

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee held in the Clubhouse on Mon 18 Mar 24

Chair David Wilde

Secretary: Phil Buckley

Present:

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

In Attendance:

David Locke, Tom Mizon.

Apologies:

Paul Chadwick, John McGough, Val Cousin, Mike Bright.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

Liaise with Tom on payment schedule.

Access to Mansfield BS funds for Nigel to be authorised.

Website: Membership rates and Orchard funding wording.

Continue with advert in Peak Advertiser.

Facebook profile needs to be raised.

Keep ctte updated on progress of greenkeepers assistant

Schedule of house tasks and work dates to be decided.

Some tasks started. Get bank holiday out of the way, go for a skip and working party to clear around clubhouse area. Schedule still tbd.

Fire safety policy review required.

Investigate cost of last marquee with Tom.

£12-1300 24-25th May Agreed Sat

125th anniversary to be made an ongoing agenda item.

Volunteers required to set up greens for Captains' comp.

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

Paul C requested honoraria rates for subs invoices.

Investigation into a new flag being made with 125th anniversary mention.

New flag acquired by Phil. No need for 125th anniversary flag.

**Actioned John, Tom
Further action required**

Actioned: Phil

Actioned: Paul C

Ongoing Paul and John

Actioned: Paul O

Ongoing: Paul O

Ongoing: Phil

Actioned: John

Actioned: Phil

Actioned: Peter

Ongoing: Peter

Actioned: Phil

Actioned: Captains

1. Clubhouse Heating and Fabric (sub ctte report)

a. The sub ctte is looking at options to replace the boiler and a range of energy saving and asset improvement options including insulation, housekeeping, electrics and showers etc. A survey needs to be carried out to assess how much heating etc we need and there is an opportunity to get this done free of charge. The sub ctte considers a warm dry clubhouse to be

high priority for members and the most energy efficient way of achieving that is in the best interests of everyone. The energy trust would be able to use the club as an example to the wider community of what can be achieved and help us to keep costs down at the same time. Additionally, the benefits of being involved were considered as helpful in supporting our status as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

b. Dave Locke attended the meeting to give a brief overview on Derbyshire Dales Community Energy (DDCE). DDCE would be engaged in looking at energy needs and what can be done in several phases: 6 weeks of looking at clubhouse energy needs, then surrounding areas, then consulting with power grids to see what they will accept. There would be engagement with the wider community through a workshop on Wed 10 Apr on climate essentials.

Decision: Email to go out from DDCE to members detailing the reasons for the survey and inviting members to attend the workshop. **Action: Phil**

2. **Secretary**

a. Insurance Renewal.
Club insurance renewed for the next year.

b. BGC Flag.
New flag purchased and raised. Need to make sure flag is not touching the roof when lowered to 'half mast'. Tom agreed to lower flag if weather conditions forecast to be bad especially with respect to wind speed.

c. Refuse Collection.
Request for refuse collection requirements to be returned to DDC. **Action: Tom**

d. Reserved Parking Space.
Raffle tickets still being sold for reserved parking space by Andy, Steve, Claire and Tom. Draw to be made on Sun 31 Mar. **Action: Steve, Andy.**

e. Difficulties had been experienced migrating the club website from one provider to another due to technical difficulties (internet protocol version issues). Now resolved.

3. **Finance**

a. Financial statement for February presented. Overall income/expenditure in line with budget.

b. Course supplies expenditure at £6000 plus fees for irrigation services. It would be necessary to engage irrigation services supplier to ensure system would be ready for drier weather. **Action: Paul (Ed)**

c. £5380 in current account. £12837 in from membership fees to date. Many outgoings, due to insurance, rent etc would be offset by income from Peak Hospitality but with machinery bills coming up access to longer notice term funds would be needed.

d. As current treasurer, Nigel Trend would need to be given access to funds residing with the Mansfield Building Society. To achieve this the MBS would need the committee to agree to Nigel being added to the authorised account holder list. **Actioned: Committee voted unanimously to add Nigel Trend to MBS list of authorised signatories.**

Decision (required by MBS): 2 current signatories to sign the minutes agreeing that Nigel Trend be added to the list of authorised signatories. There would be no names taken off the list. **Action: Phil (see Annex B)**

4. **Membership**

a. Nigel covered 2024 membership income to date. Circa £62000 still to come in. In comparison with budget of £82000 estimated income should be ahead by about £10k.

b. Paul C (not present) had requested guidance on a couple of issues.

(i) Ownership of several men's lockers had not been claimed. Question was what to do with contents.

Decision: Decant contents of lockers into one locker.

Action: Paul C with 'chaperone'.

(ii) Peak Advertiser printing a summer publication for locals and visitors. Did we want to take up an advertising space?

Decision: Accept offer to advertise.

Action: Paul C.

(iii) Member details on club website need to be updated for new membership year. Membership sec could update details if given access to edit website.

Decision: Sort access for Paul C if possible.

Action: Phil

5. **Greens**

a. Greens report for March is at Annex A.

b. Greens keeping equipment. Capital expenditure on a scarifying unit and verti drain machine had been requested. Expenditure was agreed but payment could not be made until access to reserve funds could be achieved in April.

6. **Fixtures Events and House**

Subject matter covered elsewhere.

7. **Competitions**

a. Ladies: Ladies were having to cut back the comps programme due to lack of competitors. A recruitment drive to attract more female membership could be beneficial.

Action: Lady Captain, comps and Paul C.

b. Men: The Baslow Pot comp had been affected by the Grindleford Gallop event where competitors in the event traversed the bridleway crossing the 7th hole. It was agreed that, in the future, competitions would not be arranged on Grindleford Gallop days. Furthermore, the

7th/16th tee off position on the day of future events would be shifted to the green side of the bridleway.

Decision: Ascertain date of next Grindleford Gallop.

Action: Phil

c. Diary dates. There were changes to the comps schedule, initially because Ormonde Fields can't make the original date for the Men's open. Also needing discussion were President's Day and Lady Captain's Afternoon which were currently on the same weekend.

Decision: Discuss deconflicting events on 17/18th August.

Action: Peter and Jean.

d. Handicapping divisions would remain as A: 16.0 and below, B: 16.1 to 28 for board comps. Handicap allowances would not be straightforward under the revised system from 1 Apr 24. Current handicap index boards would be taken down.

e. The question of whether a single could play a qualifying round on their own was raised.

Decision: Yes, as long as their card was marked by a competent person.

8. Men's and Ladies Golf

Covered under competitions.

9. Health and Safety

An incident had occurred on Sat 16 March when a ball was driven from the 7th tee through a group on the 7th fairway. A heated argument ensued with both parties feeling aggrieved by what happened. There was some feeling from witnesses that the reaction by the group being driven into was excessive. However, it was agreed that under these circumstances, blame had to lie with a player intentionally making a stroke that put others at risk before it was clearly safe to make the stroke.

10. Junior Golf

Report:

Our funding application to England Golf for Bakewell Golf Club to host their new 'Get into Golf Rookies' initiative and for 'Girls Golf Rocks' was accepted. Get into Golf Rookies will commence on Friday 19th April for 6 weeks and Girls Golf Rocks will commence on Friday 7th June for 6 weeks. We are still waiting for the promotional material and for the website to be created for participants to register. This is quite worrying as the schools break up for two weeks on 28th March and then the first sessions are due to begin. I have therefore chased this up again with England Golf.

Bakewell Golf Club will be hosting two Golf Sixes Fixtures this year on Sunday 19th May and Sunday 15th September. The latter is the final fixture of the season and will therefore coincide with the presentation event.

Derbyshire County Golf have asked Bakewell Golf Club to be used for a Futures Tour event again this year. This will be held on Sunday 23rd June.

A Junior Organiser meeting will take place on 19th March at Alfreton Golf Club. Among other things, we will discuss the exchange of four-ball vouchers again for the Junior Fundraiser event. This scheme worked really well last year.

Finally, a poster advertising adult beginner golf lessons has recently been posted on Facebook. Further posters will be placed in the Coop and other venues as per last year. We already have 5 people interested (4 of whom are ladies). The Secretary is also going to circulate it to existing members to see if they know anyone who is interested.

Tom was thanked for his assistance with the beginner sessions ad which would be sent to all members via email. **Action: Phil**

11. **Any Other Business**

The most suitable day for Clubnight was discussed. Tuesdays make it difficult for REGENTS players to take part and the same for ladies on Thursdays making Wednesday the most suitable day despite catering not being available although Tom would open the bar.

Decision: Clubnight would be held on Wednesdays commencing 1 Apr.

12. **Date of next Management Meeting** Monday 15 Apr 24

Annex A

Greens report March

Greens coverage is improving, with some of the disease scarring starting to fade and continue to be in good condition. Fertiliser program is still on track this month. A preventative spray will be applied this month to help keep any diseases to a minimum. They will be v-drained and cut. Mowing frequency will be increased as the weather improves. At the moment I hope to cut once a week. If we get the green light for the scarifying units that fit to our green's mower the hopefully, we will have an opportunity to get the greens renovations done a little bit earlier which would cause less disruption. At the moment we have the verti drain machine which I am interested in on demonstration. So far, I haven't had the opportunity to test it out yet. But will report back to Paul of my thoughts on it.

Tees The grass coverage is still very good. Will be cut every other week. Unfortunately, the spring feed wasn't applied, due to poor weather. I will try to apply it in the next few weeks plus a granular wetting agent to aide water retention for the season.

Fairways Managed to mow the majority of the fairways the only ones I couldn't do due to being too wet are the second half of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th. When the ground conditions improve I will straight back on it to get them all mown.

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

Badger damage This has been a big issue us, as well as taking a lot of my time up, it is very frustrating for me. Fingers crossed that by removing the scrapings this has discouraged them from coming back as much, they are still very active around the course but hopefully along with feeding away from the main playing areas we can keep it to a minimum. Areas that are in the semi rough will be treated the same. But this will take time to clean up. Hopefully as we enter more worm conditions they won't be as aggressive around the main playing areas and we'll see less damage moving into the playing season.

6th Bunker Work is now complete on the bunker it will be at least a month before it is back in play due to settling in and knitting in for the seed. The sand at the side will stay a little bit longer just to top up. The rest will be put in one of the bays in the yard for future use.

Signs All signs have been repaired around the course; we just need a new one for the bell on the 3rd. Pot holes This will be addressed in the next week or so around the course.

Note. Daily reports are issued to Paul Outram by Ed on the status of badger damage. Weekly summary of jobs to be done is issued to Paul Outram by Ed. •

Irrigation system has order been placed with company to allow early site visit by specialist company. • What's App group working well with club house and communication s between Paul Outram.

Verti Drain Machine decision required. • Scarifying machine decision required. •

Working party to be arranged ahead of ladies' tournament on the 28th March. Very important day with number of ladies due on the course.

Minutes published by J P Buckley

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Bakewell Golf Club

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