

## Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club

### Committee Meeting 131 - Held on Wednesday, 19th February 2003

#### Present:

Mr P Holland (Chairman)  
Mr Steve Deacon (Captain & Competitions) Mr B Baker (Seniors Captain)  
Mrs Pat Carey (Lady Captain) Mr Lee Venus (Vice Captain)  
Mr Trevor Carter (Past Captain) Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Vice Captain)  
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer) Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)  
Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill) Mr Scott Morley (Burhill)

Meeting Opened at 7.50 p.m.

#### 1 APOLOGIES:

Mr Ian Keith (Secretary), Mr Dave Grey (Committee Member) Both because of lack of notice.

#### 2 Minutes of Previous meeting No 130 of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2003

2.1 Mrs Pat Carey and Mr Steve Deacon proposed the minutes as correct.

#### 3 Matters Arising from Meeting 129

3.1 **Item 3.1 - Lettering** – Ongoing.

**Action: Mr Holland**

3.2 **Item 3.2 – Who's Who Board** – Ongoing. Mrs Carter asked for the new Captains and Secretary to attend the next committee meeting 15 minutes early and she would arrange for a photographer to be present to take their photo's for the Board.

**Action: Mrs Carter**

3.3 **Item 3.3 – Security** – Ongoing. – Hoping to get in place by the beginning of the season. **Action: Mrs Carter**

3.4 **Item 3.4 - Drainage by 12<sup>th</sup> green.** – Ongoing, awaiting favourable weather conditions. Mr Venus suggested a dropping zone but after a discussion it was felt that it would be better to drain the water away and make it GUR.

**Action: Mrs Carter**

3.5 **Item 3.6- Replacement of Winners Invitation Trophy** – A new trophy has been purchased and it was suggested renaming it the Masters Trophy. Steve Deacon Proposed it and Trevor Carter seconded it.

3.6 **Item 3.7 – Kelvedon Suite Deposit** - Mr Skeggs said he would give Mrs Carter a cheque after the meeting.

**Action: Mr Skeggs**

3.7 **Item 3.9 - Committee Dinner** – Everyone agreed that this was very good and a vote of thanks was given to Peter For arranging it.

3.8 **Item 7.1 – Fines** – Ongoing – There had not been any letters from members contesting the fines but there were still some outstanding. From now on any member not paying their fine by the due date will be banned from competitions. Mr Deacon said he would need a weeks notice to take them off the list.

**Action: P Holland/T Skeggs**

3.9 **Item 7.3 – Ladies Extra Tee-time** – The extra tee-time for the Wednesday Ladies Section is still being assessed.

**Action: Mrs Carter**

#### 4 COMPETITIONS

4.1 **Watson Trophy** – Mickey Hampson represents Birchwood in this competition at Dartford Golf Club this year. Mr Deacon would encourage attendance from members to support our Club Champion.

4.2 **CLUB CHAMPION** – As last year's trial method to determine the Club Champion had not been a successful format the committee discussed alternatives. After due consideration, Mr Deacon proposed, seconded by Mr Venue, that the competition reverted to its original format. This was agreed unanimously.

4.3 **CAPTAINS CHALLENGE** – The Committee was informed that some members had requested entry to this competition even though they had lapsed handicaps and were not regular competitors in the club events. It was highlighted that with the course being closed to anybody else due to the shotgun start at 7.15 am, some members have used this process to gain access to a game, preventing others who have played regularly in weekend competitions and thereby contributed significantly to the finances of the club from getting their names on the playing list and being relegated to the reserve list. The committee discussion concluded without exception that this was unfair, and concurred with Mr Deacon that he should contact those members and advise them that their request for inclusion had been blocked and would only be considered if space was available.

**Action: Mr Deacon**

4.4 **MAIL ON SUNDAY** – Birchwood has received a bye in the first round.

4.5 **LADIES COMPETITION** – THE PEARSON – Birchwood lost to Tenterdon.

4.6 **SENIORS COMPETITIONS** – Nothing to report.

#### 5 FINANCES

Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet and reported that the finances remained satisfactory. He reported that he is still waiting for some invoices to come in, and that we had purchased a CD writer.

5.1 Mr Deacon asked Mr Skeggs for a cheque for £20 for the North Kent & Yeoman's Trophy at Eltham Warren GC.

5.2 **DRUMMIES** - We have received a Quote from Drummies for 3 years Medals – A discussion took place but no decision was reached – Ongoing.

**Action: Mr Deacon**

## 6 SOCIAL EVENTS

- 6.1 A list of the year's events was given out. Mrs Carter said she was disappointed that the golf club members were not supporting the events enough. However it was pointed out to her that at the Xmas Disco it was mostly golf club members.

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 **AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS** – Mr Skeggs proposed that a 'Thank You' gift was given to Mr C Mason for auditing the Accounts, seconded by Mr Deacon. It was agreed unanimously. **Action: Mr Skeggs**
- 7.2 **TEE-TIMES** – Mr Skeggs said he had noticed on the calendar that we had lost 2 tee-times. Mr Deacon said that Mrs Carter had agreed she would give them back later in the year.
- 7.3 **SENIORS NOTICE BOARD** - Mr Baker said because they have to share the Notice Board with the Orchard Club they need more space. Mrs Carter said she would look into putting them up a new board but was concerned the cost was not in her budget. It was suggested that the senior's section might like to fund this themselves. Mr Baker said he would take it back to his committee – ongoing. **Action Baker/Mrs Carter**
- 7.4 **LADIES CLUB CHAMPION** – Mrs Carey asked if it was possible to present Mrs C Farley with a replica trophy in recognition of her successful retention of the title for 3 consecutive years. This would be in keeping with the recent committee decision to present Ann Bridges with a replica Scratch Plate. A discussion took place and it was agreed unanimously. **Action: Mrs P Carey**
- 7.5 **WEBSITE LINKS** – Mrs Carter complained that there were no links between Birchwood Golf Centre's site and the Members site. Mr Holland said that he had discussed the member's web site with Mr Farley (who owned it and therefore had total discretion over its content) who had since created a link to the sites for social events. This was accepted and appreciated.
- 7.6 **BURHILL INTER CLUB MATCH** – 7<sup>th</sup> September – AT THORNBURY – Burhill now have 7 clubs and only want 13 players from each club. A discussion took place and it was felt that this was no longer in essence the social occasion it had been originally in getting the clubs in the Burhill stable together with a competition as the focus. The suggestion of having a rolling buffet instead of a sit-down meal had been rejected by Burhill but the discussion should continue to ensure that the future of this event is in general agreement of the clubs involved. Another idea would be to make it 2 divisions – North & South – with the winners of each to play in a Final. It was agreed that we would participate this year but everyone agreed it needs to be reviewed. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 7.7 **BOOKING FORMS** – Mrs Carter reminded the committee that they must use the Booking forms provided at reception for arranging the catering for competitions etc.
- 7.8 **BAD BEHAVIOUR AT THE BAR** – It had been noted that there are some members who badmouth Burhill in the Bar. If people have a problem they should discuss it with Mrs Carter.
- 7.9 **FEBRUARY MEDAL** – Mr Deacon said because of temporary greens this competition had become non-qualifying and has effected the Club Championship and the Order of Merit. Mr Deacon said he could not understand why there were no temporaries on the Saturday but there was on the Sunday when the Greens were no different. Mr Deacon suggested that the flags are put in such a position on the greens that we would not need temporaries. Mrs Carter said she would look into it. **Action: Mrs Carter**
- 7.10 **2002 CHARITY DAY** – Mr Deacon said someone had bid £450 for an item but had still not paid for it and that Mr Gary Butters has offered to buy it. This was agreed.
- 7.11 **MEMBERSHIP LIST** – Mr Deacon asked if he could have an up to date list of members. Mrs Carter said she had already provided one. Mr Holland said he had got a list and Mr Deacon could have a copy. **Action: Mr Holland**
- 7.12 **DESK DUTY** – Mr Deacon said he needs more people to help with the Desk Duty.
- 7.13 **MASTERS DAY DINNER** – Mr Deacon said he felt it was time for a change this year and had got a very good professional speaker in mind. The cost could be up to £300 but could be recovered in price of tickets. The committee felt this was a good idea and agreed.
- 7.14 **WINTER GREENSOMES** – Mr Deacon said his could not be finalised because one match could not agree on a date to play. Mr Deacon said it would be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 7.15 **SLOW PLAY** – This was raised at the AGM and Mr Carter suggested that one person in each group could be made responsible in making sure everyone in the group keeps moving. A general discussion took place. Mr Baker and Mrs Carey said they would take it back to their sections as well. – Ongoing. **Action: Committee**
- 7.16 **PAST CAPTAINS & COMMITTEE COMPETITION** – 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2003 – Mr Holland offered to organise this and the committee agreed. **Action: Mr Holland**
- 7.17 **HONOURS BOARDS** – Mr Holland suggested a 'Thank You' gift for Mr Mick Taylor for all his hard work in sanding down the boards. This was agreed. Also Mr John Ford has still not sent in an invoice for his work.
- 7.18 **HANDICAP SECRETARY** – At the AGM Mr Russell Mills name was put forward for this position, however Mrs Carter said, as he is a member of staff, this would be a conflict of interest. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the committee would try to encourage a member to take up the role, and at the same time work towards the enlistment of a sub-committee to spread the workload of the appointed person when selected.

They're being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at 7.45