

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club
Committee Meeting 125
Held on Wednesday, 21st August 2002

Present:

Mr P Holland (Chairman)	Mr John Porter (Secretary)
Mr Trevor Carter (Captain)	Dr Rachel White (Lady Captain)
Mr Steve Deacon (Vice Captain)	Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)
Mr Mike Smith (Past Captain)	Mr Alex Woodgate (Handicap Secretary)
Mr Chris Davies (Food & Beverage Manager)	Mr B Baker (Seniors Representative)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)	Mrs Pat Carey (Lady Vice Captain)
Mr Rod Stanley	

Meeting Opened at 7.50 p.m.

1 **APOLOGIES:** Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill)

2 **Minutes of Previous meeting No 124 of 17th July 2002**

2.1 Rachel White and Alex Woodgate proposed the minutes as correct.

3 **Matters Arising from Meeting 124**

3.1 **Item 3.1 – ‘Past Captains & Committee’ Match, New Date 4th October 02**

The venue has now been changed to Parkwood. Rachel asked that those interested in going let her have their deposits ASAP.

Action: Rachel White

3.2 **Item 3.2 – Lettering** – Mr Holland said a new Company has been approached and the cost for them to do all the Honour Boards for us would be £400-£500. Rachel White proposed that we go with this and a vote was taken which was unanimous. - Ongoing

Action: Mr Holland

3.3 **Item 3.3 – Charity Day, 9th August** – This was a splendid effort by everyone and approx £7000 was raised for Charity.

Item 3.4 – Burhill Inter Club Challenge – 25th August – Teams had been picked and confirmed to Burhill. A discussion took place, and Mr Alex Woodgate asked to be taken off the team.

Action: Steve Deacon

3.4 **Item 3.5 – Red Lines Around Water Hazards** – Mrs Fielder read out a letter from Rob Holland, Head Greenkeeper, on the suggestion of red block paviour suggested at the last meeting, and why this was not feasible. Mr Porter said Rob had probably misunderstood, as he did not mean a continuous line but just occasional blocks. Rob also said that if the committee gave him a list of the dates of important comps he would try to ensure there was a red painted line. Mike Smith said he would give Rob the dates. Another suggestion was to cement the red posts in so that the vandals could not pull them out.

3.5 **Item 3.8 – Coffee Machine** – This has still not been provided. Also why can we no longer get large cappuccinos? Mr Davies said he was waiting for the cups.

Action: Mr Davies

3.6 **Item 7.8 – Who’s Who Board** – Ongoing.

Action: Mrs Carter

3.7 **Item 7.1 - ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE – 16th November 02** – Rachel White said the Venue and Band are booked, but there was still a lot to do and she had drawn up a list of the various tasks and asked for volunteers. Trevor said he would sort out the printing of the Tickets and Posters. Rod Stanley volunteered to run the raffle and Pat Carey volunteered to organise the flowers. As there were no other volunteers, Rachel said she would allocate days for ticket sales to the remaining committee members. Rachel said she had costed the event and the tickets would be about £31 - £33 approx. It was agreed to subsidise the event this year from club funds and make the tickets £28 for members (subsidised in accordance with the approved AGM motion) and £32 for non-members. However this would not be a president for future years. It was also suggested that if the raffle raised enough money then 50% could go to Charity and 50% to help subsidise the event. Rachel said people must purchase their tickets at least 2 weeks prior to the event to get firm numbers. It was suggested that the Vice Captains provisionally book the same venue now for next year, but members to think of an alternative venue between now and the next committee meeting. – Ongoing

Action R White/T Carter

3.8 **Item 7.4 – Security** – Mrs Carter asked Mrs Fielder to inform the committee the issue is still being looked at i.e. quotations for additional CCTV etc. Rachel White said she is more interested in the security to the Ladies Locker Room.

4 COMPETITIONS

- 4.1 **WHITBREAD LEAGUE** – Birchwood v Fawkham Valley – Birchwood lost 3 ½ -1 ½
- 4.2 **North Kent 4-somes** – Birchwood v Woodlands – Birchwood lost semi-final 4-1
- 4.3 **Daily Telegraph** – Peter Holland & Angela Hamill were knocked out in the 3rd round to Rochester & Cobham. Mike Smith & Gill Holland lost in the 2nd round at Addington Palace.
- 4.4 **Seniors Competitions** – Invicta League – Birchwood lost to High Elms 3-0
Friendly's B/W lost to Parkwood 7-1
B/W won against Tudor Park 6-2
B/W won against Upchurch River Valley 4 ½ - 1 ½
- 4.5 **Ladies Competitions** – Friendly Birchwood lost to Fawkham Valley 3 ½ - 1 ½

5 FINANCES

- 5.1 Mr Skeggs distributed the Balance Sheet and the Bank balance is still healthy.

Mr Porter asked for an itinerary of cost of prizes from Drummies. A discussion took place on whether we should increase competition fees, the decision was deferred. A discussion took place on outstanding fines and it was suggested that a list of names should be put on the Notice Board for those who had not paid their fines, it was decided they should be given a letter first.

6 SOCIAL EVENTS – 11th October

- 6.1 Chris Davies reported he has hired a band called 'The Medium' and hoped members would support the event. Further details will be advised.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Mr Porter said the Club Honour Board has been ordered.
- 7.2 Mr Holland said the other Honour Board has still not been received from John Ford
- 7.3 Mr Porter asked why in the Alan Smiths Pairs Competition did handicaps get altered, and that we should only publish top 6 pairs. It was decided that in future this competition will be qualifying for Honours Board but not for handicaps.
- 7.4 Mrs Fielder asked if the 4th hole was still GUR, as the sign had gone but the blue stakes were still there, she had found when playing in recent competitions, some members insisted it was now in play. The Committee said it is still GUR.
- 7.5 **Ball Washers** – These are missing between holes 6-15 – It was explained that a lot of these had been taken away to be repaired. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 7.6 There have been a lot of complaints among the members about their handicaps being cut. Mr Woodgate explained that the computer works it out and cuts them if necessary, and members of the committee should explain this to the members.
- 7.7 **OOM** – This has been updated on the Web but not on the Wall – Mr Deacon will speak to Mike Stephenson. **Action: Steve Deacon**
- 7.8 Recently we have lost a lot of members but have gained a lot of new members, the committee were asked to do their best to make them welcome and encourage them to join in competitions and social functions.

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

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17th September 2002