

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club

Committee Meeting 123

Held on Wednesday, 19th June 2002

Present:

Mr P Holland (Chairman)	Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr Trevor Carter (Captain)	Mr Steve Deacon (Vice Captain)
Mrs Pat Carey (Vice Lady Captain)	Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)
Mr Mike Smith (Past Captain)	Mr Alex Woodgate (Handicap Secretary)
Mr R Stanley (Committee Member)	Mr B Baker (Seniors Representative)
Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill)	Mr Chris Davies (Food & Beverage Manager)

Meeting Opened at 7.50 p.m.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Dr Rachel White (Lady Captain) and Mr John Porter (Secretary)
- 2 **Minutes of Previous meeting No 122 of 15th May 2002**
- 2.1 The minutes were proposed as correct by Terry Skeggs and Alex Woodgate
- 3 **Matters Arising from Meeting 122**
- 3.1 **Item 3.1 – Captains Dinner 2003** – Mrs Carter said this could be held on the 15th February 03.
- 3.2 **Item 3.2 – ‘Past Captains & Committee’ Match** – A discussion took place and it was decided that it would be better to cancel Edenbridge instead Parkwood was recommended – Ongoing
Action: Rachel White
- 3.3 **Item 3.3 – Concessionary Tee Times** – Mrs Carter said she still had not got the correct information, therefore she will create some booking forms which she would like the Team Captains to fill in. The forms will be put into the Committee tray. Mrs Carter then gave Mr Skeggs some outstanding invoices.
- 3.4 **Item 3.4 – Pedham Place** – Steve Deacon said he had not heard anymore from Bob Monk and is going to drop it.
- 3.5 **Item 3.5 – Assistant for Website** – Ongoing
- 3.6 **Item 3.6 – Lettering** – Mr Holland said he would sort this out next week. **Action: Mr Holland**
- 3.7 **Item 7.1 – Charity Day** – Rod Stanley said he has now got all the paper work from John King and hopes to get the letters out next week. Steve Farley has offered to help. It was suggested that perhaps Nick Faldo might be persuaded to donate something for the raffle now that he is linked with Burhill.
Action: Mr Stanley/Mr Farley/Mrs Carter
- 3.8 **Item 7.2 – Burhill Inter Club Challenge – 25th August** – Mrs Carey said that Rachel White would like the committee's help in choosing the players. A discussion took place and it was decided that although Burhill are stipulating Captains and Club Champions etc, for the rest it would be better to find out what ratio of men/ladies the other clubs were sending. Mrs Carter offered to try to find out.
Action: Mrs Carter
- 3.9 **Item 7.3 – OOB Post for 15th Hole** – This has still not been done nor the red line around water Hazards. Mrs Carter explained the difficulties why the red lines could not be done, and Mr Smith offered to put the red posts around the water hazards instead. **Action: Mr Smith**
- 3.10 **Item 7.4 – Bunkers** – Members are still complaining about the linings showing in the Bunkers. Mrs Smith said another Green keeper has been taken on and his main duty is the bunkers. The Committee still felt it would be better to take a couple out at a time and make them ground under repair while they were completely re-lined. However the committee praised Rob for the excellent condition of the rest of the course.
- 4 **COMPETITIONS**
- 4.1 **Mail on Sunday** – Birchwood men lost to Purley Downs.
- 4.2 **PILGRIMS** – Birchwood beat Nizels 4-0
- 4.3 **WHITBREAD LEAGUE** – Birchwood beat Chelsfield 3-2
Birchwood lost to Fawkham Valley 3½ - 1½
- 4.4 **DAILY TELEGRAPH** -- Peter Holland and Angela Hamill won on the 19th Hole at Birchwood against their opponents from Hever Golf Club.
- 4.5 **Seniors Competitions** – Birchwood beat Chelsfield Lakes (H) 5-1 Birchwood lost to Parkwood (H) 6-2
Invicta League – Birchwood lost to Beckenham 3-0
- 4.6 **Ladies Competitions** –Whitewebbs – Birchwood lost to High Elms.
Tri-angula – Birchwood won 1st round at Chelsfield Lakes.

5 FINANCES

- 5.1 Mr Skeggs distributed the Balance Sheet and the Bank balance is very healthy.
- 5.2 Mr Skeggs said the Men's NAPGC Competition fees were not collected and asked if they were going to be or was it a free competition. It was decided that it would be a free competition and the ladies fees, which had already been collected, would be refunded.
- 5.3 The committee asked were the fines being collected; Mr Deacon said he is working on it. Mrs Carey said 2 ladies who had paid their fines had written in because they had genuine reasons why they were not able to play. The committee said the rule is if you have a genuine reason why you cannot play and you phone in, you are exempt, however if you do not phone then you must pay the fine.
- 5.4 **NAPGC – Stroke Play Men's Championship** – The entry fee is £19.00 pp. Mr Skeggs to provide a cheque, and the fee will be collected back from the entrants. **Action:Mr Skeggs**

6 SOCIAL EVENTS

- 6.1 **Heart to Heart Singles Night** – 20th June – Tickets in advance £5.50, on the door £7.50. These will be held every other month.
- 6.2 **Golden Jubilee 3rd June** – Chris Davies apologised for the problems experienced as this was supposedly organised by the previous Food & Beverage Manager.
- 6.3 **Mid-summer Ball 21st June** – This has been cancelled due to lack of support. A discussion took place and some of the committee said they had not realised there was such an event and that it needs to be better advertised. The committee agreed to help sell Birchwood Park in-house events at the competitions desk in an effort to revitalise a club atmosphere.
- 6.4 Mrs Carter asked what sort of events would the members like? The committee will try to find out.
- 6.5 Mrs Fielder asked if the menu could have more choices for light snacks as members have been complaining the food is boring. She praised Hoebridge for their catering and several other committee members agreed with her. Chris Davies promised there would be improvements. An early morning coffee machine will be considered. **Action: Mrs Carter**

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 A letter was read out that the EGU fees are going up, and given to Mrs Carter.
- 7.2 A letter was received from a member about swapping his Tee-time and complaining that the person on the member's competition desk was rude and arrogant to them. Committee members on desk duty must use their discretion.
- 7.3 A discussion took place concerning the size of the field for competitions and whether we could still support the expense of the prizes given. Committee to monitor the expense ratio. Mrs Carter is also monitoring the return of competition tee-times.
- 7.4 Members were unhappy when they received their renewals that they did not receive the new rates with the letter. Mrs Carter stated they were posted on the member's notice board, but would endeavour to ensure they went out with the renewals next year.
- 7.5 A discussion took place concerning a member who was given dispensation from qualifying from the first round of the knockouts due to ill health, and had gone through to second round, and was unhappy because they were told they needed to qualify for next round. Although Mr Deacon said he had not received anything in writing, the committee instructed him to write to the person concerned, as so far that person had not played in one qualifying competition. **ACTION: Mr Deacon**
- 7.6 As Mr Alton has resigned from the handicap subcommittee, his name needs to be taken off the web site. **ACTION: Mr Holland/Mr Farley**
- 7.7 **CAPTAINS DAY** -- Trevor Carter asked Mrs Carter if we could arrange our own Disco, Mrs Carter said yes subject to her having a copy of their Public Liability Insurance. **ACTION: Mr T Carter**
- 7.8 **Who's Who Board** – What is happening about this? -Ongoing **ACTION: Mrs J Carter**
- 7.9 Mr B Baker said the Seniors had had an excellent day at Hoebridge and asked Mrs Carter to pass on their thanks to Hoebridge.
- 7.10 Mrs Carter said members were still using Drivers on the Driving Range and hitting their balls over the fence, and she would be very grateful if members would observe the signs and not use Drivers in the prohibited bays.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 17th July 2002