

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2017

Present:	David Tansley Trish Crighton Marilyn Smith Roger Mayhew Peter Burgess Jenny Walters Colin Bayliss Rob Stone Sue Anderson Andy Anderson Barbara Stone Sue Dibble Liz Johnson Chris Cordery	Chairman Treasurer Ladies' Captain Seniors' Captain Men's Vice-Captain Ladies' Vice-Captain Juniors' Organiser Men's Handicap Secretary Ladies' Handicap Secretary Men's Competitions' Secretary Ladies' Secretary Members' Representative Members' Representative (Communications Coordinator) Secretary
Apologies:	Paul Bolden, David Smith	
Absent:	Alan Turner	

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Introduction The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.	
2	Apologies The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.	
3	Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 April 2017 were approved.	
4	Matters Arising Peter and Andy announced that final commissioning of the Clock would take place on Friday (25 May) and installation was expected to take place next week. Liz and Chris agreed to work together to provide some internal publicity for Club members linking this subject to the England Golf Pace of Play case study. Chris apologised for causing upset to members of the Competitions and Handicap Committee who objected to the wording of a message he had sent connected with the scope of that group. Offence had not been intended and the purpose of the message had been a gentle reminder about the need to get the balance right between taking some decisions autonomously and referring others to the main Committee.	Liz/Chris
5	Reports All reports sent to the Committee ahead of the meeting were accepted and the following additional points were discussed ... <u>Chairman</u> David T gave a summary of a recent meeting he had had with Ben: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club had gained and lost a few members this year – the net effect would not be known for a few weeks but it was likely that losses and gains would more or less even out • New ball washers were being ordered 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben had no plans to use England Golf’s case study about EF’s Pace of Play project to promote the Club externally • The Club was offering a new kind of promotional membership: 4 months of full membership. Ben hoped that some people, having experienced being a member of EF, would want to take out annual membership • Plans for 3 chalets were still being developed • The course maintenance list that had been discussed between the Head Greenkeeper and the Committee in March would be progressed over time <p><u>Seniors’ Captain</u> Roger asked whether there was a stock of Club ties that could be sold to members who wanted them. No-one could throw any light on this, so the Committee decided to purchase a new stock. Preliminary enquiries indicated that new ties were likely to cost £8.80 each if 50 were ordered and if this proved to be the case the Committee decided to sell them for £10.00. Trish was asked to place the necessary order and make sure that, once received, the stock was kept on inventory.</p> <p><u>Ladies’ Secretary</u> Barbara thanked everyone who had helped make the Mixed Open, held on 20 May, so successful and the Committee thanked Barbara for her outstanding work organising the overall day.</p> <p><u>Juniors’ Organiser</u> Colin asked whether Club funds could be used to pay for him to seek to gain a Level 1 coaching qualification so that he could help the Club Professional with teaching juniors. The cost would be £240. This was approved with the proviso that it would be paid out of the Skelton Eclectic fund, which was for Juniors’ development and had not been utilised for a number of years.</p>	Trish
6	<p>Correspondence Ed Conduit had written to the Committee and Ben to complain about the new rule requiring competitors in the Club’s most high-profile trophy events to play in 5 paid qualifying competitions. Chris had responded, on behalf of the Committee, by explaining the reasons for this regulation. However, Ed wasn’t satisfied and had replied to say that he felt he had “no alternative” but to resign from the Club. As a result, this was now a matter for Ben to handle, not the Committee.</p>	
7	<p>Any other business <u>Club shirts</u> The Committee was informed that recently some members of the Club’s representative teams had been seen not wearing Club colours (white shirts) when playing in matches. There was a strong feeling that if people were to represent the Club by playing in matches they should be willing to wear team colours. Captains were asked to reinforce this message and encourage players to wear the correct clothing.</p> <p><u>Course Paths</u> Peter reported that Ben had agreed to purchase new material with which to resurface course paths. This was a kind of dust free brick which should be a much better surface than the current tarmac/asphalt aggregate. The new material would be trialled on the path near the 4th tee in the first instance.</p>	Captains

	<p><u>Overgrown ditches</u> Andy had conducted some research into the current state of ditches on the course and put his summary into a sheet attached to these minutes. A number of ditches were becoming over-grown with large leaf weeds and this was sometimes making it time-consuming for players to find their golf balls. This might start to have an adverse effect on Pace of Play and David T was asked to take this up with Ben when he next spoke with him.</p> <p>An idea to ask Club members to volunteer to assist with ditch clearing was not supported and the Committee took a decision not to pursue this.</p> <p><u>Juniors' tees</u> Colin reported that Juniors' tees had still not been put out on the course. David T informed the meeting that this was taking time because Ben was considering installing some kind of artificial teeing areas with concrete bases for Juniors', but the Committee could not see how this was going to work without adversely affecting the look and playability of the course.</p> <p><u>Juniors' trophy</u> Sue mentioned that Matthew Rea had obtained a cut-glass trophy from the Golf Foundation, which was to be awarded to the 'Most Improved Junior' each year.</p> <p><u>Ladies' Club Championship</u> Barbara reported that road closures associated with the Cambridgeshire Cycle time trials to be held during the weekend of the Club Championships might make timings difficult for the Ladies' event on 4 June. At this stage, it was difficult to know how to respond until Ben had found out further information about exact timings of road closures.</p> <p><u>Hedge on left of 3rd fairway</u> Some visiting men who had played in the Mixed Open at the weekend had mentioned that the 3rd hole was particularly difficult from the white tees because of the somewhat overgrown hedge on the left of the fairway. The Committee considered that such challenges were part of playing golf and did not propose to suggest that the hedge should be cut back in any way other than during routine maintenance.</p>	David T
8	<p>Dates of Next Meetings The next meetings will be held at 6.00pm on: 20 June 2017 18 July 2017</p>	All

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

David Tansley
Chairman
20 June 2017

Chairman's Report

Committee Meeting 23rd May 2017

I met with Ben on Tuesday 25th April to discuss matters raised at our April committee meeting. The results of our meeting were as follows:

Course Matters

Placing red stakes along the ditch to the right of the 1st tee. Agreed.

Placing red stakes to the "playing side" of the pond on the 14th hole. Agreed, subject to stakes not contravening the rules of golf.

Position junior tees in an appropriate position about 160 yards from the green on all holes. Agreed.

Ben was sure all these items would be in place before the committee meeting in May.

I complimented him on the improvement made to the bunker on the 12th hole.

Other Matters

I advised Ben that matters agree in committee would be brought to him by the committee chairman. Club members (including committee members) could of course bring concerns to Ben on their own behalf but that such items did not necessarily have the backing of the committee.

We discussed the issue relating to new members and Ben advised he had a procedure in place which included a welcome pack and a face to face meeting with new prospective members. He advised that different members had different requirements and that his procedures must satisfy these needs. For example, some players wanted a low key entry to the club and wished only to play socially with friends who were already members. Some of these players did not want to meet with club captains at this early stage of their membership. Naturally their wishes had to be respected.

Despite this Ben would welcome ideas from the committee on how new members' experience could be improved and what involvement the committee might have in this process.

Ben remained broadly in favour of the layout and design of the proposed clock for the 1st tee. He is working with the Vice-Captain to progress the clock.

Club rating on web site. Ben had spoken to the web site about the adverse comment posted about E.F.G.C. and asked to be put in touch with the person who made the comment so he could try to address his concerns. Although this matter remains on going, following Ben's call the comment has been withdrawn from the site and E.F.G.C. has been restored to 100% approval rating.

Ben acknowledged the ladies changing room/toilets needed attention. It was planned to have carried out this work by now. Unfortunately, a major fault had occurred with the septic tank that had to be rectified at significant cost to the club. This unforeseen expenditure had put back the work planned for the ladies changing room which however remains a high priority and will be actioned as soon as possible. The ladies can be assured they will not go through another winter with no heating in their changing room!

David Tansley

Ladies' Captain

Report to May 2017 Committee Meeting

The fourth draw for the 100 Club was made after April's committee meeting, the winners being

Susannah Ivens £100

Terry Francis £25

Kathleen Hopkins £25

The next draw will be at the May Committee meeting.

Match results for the past month are:

Ladies v Tydd St Giles Home –we lost 1.5 to 2.5

Ladies v Oundle Away – we lost 1 to 3.

Mixed match v Tydd St Giles Away – we won 3.5 to 2.5

The ladies have unfortunately lost their first 2 Cecil Leitch matches which were away to Overstone and Brampton.

The ladies had a very enjoyable away day to Ramsey GC. Thanks to Liz Titheridge, Sue Saunders, Anthea Cresswell and Margaret Seed for arranging this.

The Mixed Open was held on Saturday 20th and was very successful. Thank you from both David and myself must go to Barbara for organising this so well, and to Jenny for helping with registration, George and Rob for doing the starting, and the club house staff for looking after everyone and supplying a lovely meal.

The Captains Charity raised £340, which was absolutely brilliant.

Marilyn Smith

Men's Captains Report

Committee Meeting 23rd May 2017

A busy time for the Men's Section and many thanks for those who have given up their time to play.

CAGU Friendly league

3 matches played. All won. Currently 8 points clear with 2 matches to play

Jock Stewart - unfortunately lost due to a misunderstanding of the categories

Scratch league- halved one and lost one

Goddard cup - lost to Ely

Friendly match - halved the match with Rutland County. Thanks to Paul Priston for looking after this due to my and the Vice Captain otherwise committed

Derek Burridge Cup – An emphatic 4.5 to 0.5 win over Girton

Many thanks to those who attended the Captains away day at Rutland Water with 18 attending. Apart from 1 heavy shower we had a great day. Congratulations to Tony Kane who showed us all the way with 35 points. Congratulations to the Chairman who received a special prize!

The Lady Captain and myself are now working towards Charity day on 17th June. Members will receive a number of emails going forward.

David Smith

Seniors' Captain

Report to 23 May 2017 Committee Meeting

The spring dinner on 28 April went off well, most members enjoyed the evening although those who had the chicken found the skin a little on the tough side, possibly due to the method used to keep it hot. The charity raffle went well raising £210 for the East Anglia Air Ambulance. I had a work with Ben regarding use of the Pond on the 6th hole as my 'charity raising hazard' and he said that was fine as long as I wasn't too forceful.

I'm finding it a bit of a struggle to raise a team for our inter club matches, I found myself spending many hours ringing around for possible seniors to play in them. On a number of occasions I have had to rely on the senior Ladies to step in and save the day. However Myles has helped me by setting me up as a manager, on his Google groups system, which should cut down the time spent trying to raise a team. Only time will tell. Looking at the bright side we have played 8 matches winning 5, losing 2 with one halved. My vice captain Alan with the help of Colin Baylis have got the Seniors Summer Double Eclectic up and running now.

I have a problem with club ties that I will raise in 'any other business'.

That's all for now.

Roger Mayhew

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report to May 2017 Committee Meeting

The balance of the current account as at 30.04.17 was £9667.74 and the deposit account £3000.00.

Money paid into the bank in April was £3753.71, this includes £2300.00 for entries to the Mixed Open. Money paid out totalled £960.00, including Mixed Open prizes but there will still be the cost of the food and other sundry items to come in.

Liabilities:-

£4265.24	Prize Fund
£1290.00	Charity Fund
£590.37	Skelton Eclectic Fund
£1200.00	8 months 100 Club prizes
£996.00	Computer Fund
£59.40	Match Food for Jock Stewart Match 28.4.17
<u>£681.00</u>	Men's Away Day
£9082.01	

Assets:

£9667.74	Bank Account
£3000.00	Deposit Account
<u>£2094.00</u>	April Competitions
£14761.71	

Trish Crighton

Ladies' Competition & Handicap Report

Report to May 2017 Committee Meeting

Ladies' Coronation Foursomes

Winners J Butler & B Stone 38 points. Runners up E Johnson & J Ross 33 points.

Ladies' Golf Trust Stapleford

Winner B Stone 35 points. Runner Up Alex Banham 33 points.

Coronation Foursomes

Pauline Hurley & Sue Pawson lost in the 3rd round to Luffenham Heath.

Club Championships

Very poor turn out this year only 8 ladies entered. This is due to holiday commitments and the fact quite a few ladies saying they cannot do 36 holes in one day. Ben Martin has spoken with me regarding access on the day due to the bike race, Ben is still waiting for confirmation on the road closure and will inform members as soon as possible of access times.

Rudkin Salver

Last year we had 12 pairs. We are running alternate days and have 28 pairs.

Ladies Invitation day

Sign-up sheet has been posted on the Ladies' notice board.

Mixed Open

I shall report next month.

Ladies' Open filling up nicely.

We have added the Pro Shop telephone number on information leaflets in case of emergencies.

Handicaps (Sue Anderson)

At the Ladies' Away Day (Ramsey), the ladies were supplied with the Q & A sheets that had been produced by England Golf to emphasise the importance of returning away scores. Some of the ladies were unsure of when they should return card, so we hope that this ensure that all cards are returned in future. We will endeavour to supply a copy to the ladies that were unable to attend the away day. We will also put a copy on the main club notice board.

Barbara Stone Competition Secretary & Sue Anderson Handicap Secretary

Handicap / Competitions Secretary

Report to May 2017 Committee Meeting

June 2017 Program issued.

Competitions.

All competitions completed upto 19/05/17

Review of PGA and Elton Masters max handicap limits (on going)

Pace of Play

Article being published in England Golf News Letter

Club V1

No issues at the moment

Rob Stone & Andy Anderson

JUNIOR ORGANISER

Report to May 2017 Committee Meeting

Current block of 4 Junior Passport sessions will be completed this coming Sunday (June 28th). 8 kids, all of whom are what you may call “regulars”, have been involved.

First Junior comp. took place on 7th May and was won by Esme Bayliss scoring 13pts off her 54 handicap. 3 kids (Esme, Isabel and Jack) went off the red/yellow tees and Rachel, aged 9, went from around 160 yds out with a 54 handicap – as she scored 27 points she will be our first Junior handicap cut! Next competition scheduled for Sunday 11th June 2.30ish.

From Thursday 8th June will be running some weekly practice sessions after school to try and get all the Juniors together. Emphasis will be on fun, with a competitive edge. Could introduce a second evening session if demand is there.

Have finally found a suitable Level 1 coaching course (at Essendon, Hertfordshire) on 9th/10th July. Just need the committee to agree the £240 expenditure please – I need to book by June 2nd.

Hoping to meet Peter Horsted from NGL at our next competition day so he can outline NGU plans to us all.

No new developments on the Academy or Junior tees.

Colin Bayliss

Observations of ditches on 22nd May 2017.

Now that we are well into the growing season, the aggressive vegetation that are present in the following ditches, will have a negative effect on the pace of play.

Also from the tee on some holes, it is not possible to view the point of entry to the ditches listed below, to give players a guide as to where to commence looking, and to play their next shot.

We suggest these ditches be kept clear of vegetation on a regular basis.

Hole No	Position on hole	Area to be kept clear of vegetation
2	Left	Pond onward to path to 6 th Hole
3	Left	End of hedge on left to green
5	Left	Start of path on left to level with back of green
6	Left	Lateral hazard to the Willow tree near 9 th Tee
7	Across/ Left	Ditch across fairway and from bridge to end of bunker.
8	Across	Ditch running across in front of tees.
9	Left	100 yards back from the bridge accessing 10 th and forward from bridge to the path in front of clubhouse
11	Across	Ditch running across fairway
13	Left	Ladies tee to the corner plus opposite the green.
15	Left	100 yards back from end of ditch at green.
17	Across	Ditch in front of tees.
18	Left	From beyond the left bunker back to end of lateral hazard.

Priority List would be;

Holes 2 : 3 : 5 : & 9

Competitions and Handicap Committee.

23/05/2017