

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 138
Tuesday 16 September 2003**

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)	Mr Lee Venus (Vice Captain)
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)	Mr John Walters (Handicap Secretary)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)	Mr Dave Grey
Mrs Pat Carey (Lady Captain)	Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Vice Captain)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

ACTION

- 1 **Apologies** – Barbara Fielder; Scott Morley; Barry Baker; Steve Deacon and Trevor Carter.

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting No. 137 of 21 August 2003.**
Mr Skeggs and Mr Venus proposed the minutes as correct.

- 3 **Matters Arising from Meeting 137**
 - 3.1 3.1 – Who’s Who Board – Still ongoing. Mr Morley

 - 3.2 3.2 – Security – New lights and cameras have been installed in the car park. The possibility of a swipecard entry system for the changing rooms is to be re-addressed in the new year.

 - 3.3 3.5 and 3.6 – Rules - A sub-committee will be formed within the next month to review competition rules and qualification requirements in order to remove ambiguities. Resulting proposals will be put to the main committee. Mr Holland

 - 3.4 3.7 - Fourth Hole – A white line still needs to be painted all the way round the lake, the newly landscaped area and the original infill site to identify it as GUR. Mr Morley

 - 3.5 3.9 – Bunkers – Awaiting details of Burhill’ s course improvement plans. Mr Morley

 - 3.6 3.10 – Charity Money 2002 – Ongoing. Mr Carter

 - 3.7 3.15 – Bag Tags – Action to replenish stocks ongoing. Mr Deacon

 - 3.8 3.16 – Computer - Actioned

 - 3.9 3.17 – Charity Day – Donation to Lady Captain’s Charity to be made. Mr Deacon

- 3.10 3.18 – Triangular – Actioned.
- 3.11 3.19 – Photographer for Dinner Dance – Actioned.
- 3.12 8.2 – NAPGC National Finals – Once the participants at St Andrews had been informed of how much they were to receive in expenses from the NAPGC, a decision would be taken on the level of contribution to be made by the club to the expenses of all NAPGC Final participants. Mr Holland
- 3.13 8.3 - Juniors – Further advice awaited from Burhill. Mr Morley
- 3.14 8.4 – Night Golf - Further advice awaited from Burhill. Mr Morley
- 3.15 8.6 – Slow Play – Proposals submitted to address slow play were discussed. It was agreed that the gaps between groups in competitions would be recorded and that the worst offending groups each week will be identified. This would put greater emphasis on the need for the total randomness of the draw in competitions (see 8.4) Competitions Committee
- 3.16 8.13 – Team Shirts – Efforts to purchase new shirts for next season ongoing. Mr Deacon

4 **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Birchwood Park management notifying the club of a Geoff Gibson Memorial competition to be held on Thu 9 Oct. The availability of tee times was however not known as this is a privately arranged event by a non-Birchwood Park member.

5 **Competitions**

5.1 **Men**

Pilgrims' League – Birchwood Park lost at Moatlands 3 – 1

Steve Grey Triangular – Birchwood Park won by 104 points over 3 matches against Chelsfield and Poulthwood.

Burhill Inter Club Quadrangular – Birchwood Park were third – 11 points behind the winners, Thornbury.

5.2 **Ladies**

Drew at home to Chislehurst in a friendly.

Won the Triangular competition against High Elms and Chelsfield by 17 points.

Dang Jarnot won the ladies NAPGC Public Course Championship at Ladybank, Scotland. Mrs Jarnot's achievement would be recognised with the addition of her name to the honour board located above the competitions' board.

Mr Holland

5.3 **Seniors**

Invicta League – Won 3 – 0 away at Chelsfield.

Lost 4^{1/2} to 1^{1/2} away at Woodlands Manor.

Brian Grix won through to the final of the NAPGC seniors competition in the Hoebridge round, where our team were beaten into second place on countback.

6 **Finances**

6.1 The club's finances are in a healthy state and as a result the Committee unanimously agreed that members' tickets to the Dinner Dance on 15 November would be subsidised from club funds.

Mr Skeggs

6.2 Mr Skeggs had received an invoice from Burhill in respect of damage that had been caused to a door in the clubhouse on the night of the Captain's Charity function. Mr Skeggs was to seek further information from Burhill prior to the club's liability for this being accepted.

Mr Skeggs

7 **Social**

Nothing to Report.

8 **Any Other Business**

8.1 Dinner Dance – Mrs Carey reported that arrangements for the Dinner Dance on Sat 15 Nov at the Bexleyheath Civic Centre were underway. Tickets and posters needed to be produced and Mr Skeggs volunteered to do this. Trophies would need to go to the engraver in the next few weeks if they were to be ready to be presented on the night. Any member still holding a trophy at home should return it to the club as soon as possible.

Mrs Carey

8.2 Society Reservations – Mr Skeggs said that he had tried to book a tee time on a Saturday after the competition but a time had not been available until 1210 due to a society reservation. This seemed to be contrary to the understanding that Societies were not permitted to play until after 1pm on Saturdays.

Mr Morley

8.3 Mr Walters confirmed that a meeting was planned for the Handicap Committee to re-commence Rule 19 reviews of handicaps which had not taken place since January.

Mr Walters

8.4 The Chairman was concerned that a number of players were moving from the group that they had been drawn with at the first tee. Whilst Eddie, as the starter, may make such changes on occasions, all players in competitions must play with those who they are drawn with. To go against this is to go against the whole ethos of the club.

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 21 October 2003.**

(Any member wishing an issue to be raised at the meeting should refer it to the Secretary (ikeith@btopenworld.com) at least 3 days in advance.)