

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club
Committee Meeting 119
Held on Wednesday, 13th February 2002

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)	Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr Trevor Carter (Captain)	Mr Steve Deacon (Vice Captain)
Mrs Rachel White (Lady Captain)	Mrs Pat Carey (Vice Lady Captain)
Mr Mike Smith (Past Captain)	Mr Alex Woodgate (Seniors Captain)
Mr John Porter (Secretary)	Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)

Meeting Opened at 8.00 p.m.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:**
Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill)
- 2 **Minutes of Previous meeting No 118 of 16th January 2002**
 - 2.1 The minutes were proposed as correct by Mr Steve Deacon and Mr Alex Woodgate
- 3 **Matters Arising from Meeting 118**
 - 3.1 **Item 3.1 – Photographing Trophies** – Mr Holland said he will ask Mr Chilmaid if he would be willing to do this job. The insurance is due for renewal 4th June. **Action: Mr Holland**
 - 3.2 **Item 3.4 – Annual Dinner & Dance** – It was agreed at the AGM that if funds allow tickets for members would be subsidised.
 - 3.3 **Item 3.6 – Two new Honour Boards** – These are on order from John Ford, (Seniors Pairs Knockout & Mixed Foursomes) John Porter will sort these out and the Club Honour Board. **Action: Mr Porter**
 - 3.4 **Item 3.12 – Posters to arrive 1st tee early** – Mr Holland volunteered to arrange this. **Action: Mr Holland**
 - 3.5 **Item 6.1 – Committee Dinner** – A discussion took place and it was agreed to have an outside venue next year and cancel the Kelvedon Suite. **Action: Mr Deacon**
 - 3.6 **Item 7.5 – Staked Trees/Plantations – Ongoing** **Action: Burhill**
 - 3.7 **Item 7.7 – Charity Day Confirmation – Ongoing** **Action: Burhill**
 - 3.8 **Item 7.10 – Flowers to member’s wife** – Mr Carter reported this had been done.
- 4 **COMPETITIONS**
 - 4.1 Mr Deacon said the Order of Merit for 2002 will be posted on the Notice Board as of today.
 - 4.2 There is a change to the Whitbread League, Birchwood v Upchurch 14.9.02 (Home Match)
 - 4.3 Home and Away matches against Fawkham Valley start 21 April 02.
6 xTee-times TBA **Action: Mr Porter**
 - 4.3 Rachel White announced the Team Captains for the Ladies matches
 - Pat Carey – Tappin Trophy
 - Angela Hamill – Pearsons Trophy
 - Gill Holland – Hawtrees
 - Rachel White – White Webbs

Rachel White asked if was down to the Team Captains to reserve provisional Tee-times for matches. Mr Porter suggested team captains book in Tee times, however Mr Porter will book in Tee times if requested.

Team Captains for Men's matches.

- Mick Batten – Whitbread
- Dave Murphy – Pilgrims & Kent Amateur Foursomes
- John Walters – North Kent & Yeoman

4.4 A discussion took place regarding concessionary Tee-times. It was decided that we should ask Julie Carter how many we actually used last year. **Action: Mr Porter**

4.5 Mr Holland said he has got the Application forms for Whitewebbs, Clapham Common, and Hawtree. After a discussion it was decided that Birchwood Club would not enter the Clapham Common competition, but details would be put on the Notice Board for any member who wanted to enter individually. Mr Holland said he would fill in the forms. **Action: Mr Holland**

4.6 Mr Porter said Lee Venus will represent Birchwood in the Watson Trophy at Dartford, but the application form had been mislaid. Mr Porter will try to obtain another form. **Action: Mr Porter**

4.7 Mr Carter said he and Rachel White have entered the Telegraph competition.

4.8 Mr Porter said he had received a letter from Ray Ward regarding the expenses incurred last year representing Birchwood in the finals of the NAPG competition at St Andrews G.C. Originally the NAPG had agreed to reimburse 70% but had reneged on this and only paid 45%. Mr Deacon thought we should send a letter to the NAPG complaining. After a discussion it was agreed that Mr Porter will speak to Ray Ward and Dang Jarnot to find out how much was involved and at the next meeting the Committee will decide whether to pay the difference between 45%-70%. **Action: Mr Porter**

5 FINANCES

5.1 Mr Skeggs said he was unable to provide a balance sheet this month as he was still sorting things out, but would have one ready for next month.

5.2 The authorised signatures for the Bank are; Steve Deacon, Mike Smith, Peter Holland and Terry Skeggs.

5.3 Mr Skeggs said the competition fees were £20.00 short when he collected the tin and that we need to tighten things up with each person handling the money counting up and making a note before handing over to the next person on the desk. He also said one of the Team Captains was refunded £25.00 out of the tin because he paid for an external competition out of his own money Mr Skeggs said he does not want that to happen again.

6 SOCIAL EVENTS – Nothing to report

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 A letter was read out from Mrs Gibson thanking the members for their kind words and donation.

7.2 It was decided to add Mr Gibson's name to the Remembrance Trophy. **Action: Mr Woodgate**

7.3 Trophy Audit, the last one is back and two are in for repairs.

7.4 A letter was read out from Luke Holland regarding letting the permitted Juniors under the existing criteria (max. of 4 juniors on single figure handicaps) to enter the pairs Knockout Competitions as pairs, not necessarily accompanied by an adult member as is currently the condition. A discussion took place and it was agreed unanimously that without setting precedence and at the discretion of the Committee the permitted juniors are allowed to enter the pairs mixed knockout competitions.

7.5 Mr Woodgate has selected Steve Farley and Andy Alton for his Handicap Committee.

7.6 Mr Woodgate asked if the Committee would like same people to form a 'Rules of Golf' Committee, after a general discussion it was decided we do not need such a committee.

- 7.7 Mr Woodgate asked if his Vice Captain, Mr Barry Baker, could be the seniors representative on the Committee, and it was agreed that he could.
- 7.8 Mr Smith said he thought there should be more than one person involved with the Web Site and more access from Birchwood. Concerns were expressed from several people that it was mainly set up at Mr Farleys House and that if he was on holiday or inaccessible for any reason, we should be able to get access ourselves and that the e-mail can be done from the Club.
- 7.9 Mr Porter raised the question about the Ladies Section and Winter Rules. Rachel White explained to him the discussion that had taken place at the previous meeting and why the ladies have no alternative.
- 7.10 Mrs Carey said the Ladies Section was on the increase and consequently more Tee-times are needed for the Ladies Wednesday competitions. **Action: Mrs Carey/ Mrs Carter**
- 7.11 Rachel White said the Captains 'Drive-in' seems to be getting earlier every year and asked if it could be put back to early March. After a discussion it was decided to also put back the AGM to late February. **Action: Mr Porter/Mrs Carter date:**
- 7.12 **'Past Captains & Committee' Match** - Rachel White suggested changing the venue for the 'Past Captains & Committee' match and meal to an outside venue this year. After a general discussion it was agreed and also that it is changed from a Sunday to a Friday. Various dates were suggested. Rachel will investigate further and report back to Committee. **Action: Rachel White**
- 7.13 **'Committee Member** - Mr Holland said he had received an application from Mr Rod Stanley for the position of Committee Member. Proposed by Mr Bill Davidson and seconded by Mr Russell Mills. A discussion and vote took place with 8 for and 1 abstention.
- 7.14 **'Assistant Treasurer'** - Mr Holland said he had been given an e-mail from Mr Ron Jupp who was interested in the position of Assistant Treasurer. Mr Holland said all applications must be in writing with a proposer and seconder. A discussion followed with committee members giving supporting statements both favouring and objecting to this nomination. Mr Holland said all applications must go through secretary, therefore a decision will not be made until the next meeting.
- 7.15 Rockets for Shot Gun Start – Mr Carter volunteered to get these. **Action: Mr Carter**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10.15 pm

Date of Next Meeting - WEDNESDAY 20th March at 7.45pm.