

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5 December 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
Rob Stone	Men's Handicap Secretary
Barbara Stone	Ladies' Secretary
Brian Draper	Members' Representative
Paul Bolden	Members' Representative
Chris Cordery	Secretary

Apologies: Andy & Sue Anderson, Colin Bayliss

In Attendance: Jenny Walters, Alan Turner

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Jenny Walters and Alan Turner who had been elected onto the Committee from 1 January 2017.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies The Secretary recorded apologies for absence.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 November 2016 were approved.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising and/or Carried Forward David Smith, as Men's Captain 2017, informed the meeting that he had some ideas for refreshing the Captains' Invitational competition next year.</p>	
5	<p>Reports All reports sent to the Committee ahead of the meeting were accepted and the following points were added ...</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> The Chairman thanked everyone who had contributed to the organisation and running of the AGM, which, in his view, had been successful. He also thanked everyone who had submitted reports for this Committee meeting. These can be found as an Appendix to these minutes.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> There were no questions about the Treasurer's report but Brian Draper expressed concern that the Income/Expenditure Account presented at the AGM was misleading in one area. This did not cause an inaccuracy in the 'bottom line', but it represented a lack of clarity. The £224 shown under Computer Expenses for 2016, did not tell the full story about what the Committee had spent on IT because it was a net amount derived from income of £1335 from the members' levy and the amount actually spent, which was £1559. Brian suggested that income from the levy and actual expenditure should be shown separately because this would give a</p>	

	<p>clearer picture of income into the Club's account and expenditure on IT related items.</p> <p>The Income/Expenditure Account presented at the AGM had been proposed and accepted by that meeting and it was not possible to make substantive changes without calling another General Meeting, such as an EGM. This would entail a disproportional amount of effort given that such a meeting was unlikely to be of interest to the general membership because the point in question did not affect the 'bottom line' figures in the accounts.</p> <p>The meeting concluded that Chris Cordery, as Secretary, should add a footnote to the I/E Account contained as an Appendix in the minutes of the AGM so that the relevant figures were available to anyone who, in future, might wish to refer to them. Furthermore, Trish, as Treasurer, agreed that in future she would account for Computer Expenses in the way Brian had suggested.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Trish</p>
6	<p>Slow Play during Turkey Trot</p> <p>Whilst the first 2 groups that played in the Turkey Trot on 26 November had completed their rounds in 4 hours 6 min and 4 hours 11 min respectively, the 3rd group took 4 hours 37 min (26 min behind the group in front). Computer data shows that the field backed up from there and after the competition several players commented about how slow play had been.</p> <p>History indicates that Texas Scramble is a format that tends to be slow, but there should be no reason for it to be so. Lessons for Competitions Secretaries were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-ball competitions should have 10 min starting intervals, even in winter – this would have the effect of reducing the number of tee times available, but this particular competition (Turkey Trot) could, possibly, be linked with a Seniors' section event and played over two days • This kind of competition should be a high priority as far as allocating starters was concerned <p>The Committee discussed whether, in this case, a letter should be sent to the group that appeared to cause so many long rounds on the day. Such a letter would let the players concerned know about the effects of their pace of play on the rest of the field and ask them to make sure they kept up an appropriate pace of play in future. However, the consensus was that in this case the players concerned should have their pace of play monitored in future competitions before action of this kind was taken.</p>	
7	<p>Men's Captains' Ties</p> <p>Men's Captains' ties are given to Captains and past Captains each year and the Club's stock had now run out. Mbachi had proposed buying more and the Committee was informed that such merchandise was less expensive to buy in bulk.</p> <p>Trish, as Treasurer was asked to order 15 Captains and 15 past Captains ties because this number qualified for the lowest unit cost.</p>	<p>Trish</p>
8	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There was no correspondence brought to the attention of this meeting.</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Club Computer</u></p> <p>Rob Reported that the stand-alone computer was about 8 years old and the screen was not working properly. It was not clear where the fault lay and Mbachi agreed to undertake some diagnostic tests. David Smith suggested that since the computer was so old, if it was faulty it should be replaced.</p> <p><u>Engraving of Trophies</u></p> <p>Trish questioned who had responsibility for getting Seniors' trophies engraved. Paul declared that he was willing to undertake this task when he was dealing with Men's and Ladies' trophies, as long as the Seniors' section provided him with the necessary information.</p> <p>Paul and Roger were asked to work together in future to find an efficient way of getting trophies engraved for all sections of the Club.</p> <p><u>Damaged Trophies</u></p> <p>Sue reported that two trophies had become damaged. Neither was particularly expensive and the meeting agreed that Sue should replace them.</p> <p><u>Observations from an outgoing member</u></p> <p>Brian was leaving the Committee having served his term of 2 years and he offered 4 observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pace of Play project had been worthwhile • There was a danger that the age profile of the 2017 Committee could leave the younger element of the Club membership under represented • The Club's accounts were in better shape now than he had anticipated some time ago, but he suggested that the Committee should act to mitigate against the risk of lower income from competition entry fees in future • He considered that the Committee's relationship with the Club Proprietor needed to be nurtured carefully <p>The Chairman thanked Brian for his comments and for meeting the brief he gave him some time ago, to act as the Committee's conscience which he had done well.</p> <p><u>Visitors playing on Club competition days</u></p> <p>Mbachi reported that on Sunday a group of visitors tried to squeeze onto the golf course on the 10th tee in the middle of a weekend Stableford competition. The people concerned claimed to have been given permission by the Club Professional to do so, but Mbachi had turned them away and their green fees were refunded.</p> <p>Mbachi had sent an e-mail to the Proprietor and asked him to brief his shop staff on the correct instructions to give visitors in such circumstances. The Committee agreed to await Ben's reply before responding further.</p> <p><u>Document Archives</u></p> <p>Chris informed the Committee that he was looking for ways of archiving documents (mainly minutes of meetings) electronically, instead of keeping hard copies in folders kept in the so-called 'Committee cupboard'.</p> <p><u>Clubhouse photographs</u></p> <p>Chris reminded next year's Chairman and Captains to make sure they had photographs taken and printed in good time to be put into place on 1 January.</p>	<p>Paul / Roger</p> <p>Sue D</p> <p>David T / Captains</p>
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10	Date of Next Meeting The next 3 meetings were planned for 6.00pm on: 24 January 2017 21 February 2017 21 March 2017	All
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These minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

David Tansley
Chairman
24 January 2017