

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee. Held in the Clubhouse on Mon 21 Oct 24

Chair David Wilde

Secretary: Phil Buckley

Present:

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

Apologies: Mike Bright, Val Cousin.

In Attendance: Tom Mizon.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record.

1. Matters Arising

- a. Formulate new employment terms for Ed and Jack Complete
- b. Greens expenditure authorisation. Complete
- c. Clubhouse alarm zone change. **John** (see house)
- d. Second greenkeeper. Budget deficit, decide on green fee charges. Done
- e. Contact BRS reference app bookings. Done
- f. Start planning for winter projects. Clear brief on programme required for Ed. Agree winter projects list. Complete
- g. Gents changing room new LED units to be fitted. Complete
- h. Electrician to have a look at clubhouse clock. Estimate for outside emergency lighting. Plumber to look at men's showers. We should close off completely. **John** (see house)
- i. Outstanding payments on 18 for 12 deal. **Paul C** (see membership)
- j. Default payment on 18 for 12 deal. **Phil** (see membership)
- k. Swift labels renewal. Complete

2. Secretary

- a. BRS bookings. From BRS management it is not possible for us to enable names of member guests to be entered for us to track how many times visitors have played. It should be possible to allow visitors to add players to bookings and for members to block off spare slots when booking singles knockouts. However, the version we use does not appear to match the one BRS use as an example. **Action:** Continue liaison with BRS **Phil**

b. AGM agenda.

AGM Agenda approved.

3. Finance

a. Report for Sep '24 presented. Overall £1500 ahead of budget with a couple of people behind on subs. Of note, Steve Birds who is unable to play golf anymore for medical reasons, expressed a wish for his subs to be contributed to the par 5 project fund. The committee accepted his generous offer with thanks.

b. Summary of main points: Will be slightly ahead of budget. Green fees started slowly but we've caught up; Open golf comps down against budget. Seniors cancelled and Men's attendance was low; Our club comps income similar to last year; Rents behind budget. Nothing for rental on grazing fields ; £250 back from excess insurance claim. £2907 down on budget but with income coming in £500 ahead. Outgoings roughly even. House; higher costs than expected, big spend on fuel, average 40% more than last year which was 30% more than year before. Last year's bill £4841 this year £6841. We need to find out why. Smartmeters might be an option but first step is to identify which circuits feed which services. Main overspend is on course expenses at approximately £9000. Overspend on overtime. £3700 over on tractors and mowers. £1500 over on course supplies. Slight savings on water at £1500 less than budget. Overall £8500 over, £8000 variance due to cost of second greenkeeper, tractor and supplies.

c. End of year forecast £7000 down due to second greenkeeper. Peak Hospitality owes £5900 but we owe cleaning and less room charges.

Actions: a. Liaise with Bagshaws on lack of income from grazing tenant.
b. Investigate power supply distribution.

**Nigel
Paul O**

d. Recommended subscription rates for 2025 (not including union fees at approx £21)

Full	£677
Senior	£609
Country	£411
19-21	£320
22-35	£435
Juniors (up to 18)	£70
Social	£20
Spouse Social	£5
Practice	£60

4. Membership

a. There were outstanding payments on 18 for 12 deal. Members in arrears would be reminded again. Wording to explain payment methods to go on invoices . **Complete.**

b. One member had promised to pay but had not by the date of the meeting.
Action: Write to member concerned as a final reminder and to suspend membership if payment not made. **Phil**

Post meeting note: Member contacted. Request for payment to be made on 1 Nov by member accepted with proviso that if payment not received, membership playing rights would be suspended.

c. One member after renewal date on played several times, defaulted on payment ignoring both his subs payment invoice and a subsequent request for payment for the time he had used his membership rights.

Action: Write and reaffirm request for payment.

Phil

5. Greens

a. Report at page XX

b. 2nd hole OOB/penalty area boundaries. To be completed. More posts to be ordered **Paul O**

c. Ladies 4th tee destroyed by moles. **Mole trapped.**

6. Fixtures Events and House

a. Clubhouse alarm zone change. **John**

b. Gents changing room new LED units **Complete**

c. Electrician still to have a look at clubhouse clock. **John**

d. Estimate for outside emergency lighting was in excess of £4k. Another estimate had been requested by Phil from an electrician who should visit within a couple of weeks. **Phil**

e. Plumber to look at gents showers. Needed to have a look at power supply etc. We should close off completely close off and lock, potentially for use as storage

Action: Hasp and lock to be fitted.

John

f. Closing of clubhouse to members. Authorisation and notification. Discussion on the reason for this agenda item concluded that there was a misunderstanding on when the clubhouse had actually been closed to members for a private post-funeral event. A somewhat heated discussion exposed frustrations on behalf of both the Ladies section and Peak Hospitality staff. This particular event emphasised the need for better communication between all parties and underlined the need for everyone to talk and ask questions if there were any doubts on what was seen on social media or heard from a third party. It also needs to be understood by all parties that the dynamic of the clubhouse with respect to catering and member 'ownership' has changed significantly since the Covid period. The relationship needs to be symbiotic and the needs of both members and the catering business aligned as far as is possible. Where those needs don't align completely, compromises will need to be made.

7. Competitions

a. Report Men.

(i) Club Competitions

Since 16.09.2024

- Medal Final
- Par Final

- Brian Wildgoose Bowl
- Cartledge Cup
- Forrest Trophy (mixed)

(ii) **Comparison with last year**

Over the year we have had 685 entries in comparison with 667 last year.

(iii) **Course Re-rating**

Awaiting results.

(iv) **Winter Marathon**

First round Sun 17th Nov 24.

(v) **Presentation Evening**

To be held on Sat 16th Nov 24. Food to be available, pre booked at £10 per head.

(vi) **Captain's Drive out**

Sat 23rd Nov 24.

b. Report Ladies. NTR

8. **Men's and Ladies Golf**

a. Club Captain. Friendly matches against Chatsworth away- draw. Hope at home won 6- 0
Away at Lees Hall lost 4-2. A welcome addition to next year's fixtures is Stanedge.

b. Ladies'. NTR.

9. **Junior Golf**

a. We held the last Junior Club Night on Monday 14th October. We have had more juniors attend this year, with double figures every week. I would like to express thanks to the volunteers who have helped this year – I couldn't have run it successfully without them.

b. We held our Junior Presentation Evening on Sunday 20th October. This was reasonably well attended and was an enjoyable evening again with Ricky providing a quiz to begin with. Many thanks to the President, Lady Captain and Vice-Captain for attending and for the Lady Captain and Junior Captain helping with the presentation of the prizes.

c. Another set of Saturday junior coaching has been offered. These will run until Saturday 9th November with the last lesson being an 'on-course' session. There is a message on BRS to alert members and visitors that the 8th fairway will be closed during 10-1pm.

d. Another set of adult beginner and improver lessons have recently finished. Some of the beginners are moving onto an improver course which is now taking place on a Saturday because of the restricted light in the evenings. Those who could not attend will be contacted again in the Spring with further opportunities to continue with golf.

e. Embroidered golf towels and woolly hats have now appeared on the club webshop.
(Michelle)

10. **Health and Safety**

- a. 5th hole bunker linings. Complete
- b. Drain cover just off path on path down from 5th. Complete
- c. Drain cover by ninth. **Action:** Inspection to be done **Paul O**
- d. Astroturf path to side of 2nd hole. Roped off. Pressure washer purchased.

11. **Any Other Business**

- a. Tee marker sponsorship. Message to go out to current sponsors inviting them to renew. Once that is complete wider invitation to the rest of the members.

Steve R (Phil to message)

- b. Auction off course vouchers to raise funds for Par 5. Nigel had 2 course vouchers, one presented by Chatsworth and one from the Borders. He proposed auctioning them off. It was decided to auction any off that we had one at a time.

Action. Auction off (lowest unique bid) Chatsworth voucher. **Nigel**

- c. Tee descriptor boards. There is a wish to install hole description map boards but initial enquiries make the cost prohibitive. DIY options have been seen at other courses and this is the current favoured line to take.

- d. Peak Hospitality had secured a social event on Fri 29 Nov 24 which clashed with the date for the AGM. It was agreed to move the AGM to Thursday 28 Nov 24.

12. **Date of next Management Meeting**

Wednesday 15 Jan 25 at 7.30pm in the clubhouse.

J P Buckley
Honorary Secretary
Bakewell Golf Club

Bakewell Golf Course Greens Report October 2024

The greens

The greens are in good condition after being scarified and deep spiked, just waiting for a dryish few days to get some top dressing down. Work has started on an issue at the back of the 5th green. We have found an old 8" clay pipe that runs down out of the bank and then runs through the middle of the green and comes out the other side of the left-hand bunker. The pipe at the back of the green had collapsed and was full of silt. This has been cleaned out and is running clear now. This was why when we had heavy rain it was bubbling up there with nowhere to go. The issue had nothing to do with the irrigation system. We will put in new drainage pipe at the back of the green to connect to the pipe under the green with an inspection chamber and silt trap that can be cleaned out to help prevent future problems. We will also put drainage down to the manhole cover near the cart path. This should all be completed by Monday 21st.

Tees

Just waiting for the right window to get the tees verti drained and scarified then top dressed plus seed. They are now down to once a week cut.

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 Again, no issues.

Moles

The mole on the lady's 4th tee has been court.

Winter work Once the work on the 5th is completed, we will then start work on the 2nd path. A cordless jet washer has been purchased to keep artificial paths and tees clean throughout the winter. A kick board along the bottom edge of the path will be added and a handrail will also provide better protection for golfers using the path. The path will be repaired in places and levelled where required. We will then move on to work on the 5th right hand side bunker. Work to be carried out will be complete sand removal plus old liner. Work to the base of the bunker to remove any high spots. Then once the base is done lay down astroturf like we did on the other bunker. Then rivet all the way around the edge particularly the back side to reenforce it. The sand will then be put back plus new sand will be added. Once that is completed, we will then move on to the 6th left hand side bunker. This will be marked out to show the size and shape, please have a look and let me us know before we start any further work on it. Each of these jobs will be completed one at a time as quickly as possible. In between these jobs we will be carrying on with cutting areas where we can.

Club house Could someone please look at the locks on the internal doors as we are now struggling to unlock all three internal doors. The door to the main room takes a while to unlock and the ladies locker room door sometimes unlocks. The door to the men's locker room will not unlock and has been left unlocked due to this problem.

Action The locks are working with new keys cut for Tom are working. It is possible Ed's key is unserviceable so first option is to give Ed a new key to try. **John**

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