

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club**  
**Committee Meeting 129**  
**Held on Wednesday, 18th December 2002**

**Present:**

Mr P Holland (Chairman)	Dr Rachel White (Lady Captain)
Mr Mike Smith (Past Captain)	Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mrs Pat Carey (Lady Vice Captain)	Mr B Baker (Seniors Representative)
Mr Alex Woodgate (Seniors Captain & Handicap Secretary)	
Mr Scott Morley (Burhill)	

Meeting Opened at 7.50 p.m.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Mr Trevor Carter (Captain) Mr Steve Deacon (Vice Captain) Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary) Mr Rod Stanley (Committee Member) Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill).  
No apology had been received from Mr John Porter (Secretary)
- 2 **Minutes of Previous meeting No 128 of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2002**
- 2.1 Rachel White and Mike Smith proposed the minutes as correct.
- 3 **Matters Arising from Meeting 128**
- 3.1 **Item 3.1 - Lettering** – Ongoing. Approximately half of the honour boards had been completed, re-lettering the remainder would be underway again in January. **Action: Mr Holland**
- 3.2 **Item 3.3 – Who’s Who Board** – Ongoing. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 3.3 **Item 3.5 – Security** – Mr Scott reaffirmed that the security system would be improved in 2003. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 3.4 **Item 3.6 – 2003 Calendar** – This had been completed and was with the printers.
- 3.5 **Item 3.7 – Whitbread Invoice** – Mr Skeggs reported that Upchurch had replied to his letter and had provided more detail of the circumstances surrounding the cancelled match. As they had incurred the total cost of the reciprocal home fixture, the committee agreed that Birchwood Park would settle the entire invoice.
- 3.6 **Item 7.2 – Drainage by 12<sup>th</sup> green.** - Mr Morley advised that the work required to correct the drainage problem to the right of the 12<sup>th</sup> green would be undertaken when the course had dried out. Ongoing. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 3.7 **Item 7.4 – Purchase of replica Scratch Plate** - Ongoing. **Action: Dr White**
- 3.8 **Item 7.6 - Replacement of Masters Trophy** – Ongoing. **Action: Mr Deacon**
- 3.9 **Item 7.16 – Kelvedon Suite Deposits.** – Mr Holland and Mr Skeggs both expressed their concern that £1200 of club funds would be permanently held by Birchwood/Burhill as deposits for the six annual events that would require booking the Kelvedon Suite. Mr Morley was asked if the club could be considered under different arrangements than those applicable to the public that were booking one-off events. Mr Morley would refer this back to Mrs Carter. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 3.10 **Item 7.19 – Stationery.** – Mr Woodgate had ordered the stationery appropriate to the club’s requirements. It was also noted by the committee that the use of old wage envelopes for competition entries was not in keeping with members expectations and would be rectified.
- 4 **COMPETITIONS**
- 4.1 **PEARSON TROPHY** – The ladies lost their match against Wrotham Heath 0-7, although the scoreline does not reflect the closeness of the match with all games being very tightly contested.
- 4.2 **Seniors Competitions** – The seniors lost their Invicta League match against Beckenham 1-2 and were thereby regrettably relegated to Division 2 for the 2003 season.
- 5 **FINANCES**
- 5.1 Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet and reported that the finances remained satisfactory. He advised the committee that considerable amounts of expenditure were still outstanding ( approximately £2,500 of prizes for 2002 competitions had still to be purchased / invoices from London Golf for shop vouchers were still awaited / expense of re-lettering all the honour boards would have to be carried over into 2003 to pay as the project would not be completed by this year end etc. ) and the large cash surplus position was “earmarked” against expenditure. Mr Holland advised Mr Skeggs that this would have to be noted in the year-end accounts to clarify the true financial position of the club at the AGM.  
Mr Holland was to ask Mr Colin Mason to audit the accounts. **Action:Mr Holland**
- 5.2 **FINES** - £240 in fines has been collected so far – Ongoing **Action: Mr Deacon & Mr Holland**

**6 SOCIAL EVENTS**

- 6.1 25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Night – with traditional Piper & Disco
- 6.2 26<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **NAPGC FINALISTS CORRESPONDENCE** – Letters of appreciation had been received from both Mrs Pauline Steeden and Mrs Ann Jenner thanking the committee for the assistance towards their costs in representing Birchwood at St.Andrews.
- 7.2 **COMMITTEE DINNER** - Mr Holland advised that the committee dinner had been booked for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2003 with Sophies Choice Restaurant Sidcup as the venue. Mr Holland would write to all the committee members (main, ladies, seniors and competitions) to invite. **Action: Mr Holland**
- 7.3 **CHANGING ROOM SHOWERS** - Mr Baker and other Committee members referred to the inadequate state of the shower heads/water flow in the men's showers. This long-standing situation was causing embarrassment when hosting home fixtures for visiting teams playing against Birchwood. The lady members on the committee also brought attention to a similar situation in their changing rooms with only 1 shower out of the 2 provided being in working order. Mr Morley responded that this would be investigated. **Action: Mr Morley**
- 7.4 **INCREASES IN RESTAURANT PRICING** – The committee en masse made their opinions clear in regard to the prices being charged in the new menu which had seen price rises far outpace inflation. Members had voiced their complaints that the menu now restricted their "optional choice" i.e. burgers were now offered ONLY with chips and the corresponding price hike. Mr Morley was informed that many members were, and would be, refusing to support restaurant sales if their expectations of value were continually disregarded.
- 7.5 **QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS IN WINTER** – Mr Woodgate reported that he had spoken with Mr John Lever, the Kent Handicap Committee Secretary, who had informed him that winter rules should not automatically disqualify competitions from handicap calculation, and that provided the course was not shortened by more than 100 yards and that pick and place was within the 6 inch criteria on fairways, all club competitions recognising individual cards could be used to amend handicap. Accordingly, the committee ruled that the "suspension of qualification on handicaps" be withdrawn with effect from the first competition in 2003.
- 7.6 **CHANGING ROOM LOCKERS** – Mr Morley requested that following the damage to the lockers in the men's changing room, he would appreciate members notifying him of any further violation. At the same time he gave notice to the club that nothing was to be left in the lockers overnight and that management would be clearing any items so left.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.40pm

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2003**