

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 14th February 2018

Present Adrian Parsons, Mark Taylor, Dennis Mutton, John Boundy, John Percy, Dave Simmons, Christine Simmons, Tony Blatchford, Lea Deely Jim Ryan

Apologies, Doug Thom

Previous Minutes read and Agreed

1. Captain's Report.

HP wished to pass on the club's congratulations to Georgia Price who has again been selected to represent England.

He was pleased to hear that the CTC and Presidents Cup finals were to be held at Bude Golf Club on 18/3/2018, he felt this was recognition from the county that improvements were being made to the course. HP also stated that a super league darts team were re-locating to the golf club and a darts board was being set up in the upstairs meeting room.

2. No Lady Captain's report

3. Chair of Greens report.

JB stated that the Greens team had now trimmed and reduced the size of the hedge adjacent to 10th green. It was felt that this work had produced a significant improvement to the hole. James Leitch was happy that no further reduction in the size of the hedge was needed. It is felt that the hedge removal application submitted to the council was no longer required. The hedge close to the 9th Green and the scrub ground adjacent to the 11th tee have been cut back and improvement work has been completed on the steps leading to the Ladies tee on the 13th.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The January trading figures were presented. Overall the net surplus was marginally better than forecast. Growth in the January green fees has given the club better than expected income.

MT also presented figures for the purchase of a new Toro Greens Mower and Rough Mower to replace two machines which are over 12 years old.

The GK is now working to a specific consumables and machinery budget and has a relatively small budget for new projects too. The GK has requested money from his budget be spent on a planned treatment of the greens throughout the growing months with fertiliser and surfactant (wetting agent). The surfactant will improve the way that water is drawn down to the grass roots to improve stability, health and resistance to disease. The plan is to firm up the greens to achieve better golf links characteristics.

Although the equipment and the consumables are expensive MT and JB expressed the opinion that improvements to the quality of the course can only be achieved with structured and continued investments in machinery and

consumables. Assurance was given that the machines could effectively carry out their tasks and were therefore fit for purpose before any purchase is made. This was approved.

5. AOB

Fire Risk Assessment.

TB stated that JP has completed and updated the fire risk assessment. One requirement of the assessment is to highlight any fire risk issues as an agenda item at each executive meeting.

HP stated he had asked Keith Rason to undertake the PAT testing.

6. Member's Buggy Storage.

TB gave an update re the conversations regarding this issue. It was agreed by the committee that those members should pay rent to store their buggies at a cost of £250 per year.

Action for TB to speak to the members involved.

7. Handicap review.

TB stated that some players had come forward to express concerns that they had been cut inappropriately in the latest handicap review. TB stated that the club did not have a recognised handicap committee in place and recommended that a committee should be formed with a published methodology incorporating CONGU recommendations and club records. This was agreed by the committee and the following persons have been identified to form the committee. Club Captain, President, Competition secretary.

Action for DS to formulate committee and methodology.

8. Changes to Captain and President selection process and committee structure.

TB stated that following the most recent players meeting when this subject was presented and discussed he was unsure what the new proposals were to be and wanted clarity from the EC. The issues were debated, a compromise was agreed regarding a new committee configuration. MT stated he had worked on amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and would then circulate to the committee for approval. The amendments will be displayed within the clubhouse 21 days prior to the AGM vote.

Action for MT

9. Ladies Competition Buffer Zone.

TB stated the office had received a request from the Ladies' section to create a three-tee time buffer zone prior to their competitions. This request was discussed and rejected by the committee however it was agreed that the office and pro shop should avoid booking players onto tee times immediately prior to the competitions whenever possible but a specific buffer zone could not be guaranteed.

10. Car-park meeting - 19th February

TB stated that at the most recent players meeting it was suggested that a members meeting would be held on this date to discuss the proposals to build the car-park even if the decision from the council hadn't been made. He had

received requests from the members to cancel this meeting until a decision had been made. It was agreed that this meeting be cancelled.

I 1. Audit for 2017

A proposal was made by MT and seconded by JP that there will be no audit of the 2017 accounts.

This was approved.

I 2. Car-park Draw.

MT suggested that we should not run this event this year as it was not commercially viable. The money raised was minimal compared to the cost of a parking membership of £400.

This was approved.

I 3. Decorator/Handy man Job Vacancy.

TB stated he had received some enquires regarding the advert. There were two people who submitted applications for the job. The committee discussed the applications and decided to withdraw the application because of the onerous nature of Health and Safety legislation. DS and DM are to create a full schedule of works. TB will then request quotes for the work. DS & DM will frequently assess work when in progress and report to the committee.

TB highlighted the need to repair the flat roof above the restaurant which was giving cause for concerns as it was leaking. Action for JP to obtain quotes.

TB also stated he had approached Dean Ryland to repair the office window which he has agreed to do. Action for TB to inform those who applied of this decision.

I 4. Junior Categories and Subs for 2018/19 season.

TB stated that there are currently three junior membership categories which appear to overlap in age and playing abilities. This has been discussed with Nick Cook and the following two categories have been suggested;

Academy member; age 7-12 - £5 p.a. subscription which covers the insurance.

Junior member; age 13-18 - £40 p.a. subscription plus £23.50 affiliation fees and insurance. This category would have full playing rights.

Action for TB to agree criteria with Nick Cook and make changes on Club V I.

This was approved.

I 5. Minimum Green Fee Cost

MT stated that there is inconsistency in the green fee charges for visitors entering club opens, private competitions and charity-based events.

For simplicity and to reduce the pressure on office staff who are constantly asked for a 'deal' he suggested we have a set minimum price of £16 starting in the 2019-20 season.

This was approved.

I 6. Course signage

MT identified that a frequent problem when visitors play at Bude was finding their way from some of the greens to the next tee around the course. JB agreed that new signage needs to be implemented before the start of the holiday season. Action for JB

