

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 141
Monday 15th December 2003**

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)
Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr Scott Morley

Mr Steve Deacon (Captain & Competitions)
Mrs Pat Carey (Lady Captain)
Mr Barry Baker (Seniors Captain)
Mr Dave Grey (Committee Member)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

ACTION

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| 1 | APOLOGIES: Mr Lee Venus (Vice Captain) Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Vice Captain) Mr Trevor Carter | |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting No.140 of 25th November 2003
Mr Skeggs and Mrs Carey proposed the minutes as correct, apart from one alteration pointed out by Mr Holland, Item 8.4 should read “and that he had got the form from the NAPGC for the subscriptions” | |
| 3 | Matters Arising from Meeting 140 | |
| 3.1 | 3.1 – Who’s Who Board – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.2 | 3.5 – Charity Day – Donation to Lady Captains Charity – Ongoing | Mr Deacon |
| 3.3 | 3.7 - Juniors Tournament –Mr Sam Tagaloa, Golf Administrator, will be sending a letter to the Captains with full details - Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.4 | 3.9 – Slow Play – Discussed again – Ongoing | Committee |
| 3.5 | 3.10 – Team Shirts – Has now received the new brochures and is studying them - Ongoing | Mr Deacon |
| 3.6 | 3.12 – Outstanding invoices – Mr Morley proposed a meeting with Mr Skeggs to sort it out and a date was arranged for the 22 nd December 03. – Ongoing | Mr Morley
/Mr Skeggs |
| 3.7 | 3.14 - Notice Board for Seniors - Actioned | |
| 3.8 | 3.15 - 9 th Hole Tee – Mr Morley said he had discussed it with both Burhill and Rob in the past but nothing was going to be done in near future. | |
| 3.9 | 3.16 – 2004 Calendar – Mr Deacon said Mr King was printing the copies and they would be available at reception in the next couple of days. - Actioned | |
| 3.10 | Charity Day 6 th August 2004 – Confirmation of date for Kelvedon Suite - Confirmed | |
| 3.11 | Nil Returns – Actioned | |
| 3.12 | 6.2 – Annual Dinner & Dance – Waiting for invoice to pay balance. | Mr Skeggs |
| 3.13 | 8.2 – Society Reservations – The Committee told Mr Morley that they had had lots of complaints from the members because it is very difficult to get a Tee-time due to the amount of societies booked in and that contrary to his assurance (Minutes 139 dated 27 October 03) that Societies should not play until after 13.00 on Saturdays, they were still being allowed to go off before 13.00. Mr Holland asked if this was being allowed to happen just in the winter but Mr Morley said he was going to allow it until February or March. Mr Morley said he would allow members to book non-members Tee-times to make up for it but was told that invariably | |

- allow members to book non-members Tee-times to make up for it but was told that invariably there weren't any tee-times available. The committee pointed out that he was not being fair to the members who had paid their annual membership fees on the understanding that they would be given an advantage in booking their golf, to discover now that they were less valued as customers than societies. Mr Morley was advised that the committee would represent all members in making a direct approach to Burhill if the current situation continued where membership was not recognised as having a tangible benefit. Mr Morley said he would look into the situation with Mr Tagaloa to see exactly how many societies have been booked in. Mr Morley
- 3.14** 8.4 – **NAPGC FORM** – Ongoing Mr Keith
- 3.15** 8.6 - **AGM Tuesday 17th February 04** – All the present committee said they were willing to stand again, however there will be a vacancy for Club Member because Mr Grey will be Vice Captain. Posters to be put up ASAP. Mr Keith
- 4** **CORRESPONDENCE - Nil**
- 5** **COMPETITIONS**
- 5.1** Men
Mr Deacon said he would like to introduce a new national pairs competition next year but the entry cost would be £5, therefore would it be possible to make the qualifying round at Birchwood a free competition. Mr Skeggs said he would look into it. Mr Skeggs
- 5.2** Ladies
Nothing to report
- 5.3** Seniors
Nothing to report
- 6** **FINANCES**
- 6.1** Mr Skeggs gave everyone a copy of the monthly balance sheet showing that the club finances remain in a healthy position. As the new bag tags had now been received, he suggested that they be put out on the desk at weekends in order to sell them and recoup some of the outlay cost.
- 7** **SOCIAL**
Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.
- 8** **Any Other Business**
- 8.1** Mr Deacon said he had noticed that some of the societies that go out do not wear proper golf clothes and footwear and do not replace their divots. Mr Morley
- 8.2** Mr Deacon said juniors were being referred to him regarding handicaps, one Mother who phoned him said her son was 14 years and asked how he could get a handicap. He had also had a letter from Sam Tagaloa about another boy with a handicap of 12 wanting to play in the adult competitions. They had also had the embarrassing situation of a 16 year old who had played in 4 adult comps, who they thought was older, but had to tell him he could not play anymore because of the clubs rules regarding juniors participation in club competitions. Mr Deacon said it is important when they join to be given the correct information. Junior members are allowed to play on the 18-hole course after 1pm. Mr Morley said he wants to encourage juniors to play and that a proper structure needs to be put into operation and suggested meeting with, Mr Holland, Mr Deacon, Mr Venus, and Mrs Brannon in the New Year, a date was agreed for the 20th January 04. Mr Morley
- 8.3** **CAPTAINS DINNER** – 14th February 2004 – Mr Deacon asked Mr Morley to confirm that the Kelvedon suite was available and to arrange the in-house Disco. Mr Deacon said he would do the Posters. Mr Morley / Mr Deacon
- 8.4** Mr Keith gave out a Contact List of the Committee to all the committee members.

- 8.5 Mr Morley brought up the matter of two new members who had put in cards for handicaps but the wife had been turned down. He was told that it was because her cards were much too high, and that there was a Poster on the ladies notice board explaining what you needed.
- 8.6 NAPGC Affiliation Fees - Mr Morley wanted to know if it was worth supporting and how many members took part in these competitions. Mr Deacon pointed out that as Burhill are co-sponsors we should support them, especially as Birchwood regularly host a Regional Final. Mr Deacon said we run 2 competitions a year to qualify.
- 8.7 Committee Dinner – Mr Holland asked the committee if they would like to go back to Sophie’s Choice Restaurant next year, and everyone was in favour. He will sort out a date and reservation for early January/beginning of February and advise everyone. Mr Holland
- 8.8 Weekend Competitions - Some members are still changing their Tee-times when they get on the 1st Tee and this must not be allowed to happen. Mr Deacon will do desk duty to monitor the situation. Mr Holland / Mr Deacon

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting –Wednesday 14th January 2004

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