Reports</u> Written reports (see attachments) circulated by other members of the Committee before the meeting were accepted.</p>	
6	<p>Social Events David S reported on a conversation with Ben about minimum numbers for social events. This issue came to light when a Whist Drive had been planned for April but the organisers discovered that Ben required a minimum number of 25 people to attend. The Committee understood the Proprietor's need for financial viability, but considered that sometimes small losses may be necessary before momentum in social events could be built up over time.</p> <p>Terry and Elly Toyne had been the main organisers of these events and as a result of Ben's position they had decided to withdraw their support for them.</p> <p>The Committee decided not to try to organise social events during the summer period and return to the subject later in the year.</p>	
7	<p>Appeal against disqualification from Easter Texas Scramble Jeremy Spurgeon and his team had been disqualified from the Easter Texas Scramble because they missed their tee time and played outside the time slot available for this competition. Jeremy appealed against this decision on the grounds of 'Exceptional circumstances' (as allowed by the Rules of Golf) and the Committee had to decide whether to support or overturn the original decision.</p> <p>The facts were laid before meeting and Jeremy's appeal was taken into account. Whilst the Committee appreciated Jeremy's and others' efforts to get golf played despite difficult weather conditions and some people failing to turn up to complete their teams, it was not persuaded that 'Exceptional circumstances' applied.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Committee considered that it was essential to be consistent in its application of competition rules. Over the past few months other disqualifications had been made in similar circumstances and the Committee could not see any reason to treat this situation differently.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the result was 13 in favour of the original decision to stand; one against; Chairman non-voting.</p> <p>Jeremy Spurgeon's appeal was, therefore, turned down and Chris, as Secretary, was asked to let him know.</p>	Chris
8	<p>Appeal against decision to be excluded from Summer Knockout draws Bob Coombe had applied to enter Summer Knockout pairs competitions but he was in breach of the Club's competition rules because he did not have a 'c' annotated handicap. As a result, he had been excluded from the draw and Bob was asking the Committee to reconsider this decision.</p> <p>Bob would have liked to have put his case to the Committee in person, but personal circumstances prevented him from doing so.</p> <p>The facts were laid before the meeting and Bob's appeal was read out in full.</p> <p>The Committee concluded that the rules were clear and well promulgated and that no-one could have any legitimate reason for not knowing them.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Committee considered that it was essential to be consistent in</p>	

	<p>A vote was taken on whether, on the basis of the evidence Bob had provided, he should be allowed to use a buggy to play in golf competitions. The result was:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5 in favour; 8 against; one abstention and Chairman non-voting.</p> <p>As a result, Bob's request to use a buggy in competitions was turned down. Chris was asked to let Bob know of the Committee's decision.</p> <p>This subject led to further discussion about to extent to which the Committee helps people in this situation to get doctors' certificates. Rob had undertaken some research on the internet had found a template that might be useful. Chris agreed to consider this and send something similar to Bob so that he might ask his doctor simply to sign it. The Committee thought that doctors' might be more willing to do this than compile their own letters and this, in turn, might help our members to comply with our use of buggy regulations when they needed to do so.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p>
11	<p>Any Other Business David T asked for a grant of £60 for prizes for the forthcoming Seniors vs Ladies match. This was approved with one abstention.</p>	<p>David T Trish</p>
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 May 2016 starting at 7.00 pm – subsequently changed to Tuesday 10 May due to room availability.</p>	

These minutes are an accurate record of the meeting held on 5 April 2016.

David Smith
Chairman
10 May 2016