

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 10th January 2018

Present Adrian Parsons, Mark Taylor, Dennis Mutton, John Boundy, John Percy, Dave Simmons, Christine Simmons, Tony Blatchford, Doug Thom.

Apologies Jim Ryan, Lea Deely, Peter Kelly

Previous Minutes read and Agreed

1. Captain's Report: Horace Parsons stated he has heard very good reports from visiting societies that the course and greens were in excellent condition for the time of year. He has fed this back to the HGK.
2. He also stated that Simon Greatbatch was doing an excellent job in managing the men's internal golf comps as Competition Secretary. He will convey the committee's thanks on behalf of the club for his contribution.
3. No Lady Captain's Report.
4. Head of Greens Report. JB gave an update on the 10th Green project. He is to meet Danny Vanstone to discuss the removal of the hedge. Once a date is decided he will speak to the office to ensure there is limited interruption to the golfers. He also stated he had met with the HGK and office to discuss repairs to the net at the back of the 15th which may be repaired at the same time as the tree adjacent is pruned back, thus reducing cost in any hire of a cherry picker.
5. Treasurer's Report: Mark Taylor reported the financial results for December and the year-end at the same time. These figures are subject to some minor alterations as some late invoices have not been processed at the time of the meeting. The December income was higher than forecast due to increased green fee revenue being 81% higher than last December. Marketing activity throughout the month has had a positive influence on this income as well as participation by visitors in Club Opens taking place in January and February. The year-end financial results will be reported in the next player's meeting.

AOB:

6. Committee restructuring; TB reported that 6 responses had been received in response to the Captain's proposals - these were read to the ECM. It was agreed that TB should prepare a proposal for the next meeting to be agreed by the ECM. The basis of the proposal will be a reduction of the committee by three for 2018/19 season with the removal of the Vice-Captains and Vice-Presidents and a further removal of the Captains and Presidents from the Committee for 2019/20. The current Captain and President could recommend potential candidates for future Captains and Presidents although other candidates might

be proposed via the committee with the final appointments to be approved by the ECB.

7. GK Contracts: TB and JB have met with the greenkeepers to discuss new contracts. In the past there has been a lack of due diligence from the committee regarding the working practices employed by the greens staff. The new contracts, whilst incorporating salary increases for 2018, are commercially viable and in line with normal working practices as well as stating the legal framework of the employee/employer relationship.
8. Repairs to Club House: CS asked if we had finalised decisions on what we were going to repair and who we were going to contract. MT suggested it may be cost effective to employ a person on a short-term contract to undertake decoration and repairs. The Club could provide all materials etc. This suggestion was agreed. Action for TB and JP to develop a job description which could be advertised.
9. TB stated that the office had looked at the income derived from members buggies stored at the golf club. The income was minimal compared with the rental derived from buggies owned by the GC. It was agreed by the ECM that JP would speak to buggy owners to review current policy regarding rental of members buggies.
10. TB stated that CONGU handicap rules had changed from 1/1/2018. The main change was the introduction of category 5 thus providing a maximum handicap of 54 for men and women.
11. TB provided an update from John Dowell regarding the planning application for the car -park construction on the 6th. *as follows the test results have been submitted to the consultants. A discussion on their findings and plans is due to take place by the end of this week with the flood defence people. Subject to agreement of their recommendations these will then be passed to the planning officer dealing with the application who will have them OK'd and signed off by Land drainage. After that a decision on the application will be made.*
12. TB stated that a men's and ladies team had been entered into the ANNODATA open. He also stated some members had approached the office disappointed that the Ladies Annodata team were holding their celebration meal at the Beach Hotel given the fact that the GC had paid for the entry and a "fund raising" event was held at the GC. DS stated he felt that given the woeful response and support from the golf club towards the success of the ladies' team this was appropriate.
13. DS stated he proposed to change the captain's evening to a Wednesday to prevent it clashing with the Men's Tuesday roll up.