

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club**  
**Committee Meeting 121**  
**Held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2002**

**Present:**

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)	Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr Trevor Carter (Captain)	Mr Steve Deacon (Vice Captain)
Dr Rachel White (Lady Captain)	Mrs Pat Carey (Vice Lady Captain)
Mr Mike Smith (Past Captain)	Mr Alex Woodgate (Handicap Secretary)
Mr John Porter (Secretary)	Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)
Mr R Stanley (Committee Member)	Mr B Baker (Seniors Representative)
Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill)	

Meeting Opened at 8.00 p.m.

1 **APOLOGIES: None**

2 **Minutes of Previous meeting No 120 of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2002**

2.1 The minutes were proposed as correct by Mr T Skeggs and Mr R Stanley

3 **Matters Arising from Meeting 119**

3.1 **Item 3.2 – Club Honour Board** – Mr Porter said he has spoken to John Ford and the Club Honour Board should be ready by the middle of May.

3.2 **NAPGC St Andrews** – Mr Porter reported that he had spoken to Ray Ward and Dang Jarrot concerning their out of pocket expenses and they thanked the committee very much.

3.3 **Item 3.13 – Ladies Extra Wednesday Tee-times** – Mrs Carter said extra Tee-times had been agreed and she had sent a letter to Rachel White.

3.4 **Item 3.14 – Captains Drive-in & AGM** – Mr Porter said he would get together with Mrs Carter after the meeting. **Action: Mr Porter**

3.5 **7.12 – ‘Past Captains & Committee’ Match** – Ongoing **Action: Rachel White**

3.6 **Item 4.3 – Concessionary Tee Times** – Mrs Carter said she needs to know before hand when using concessionary tee times, and confirmed that the concessionary cost was 50% of the standard rate of a midweek green fee. Mr Skeggs said he had received some invoices for the tee times, which were wrong, Mrs Carter said she would look into it. **Action: Mrs Carter**

3.7 **Item 4.8 – Pedham Place** – Mr T Carter said he is waiting for them to return his call. **Action: Mr Carter**

3.8 **Item 7.5 – White Posts** - This work has been carried out.

3.9 **Item 7.7 – Slow Play** – Mr Porter and Mr Holland have spoken to the members.

3.10 **Item 7.14 – Driving Range** - Mrs Carter said she had spoken to CGA and certain bays would have an ‘A’ frame showing the time and professional using that bay.

3.11 **Item 7.16 – Slow Service** - Mrs Carter reported that the Manager has now left and the Assistant Manager has taken his place and hopes the service will improve.

3.12 **Item 7.17 – Website** – Mr Holland said he had spoken to Mr Farley and has asked him to take off handicap sub-committee and to add Mr Rod Stanley.

3.13 **Item 7.19 – Lettering** – Mr Holland said although there is some spare letters we need to order more. There are 3 honour boards that need updating for this year. **Action: Mr Porter/Mr Holland**

3.14 **Item 7.20 - Assistant for Website** – Ongoing. Two suggestions were put forward, Jenny Bailey or advertise on the Notice Board for someone.

4 **COMPETITIONS**

4.1 **Chrysler Golf Challenge** - Mr Deacon announced that the June Medal 29/30 June would be used for this competition and that Chrysler at White House Ruxley would sponsor it.

4.2 **Hall of Fame** – Mr Deacon said he would give a report on this next Month. **Action: Mr Deacon**

4.3 Mr Holland said he had received a letter from a lady member who plays on Wednesdays concerning a £5 fine; the committee said the midweek ladies must go by the same rules.

**Action: Mr Porter/Mrs Fielder**

- 4.4 **Kent Amateur foursomes** – Birchwood lost to Rochester & Cobham
- 4.5 **Watson Trophy** – Lee Venus shot a net 80. Lee thanked everyone for supporting him.
- 4.6 Mr Deacon said he had received a letter from Mrs Gilly Thompson explaining why, due to ill health, she had not been able to play and qualify and would the Committee grant her dispensation. The Committee voted unanimously.
- 4.7 **Mail on Sunday** – Birchwood men beat Langley Park, the next match is against Sundridge Park. Rachel said the ladies lost their match.
- 4.8 **Glenmuir Captains Cup** -- Both Trevor Carter and Steve Deacon lost.
- 4.9 **IZZO** – Birchwood ladies are through to the second round.
- 4.10 Mr Baker reported that Birchwood Seniors won against Upchurch 2-1 in the Invicta League, but lost 2-1 against Redlibbetts.
- 4.11 **NAPGC** - 19<sup>TH</sup> May at Hawtree.

## 5 FINANCES

- 5.1 Balance Sheet was given out and the Bank balance is very healthy. Mr Skeggs said he has now changed the account over to the HSBC and there will be no bank charges in future.

## 6 SOCIAL EVENTS

- 6.1 **Heart to Heart Singles Night** – 25<sup>th</sup> April – Tickets in advance £5.50, on the door £7.50. These will be held every other month.
- 6.2 **Queens Jubilee** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – There will be a B-B-Q in the afternoon, and a children’s magician and bouncy castle. In the evening there will be a Disco, cost £3.50 to members and £5.50 for visitors. Tickets available at the Bar.
- 6.3 **Mid-summer Banquet** 21<sup>st</sup> June – 3 course meal and live group. Cost £25.50. Tickets available at the bar.

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Mr Porter said although the meal for the Masters was very good, the service was very poor with only 3 people serving. Mrs White said the same went for the ladies. Mrs Carter apologised and said she would make sure things improve.
- 7.2 Mr Rod Stanley said the bunkers were still very bad, still not enough sand in them and lots of stones; also the linings are still showing. A suggestion was put to Mrs Carter that perhaps one or two could be taken out of play in rotation and designated ground under repair while they were fixed properly.
- 7.3 Alex Woodgate said the plantations needed to be marked more clearly.
- 7.4 Mr Carter said he was concerned about some of the comments in the Comments/Suggestions Book and understood the reason Rob was not watering the greens was because he was conditioning the grass to drought conditions and we were still getting night frosts. However he thought members should have been warned about the drainage work that was carried out just before the Masters. Mrs Carter said this was beyond her control and due to the commitments of the Contractor.
- 7.5 Mr Holland complained about the Block Bookings of Tee-times by Societies and members not able to get a game. Mrs Carter explained that only Fridays are restricted to Societies of 35-40 players max. Not other days. However she understood her new assistant had exceeded this limit lately and she would try to ensure it did not happen again.
- 7.6 **Pick and Place** – This will cease from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April and a notice will be put up.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm

**Date of Next Meeting - WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm.**