

Elton Furze Golf Club General Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held Monday 22 January 2018

Present:	David Tansley (DT)	Chairman
	Trish Crighton (TC)	Treasurer
	Peter Burgess (PB)	Men's Captain
	Jenny Walters (JW)	Ladies' Captain
	Nigel Widdowson (NW)	Seniors' Captain
	David Pope (DP)	Men's Vice-Captain
	Janet Elliott (JE)	Ladies' Vice-Captain
	Bill Livingstone (BL)	Senior's Vice-Captain
	Rob Stone (RS)	Men's Handicap Secretary
	Sue Anderson (SA)	Ladies' Handicap Secretary
	Andy Anderson (AA)	Men's Competition Secretary
	Barbara Stone (BA)	Ladies' Secretary
	Colin Bayliss (CB)	Juniors' Organiser
	Sue Dibble (SD)	Members' Representative
	Liz Johnson (LJ)	Secretary

Apologies: Paul Bolden (PB)

In attendance: Ben Martin (BM) Proprietor

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Received and recorded from PB. DT also apologised for the cancellation of the December meeting due to inclement weather as this was a useful meeting for incoming vice captains to attend. As he only returned from holiday the previous night he had not read the reports for this meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of meeting held on 7 November were approved</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising All actions from the previous meeting had been taken</p>	
5	<p>Reports <u>Ladies' Captain</u> LJ asked re 100 club. JW said, still spaces available, she was chasing up. TC commented the remaining spaces should be filled by end of February. JW had prepared posters for the notice board about the successful Captains' Drive In <u>Handicap/Competitions Secretary</u> DP asked about the PSI screen being vandalised. BM replied that the screen had been broken at a corporate evening, the organiser had agreed to pay the cost of replacing, current screen is on loan.</p>	

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Proprietor

BM thought that the relationship between himself and the committee should present a more positive role to the membership. The committee have to understand his perspective, he has no intention to disband the committee and things need to be understood from both sides which is paramount to a good working relationship. He felt recent minutes had been detrimental to the relationship and although he accepted they were a true record of the discussion, members could get the wrong idea about the relationship. BM is happy to attend meetings to provide his side of discussions.

TC thought BM should attend meetings regularly

AA thought it would be useful to hear some points that BM was not happy with.

BM quoted from previous minutes about:-

Social events, specifically quiz nights. He was not against running these events but the committee/membership have to appreciate that he cannot operate in a non-commercial way and in the past some of the quiz nights had operated at a loss. He was in favour of social events and hoped to work with the committee to promote commercially viable events in the coming year.

Rakes in bunkers were his responsibility, rake stands had been tried in the past and were unsuccessful, however as PB had made rake stands, these would be tried again.

Flag at half mast, BM felt that he had been portrayed as being cold and uncaring about this which is not the case. The policy now is for a notice of a members passing to go on the board and the flag at half mast on the day of the funeral. SA commented that she felt this is the correct way for the club and members to pay their respects. The committee agreed with this and were happy this issue had been satisfactorily resolved.

Various items were then discussed:-

DP suggested BM send out regular messages about work to be carried out on the course and club house. BM felt the membership were more interested in the course than clubhouse. We needed to look at where we are in the market and where we want to be, best facilities at the cheapest price? He saw us on a par with Milton and Burghley who were both significantly increasing their subscriptions this year.

AA said BM needed to complete the work promised eg. tees, BM said this work is scheduled for early spring and advised his ground staff had been frustrated in carrying out the scheduled work due to the inclement weather we had experienced recently which had delayed progress.

RS said we all want the club to go forward and it is getting the details out to the membership in a positive way was an important part of this..

DT asked if a deep clean of the showers could be carried out and consideration given to upgrading them. He felt improved

	<p>showers enhanced EFGC and that the need to speculate in this area would pay dividends in the long term and would be appreciated by visitors.</p> <p>BM feels he is getting more benefit from his meetings with groups of members than from a survey. He asked committee to come up with a wish list of what they would like done on the course and in the clubhouse for BM to consider.</p> <p>BM asked about the £3.00 levy as some members complain as 50% don't play in competitions. AA had recently surveyed and 74% of members enter competitions.</p> <p>BM also queried why the committee needed the £3.00 levy when in 2017 they funded the purchase of the clock on the first tee and granted a levy to Captains. TC provided an explanation of how this was achieved on a one off basis to meet the reduction in committee reserves as required by the 2016 AGM.</p>	All
7	<p>Allocation of prize money/Budget</p> <p>RS felt this should be discussed as DT had queried this at the AGM. RS felt we had a good system for allocating prize money and didn't think it was a problem.</p> <p>DT commented that he had been at presentation evening where it appeared to be the same people winning the prizes that amounted to a significant sum of money. He recognises the 80% level was an AGM decision and could not be varied by the committee but should consideration be given to paying out lesser amounts to more entrants.</p> <p>RS stated that regular handicap reviews were undertaken and reductions occurred for prize winners. AA had surveyed the 15 men and 10 women who regularly win and checked their handicaps for accuracy.</p> <p>BS explained that the current system had taken a great deal of work to accomplish and took stress away from the Captains. In the past some competitions had been drawn for partners which reduced the same people winning,</p> <p>TC said this had been discussed before and the members wouldn't like it to change.</p> <p>AA asked if the members knew how prizes were allocated, should they be surveyed?</p> <p>RS asked if Zoe could 'interrogate' new members more thoroughly regarding their handicap to ensure it reflected their playing ability.</p> <p>It was agreed that a working group, led by TC, of the competition secretaries and vice captains would look at this issue and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>TC had produced copies of the budget that were distributed for committee to look at and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.</p>	TC All
8	<p>Cancellation policy for 2 day competitions</p> <p>RS thought a policy should be in place to cover the cancellation of either day of a 2 day competition, specifically the Xmas comp. He also thought a policy should be formulated for the</p>	

