

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee held in the Clubhouse on Mon 19 Feb 24

Chair John McGough

Secretary: Phil Buckley

Present:

Maureen Birds, Paul Chadwick, Michelle Haynes, Steve Hudson, Paul Outram, Steve Rawlings, Nigel Trend, Andy Williamson, Peter Wright.

Apologies:

Mike Bright, Jean Goodwin, Val Cousin, David Wilde.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Accepted as a true Record

b. Matters arising. Greens actions completed. Step on 1st hole repaired, mat on 8th cleaned and gate to men's 11th tee repaired.

1. Secretary Correspondence

Updated club safeguarding and safety policy documents ratified.

2. Finance

a. Financial report for Jan 24 presented.

b. Summary: January better for greens fees than anticipated. February likely to be healthy as well. Potential cashflow problem with scheduling of invoices from Peak Hospitality.

Decision: Liaise with Tom on payment schedule.

Action: John

Decision: Access to Mansfield BS funds for Nigel to be authorised.

Action: Steve

c. Expenses circa £8k over budget year to date with house alone £7k over mainly due to electricity charges. Course costs £2k under budget. Union affiliation fees higher due to increased membership numbers. Overall £4280 better than budget.

3. Membership

a. One new 22-35 category and 2 new junior members joined.

b. Locker audit going well. Issue with locker 30 contents being misplaced difficult to resolve.

c. Website: Membership rates and Orchard funding wording needed updates.

Action: Phil

- d. Advertising: Need for Peak Advertiser advert discussed.

Decision: Continue with advert in Peak Advertiser.
Paul C

Action:

- e. Need for social media presence discussed and use of various platforms relative to age demographic.

Decision: Initially Facebook profile needs to be raised.

Action: Paul and John

4. Greens

- a. Greenkeeper's report at page 4.

b. Greenkeeper's assistant. High number of applications made through agency advert. Many potential timewasters ticking job application boxes but 3 worthy of further progression and one in particular in discussion with Paul O.

Decision: Keep ctte updated on progress.

Action: Paul O

5. Fixtures Events and House

a. Clubhouse condition report constructed by Paul O discussed: Summary: Roof seems sound enough despite some suggestions it should be replaced. Would probably benefit from being cleaned. Many items could be cleared using volunteer labour. Painting of window frames required. Kitchen extractor fans need repair. Exterior door to cottage needs to be replaced. Showers closed with immediate effect due to concerns about not being tested for Legionnaires. The general shabby condition of the showers was discussed and whether we reduce to one per changing room or dispose of completely. A lot of rubbish needs to be disposed of preferably by skip using volunteer labour.

Decision: Schedule of tasks and work dates to be decided.

Action: Paul O

b. Boiler replacement sub ctte investigating replacement options and grants. A survey should be commissioned if it can be paid for. Decisions on boiler replacement on hold dependent on survey results or sub ctte findings.

- c. Fire alarm system upgrade complete.

- d. Fire safety policy review required.

Action: Phil

e. Potential for club 125th anniversary celebrations raised. Possibility of cost sharing (circa £1100) of marquee with a 60th birthday celebration. Enquiry from an individual about whether there would be any anniversary memorabilia had been made. Possible move of Centenary Plate to May discussed.

Decision: Investigate cost of last marquee with Tom.

Action: John

Decision: 125th anniversary to be made an ongoing agenda item.

Action: Phil

6. Competitions

a. Captains' comps were underway. Comp on 10 Mar would be 'committee's revenge,' with each hole being set up by a committee member.

Decision: Volunteers required to set up greens.

Action: Peter

7. Men's and Ladies Golf

a. Course rating/handicap boards - EG is offering discounts on new handicap boards following upcoming changes to the handicap system. New boards not required yet. Course re-rating needs doing which would nullify now boards made now.

Decision: Keep need for new boards under review but in meantime print notice board tables off for use in clubhouse and encourage use of phone apps to find handicaps. **Action: Peter**

b. Ladies entered in Daily Mail Foursomes Home v Chatsworth and Taskers Trophy v Horsley Lodge.

c. Men entered in DG handicap league and Taskers Trophy with A and B teams .

8. Health and Safety

Covered under greens and FE&H.

9. Junior Golf

a. The committee was delighted that Isaac Williamson accepted the offer of 2024/25 junior captaincy.

b. Funding applications submitted to EG for BGC to host their new 'Get into Golf Rookies' initiative and for 'Girls Golf Rocks'

c. Request submitted to Derbyshire County Golf for BGC to be a Futures Tour event this year following last year's success.

d. A meeting took place on 12th Feb at BGC with a representative from the golf foundation, Ricky Carvell and the junior Organiser to discuss the progress of the junior section.

e. A meeting will take place on 5th Mar at BGC with a representative from the golf foundation and representatives from other Derbyshire golf clubs. This will determine the dates of the golf sixes league fixtures. Parents should hopefully be able to register their interest directly via the golf foundation towards the end of Mar.

10. Any Other Business

a. Paul C requested honoraria rates for subs invoices.

Action: Phil

b. The clubhouse flag has been missing for a while (for the second time). A new flag should be acquired but the possibility of having the 125th anniversary on the logo.

Decision: investigation to be carried out into a new flag being made with 125th anniversary mention emblazoned.

Action: Captains

11. **Date of next Management Meeting**
Mon 18 Mar 24

Greens report February

Greens are starting to wake up from their winter slumber and continue to be in good condition. Fertiliser program is still on track this month. They have been slit and cut. There has been continued scraping by badgers. I will continue with feeding them away from coming on the course.

Tees, the grass coverage is still very good. Will be cut every other week. Towards the end of the month a spring feed will be applied plus a granular wetting agent to aide water retention for the season.

Fairways, Unfortunately Iv 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.

Seasonal assistant greenkeeper

Neil has informed me that he will not be able to work for us this season due to health issues and feels it is not fair for us to wait for him. I would like to thank Neil for all his hard work over the last two seasons and wish him well for the future. He has said that if he is well enough later on in the year that he would be willing to do some holiday cover if needed.

I would suggest that for our next assistant greenkeeper that we take them on for a full time (40 hours a week plus some weekends) from March through to October. This will greatly benefit the course and increase the detail jobs that tend to not get done as often as they should if we stick to the status quo. Paul has put an advert for the position and we have had a big response and we have 3 very promising candidates and arrange dates for interviews.

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.

Fallen tree

A fallen tree on the practice ground has been cut up and removed.

Tee marks

Red, yellow and white markers are nearly finished and will be ready for the new season.

Mole traps

Please remind members not to pull up the mole traps set around the course. In the last few weeks some have been pulled up and thrown into the long grass.

Steve Birds has continued with his hard work 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.

Sent from my iPhone

Management Committee Incumbents 2024

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