# Minutes of a Meeting of the Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee held in the Clubhouse on Mon 16 Sep 24

Chair: Steve Hudson.

**Secretary:** Phil Buckley.

#### Present:

Maureen Birds, Paul Outram, Andy Williamson, Jean Goodwin, Paul Chadwick, Steve Rawlings, Nigel Trend, Peter Wright, John McGough, Val Cousin.

**Apologies:** Michelle Haynes, Mike Bright, David Wilde.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Accepted as a true record.

#### 1. Matters Arising

- Formulate new employment terms for Ed and Jack in consultation with Ed. Another meeting required.
  - Phil, Paul O, Nigel

**Carried forward** 

- b. Greens expenditure authorisation. Decide on threshold spend. Inform Ed.

  Paul O, Nigel Carried forward
- c. Clubhouse alarm zone change. Made contact. John Carried forward
- d. Club phone number management trial. Forwarding of Club landline number to secretary's mobile number. Complete
- e. Telephone expenditure high mostly due to a BT callout charge. Over by £590. Challenge call out charge. Phil Refund arranged. Complete
- f. Variance of approx £5800 deficit forecast due to second greenkeeper. Aiming for a budget deficit is far from ideal and should be mitigated. Discuss green fee charges. Complete.
- g. Start planning for winter projects. Clear brief on project programme required for Ed on winter projects list. Next meeting discuss list for agreement Paul O +
- h. Request for ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> tee be moved to lower level agreed. Paul O (Ed) Complete
- i. Men's yellow tee to be moved to same tee box as the white. Paul O (Ed) Complete
- j. Volunteers for course work last Wed in month. Email members. Phil
- k. Gents changing room new led units to be fitted (on order). Ongoing. **John**
- I. Electrician to have a look at clubhouse clock. Estimate for outside emergency lighting. Plumber to look at gents showers. Ongoing. **John**

- m. The clubhouse window frames needed painting. Materials would be acquired for volunteers to use and request for help to go out.

  Complete
- n. Tee sponsorship and sponsored hole description boards. Eagle golf boards too expensive. Charge for member tee sponsorship decided as 3 years for £100 to go to Par 5 project fund.

  Steve R

#### 2. **Secretary**

- a. Phone update discussed.
- b. A member's poor behaviour had been brought to the attention of the secretary. The behaviour in question was deemed to be unacceptable. A letter was to be written explaining that and stating that disciplinary action could be taken if such behaviour were to be repeated.

Phil

c. It was felt that a category of 'match' on brs booking would allow singles knockout players to close off the 2 'spare' slots on the booking sheet. It was also felt that visitors should be able to modify bookings by adding players to the original booking. Brs to be contacted to see if these changes were possible.

Phil

#### 3. Finance

- a. Report for August presented and attached.
- b. Discussion on electricity bill and usage. Cellar cooler uses a lot of energy and measures such as insulating the room came up but no decision made.
- c. Green fee raises were discussed. **Decision:** Keep the summer rates extant through into winter and raise next summer's rates to an amount to be decided. Nine hole bookings would be re-introduced at a rate to be decided. Member guest rate to remain at £10. **Action:** New rates to be decided at Oct MCMtg.

#### 4. Membership

- a. There were some outstanding payments on 18 for 12 deal. Members in arrears would be reminded again. With immediate effect the only methods of payment would be in full or via Orchard finance. Whilst the 18 for 12 deal had to involve standing orders if members didn't pay in full, that way of paying would stop at first membership renewal. Wording to explain payment methods to go on invoices.

  Paul C.
- b. One member had joined on the 18 for 12 deal, played on several occasions and defaulted on payment ignoring both his subs payment invoice and a subsequent request for payment for the time he had used his membership rights.

**Decision:** Write and reaffirm request for payment. **Phil** 

c. Swift labels had offered to print new bag tag labels for next year.

**Decision**: Renew order for 2025.

#### 5. **Greens**

a. Report.

The greens

Greens are in good condition going into the autumn. We will start autumn renovations in the next month. Deep tining with the Vertidrainer and then a deep scarification. Then top dressed and a feed. Heights of cut will be raised to winter heights.

Tees

Will be Verti drained and scarified then top dressed plus seeded.

**Fairways** 

No issues at the moment to report. A once-a-month slitting and Verti draining will be carried out through this winter.

Semi rough

No issues.

Moles

Doug is continuing to work catching moles but has indicated that he won't be able to keep doing it.

Now that Jack is here full time, we will be able to carry on Doug's hard work. At the time of writing, we have had some early badger damage.

**Bunkers** 

The left-hand side bunker in the 5th has been made GUR until we can put in place a permanent solution to the washing out which is causing the liner to be exposed. I will work with Paul to come up with a plan for this project over the winter. This will be included in the winter plans.

Signage

New Car park signs and replacement signs around the 3rd have now been installed.

b. Badger damage and potential deterrent methods discussed. Sonic deterrents had been tried in the past with no noticeable effect.

**Decision:** It was felt that, as there is little we could do to stop it, there should be a quicker response to repairing the damage.

Paul O

- c. Following discussion with the course re-rating team Phil relayed a suggestion that the OOB boundary around the copse to the right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole be re-marked as red penalty area. **Decision:**Adopt the suggestion.

  Paul O
- d. Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> tee destroyed by moles. Paul O liaise with Ed.

Paul O

#### 6. Fixtures Events and House

NTR (covered in matters arising).

#### 7. Competitions

- a. Since 19.08.2024
- 4<sup>th</sup> Midweek Stableford
- Len Mosley
- August par
- Derick Carmen
- September medal
- Martyn Clarke
- Past Captains'
- September Par

So far this year we have had 616 entries in competitions. This compares with 598 at a similar time last year.

#### **Club Night**

In all 361 scorecards were returned. This compares with 291 last year.

#### b. Course Re-rating

Course rerating was conducted on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. Awaiting results.

#### c. Winter Marathon

Sam Buckley has agreed to organise again.

#### d. Presentation Evening

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov agreed for presentation evening. Call for return of trophies has been made.

#### e. Captain's Drive out/in

Captains' drive out set for Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 24. Drive in to be set to coincide with first competitive round of 2025 season.

#### 8. Captains Comments

#### a. Club captain

Thanks to Nigel and John for Scottish trip. Past captains' day was a good day out. Friendly matches coming up: Hope at home on 18 Sep, Lees Hall away on 24 Sep, Chatsworth away on 26 Sep. New initiative from Derek Northin, Men's past captains away at Chilwell Manor on 11 Sep.

#### b. Ladies captain

Forrest trophy cancelled due to reduced number of potential lady partners. Changed to mixed pairs any combination on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.

#### 9. **Health and Safety**

a. 5<sup>th</sup> hole bunker linings were close to the surface, showing in places but a threat to safety when not visible. **Decision:** Make both bunkers GUR and deal with making good asap.

Paul O

b. Drain cover just off path on path down from 5<sup>th</sup> needs fixing.

Paul O

c. Drain cover by ninth on the corner next to the hedge needs repair.

Paul O

#### 10. Junior Golf

- a. The Sixes Final (Texas scramble over 6 holes) took place on 15<sup>th</sup> Sep. Considered a great success and the clubhouse was extremely busy. Chesterfield GC won the event.
- b. Jean suggested that the effort Michelle has put in to organising not only junior golf but more, should be recognized through a 100% honorarium next year.

Decision: Carried. Sec/Member sec 2025

#### 11. Course projects.

Par 5. Suggestion that a par 3 comp could be inserted into the calendar as a fund raising event for the project, **Decision:** Carried. **Peter** 

## 12. Any Other Business NTR

## 13. Date of next Management Meeting

Monday 21 Oct 24 at 7.30pm in the clubhouse. Minutes published by J P Buckley

Secretary

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