

Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee

Minutes of January 2024 Monthly Meeting

Date: Mon 22 Jan 24

Time: 7:30pm

Held in the Clubhouse

Chair David Wilde

Secretary Phil Buckley

Maureen Birds, Phil Buckley, Paul Chadwick, Michelle Haynes, Steve Hudson, John McGough, Paul Outram, Steve Rawlings, Nigel Trend, Andy Williamson, David Wilde, Peter Wright.

Apologies

Mike Bright, Val Cousin, Jean Goodwin.

Previous Meeting

Previous meeting held by 2023 committee in Oct '23. No matters arising.

Item 1. Secretary's Correspondence

a. Committee role descriptions being updated where necessary for distribution in near future.

Action: Phil

b. Intention is to invite Tom Mizon to MC meetings to further enhance links and mutual understanding between club and catering personnel. Agreed in principle. Length of attendance and level of participation to be agreed.

Action: Phil

Item 2. Finance

a. Financial statement for December '23 was presented. Income from Jan will be low due to weather and course closures. Refund of prepaid visitor fees due to course closures was discussed along with customized messages on BRS for visitors and members. Current procedures for putting messages on BRS should suffice for anyone with access to BRS.

Task: Members to be updated on how this is supposed to work.

Action: Phil

b. A payment for embroidery to Glenmuir was outstanding but an invoice had not been presented. Once invoice was received payment would be cleared.

c. Nigel expressed his thanks to Steve H for his assistance in taking over the role of treasurer.

Item 3. Membership

a. Currently there are 188 playing members with 239 members overall.

One application for membership was in process.

Social and spouse memberships and subscription rates were discussed.

Decision: Retain social rates at current, reduced rates to enable independent participation in club social events.

b. A list of honoraria rates was required in the calculation of upcoming subs rates.

Task: A list of social members would be circulated to ctte members and Tom and Claire to conduct a weeding out of those no longer active if possible.

Action: Paul C

c. Two new applications for lockers had been received but it wasn't clear how many were free.

Task: Locker ownership audit required (Brian Nevins had conducted one and should have the info)

Action: Paul C

Item 4. Greens

Greenkeepers report is at Annex A.

Item 5. House and Events

a. Fire alarm update and installation of call points is underway.

b. WhatsApp group between Greens and Tom to be established enabling comms on clubhouse opening etc.

c. List of committee members to be provided to Tom and Claire.

Action: Phil

d. Alarm system zones to be set up to allow access to Men's changing room without triggering alarm.

Action: John

e. Lobby door to be repaired to ease access.

Action: John

f. Jean has relinquished quiz setting activities. Query as to whether another member or members might volunteer to take over. Members to be canvassed.

Action: John

g. Green fees will need to be reset to summer charging rates. Date for reset agreed as 23 March.

Action: Peter

h. Cottage accommodation. Bath needs replacing. Tom can source bath and assistance to make the replacement for £250. Approved for payment.

Action: Nigel

i. Clubs in garage. There are a number of golf clubs in the garage – ownership unknown and need to be sorted/disposed of.

Decision: Aim is to see if sets can be made up for by visitors.

Action: John and Peter

j. Replacement patio furniture. A proposal to replace the patio furniture was supported. A parasol was also considered to be desirable as part of the upgrade. Funding to be raised through profits from Captains' competitions and from raffle for reserved parking space.

Action: Captains' comp funds – Captains

Action: Reserved parking space: Steve R and Andy

k. Concern was raised that the ladies sometimes were not able to get food and drink in a timely manner after playing golf on Thursdays.

Task: Liaison with Tom and Claire required.

Action: John

Item 6. Competitions and handicaps

a. Ladies: Derbyshire Golf has arranged interclub foursomes to take place on Thursdays which has complicated ladies competition planning. Daily Mail foursomes has been entered. The Bunny Hop open will take place on 28 Mar. 8 entries so far, hope is to fill it up.

b. Men. This season's comps are entered on TeamUp. Ctte members requested to have a look and highlight any problems. Winter Marathon is underway. Captains' comps series starts on Sat 27 Jan.

Item 7. Men's and Ladies' Golf (Captains)

Nothing to report

Item 8. Health and Safety

a. A broken step on 1st tee bank has potential to cause injury.

Task: Repair asap.

Action: Paul O.

b. Matting on 8th hole green side of Ball Cross Road worn and slippery. Potential to cause injury. One slip and fall by a member reported to date.

Task: Clean, repair or replace asap.

Action: Paul O.

Item 9. Junior Golf

a. Junior group coaching to commence Mon 15 Apr and run for 13 sessions. Cost £49 for members, £69 for non-members.

b. Registered to take part in the Golf Sixes league again this season.

c. Application to be submitted for new England Golf Get into Golf Rookies' initiative to introduce juniors to golf and to host 'Girls Golf Rocks' again this year. BGC attracted more participants last year than any other club in Derbyshire.

d. Junior Club night will commence after formal coaching finishes on Mondays through to October half-term. Golf Summer Camps will run again to ensure ongoing junior group coaching opportunities.

e. A meeting will take place between Michelle Haynes, Ricky Carvell, and our new Golf Foundation representative John Selby-Sly in the w/c 12th Feb to decide whether BGC can be used for a Futures Tour event again this year following on from last year's success.

f. Juniors who do not yet have a handicap but play 9 holes on the course regularly have been invited along to the Captains' Competitions. They will be able to sign up directly on BRS from 12pm onwards to play 9 holes using the same format as the main competition.

g. Ricky Carvell has agreed to run beginner and improver group lessons again this year.

Item 10. 125th Anniversary of Bakewell Golf Club

a. Some form of social celebration of the Club's 125th Anniversary was deemed appropriate and possibly funded or at least subsidised by the Club. Format to be decided but it should be held in the summer and would probably require a marquee for whatever form it would take.

b. Suggestion that the celebration could take place on a special day in the calendar such as President's Day or be treated as an invitation day will be considered.

Task: Tom to be approached to see if there were any events already planned using a marquee and to find out what previous hirings of marquees had cost.

Action: John

Item 11. Any Other Business

Replacement or substitution of the club boiler is inevitable before too long due to its age. Suggestions have been made as to how this might be done but it was felt necessary to form a subcommittee to make a plan which, in the worst case, could be implemented at short notice in case of a serious boiler failure.

Decision: Subcommittee for boiler replacement plan to consist of Paul O, Nigel and John as chair. Post meeting comment: Item will be included on agenda for future management committee meetings,

Item 12. Date of Next Meeting

Mon 19 Feb 24 in the clubhouse at 7.30pm.

Annex A

Greens have recovered very well from the very wet weather and continue to be in good condition. Fertiliser program is still on track this month with where we should be. I hope to have them slit and verti drained at the end of the month.

Tees, the grass coverage is still very good. Will be cut every other week.

Fairways, struggled to get them mown and aerated recently but hopefully will be able to spike and give them a trim in the coming weeks.

Semi rough, again struggled to get out and cut recently, hopefully if the weather stays fine then I may be able get some cut.

Blocked gully

The pipe and gully behind the 3rd green has now been cleared thanks to Dakin Shimwell for the quick response and fix.

Keys and lock for the greens shed have had to be replaced as part of the lock had failed. And I was unable to enter the sheds on the 9/1/24. This was sorted with a local emergency lock smith on the day.

6th Bunker

Work is continuing on the bunker, but due to poor weather conditions it has slowed down. I hope to get back on it in the next few weeks to complete and will remain gur through the winter until the start of new.

Machinery replacement

I would like to look at the replacement of the toro scarify units as they are about 30 years old and the verti-drain which is 39 years, the club has owned this since 2005. Over the last few year, it has been getting harder to get parts for the verti-drain as this model is no longer made. I feel that the club would be better served with a newer model. I will discuss this further with Paul and look at prices on both machines then present them at the next meeting.

Steve Birds has been working hard cutting down the willows on the 5th hole improve the sight off the top 14th tee. Many thanks to Steve for his continued work around the course.

Paul Outram Notes

Badgers continue to make a real mess of a number of tees and now have commenced digging up around a number of the greens. Ed continues to try and repair these areas until the badgers stop the digging.

We intend to look at the repair of the path to the first tee, where the path runs across the public right of way and over the drains. We will look at a more permanent repair over these drains.

We intend to look at improving some of the footpaths around the 5th Green and walk up to the fairway of the 6th over the course of the next few months.

Review of the signage around the course will also be reviewed over next few months. Any broken signage to be repaired and refixed in position as required.

We will continue to tidy some of the hedges close to the club house when the weather becomes dryer.

2024 BGC Management Committee Members

Chair - David Wilde

Club President – Michael Bright

Club Captain – Stephen Hudson

Ladies' Captain – Jean Goodwin

Treasurer – Nigel Trend

Greens Chair – Paul Outram

Men's Comps & Handicaps – Peter Wright

Ladies' Comps & Handicaps – Maureen Birds

Membership Secretary – Paul Chadwick

House & Events – John McGough

Junior Organiser – Michelle Haynes

Welfare Officer – Val Cousin

General Member – Steve Rawlings

General Member – Andy Williamson

Club Secretary – Phil Buckley