

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 144
Wednesday 10th March 2004**

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)
Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr John Walters (Handicap Secretary)
Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions)

Mr Lee Venus (Captain)
Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Captain)
Mr Dave Grey (Vice Captain)
Mrs Jan West (Lady Vice Captain)
Mr Chris Chilmaid (Seniors Captain)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

Mr Holland opened the meeting and welcomed the new Captains to the committee

		ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Mr John Russell, and Mr Scott Morley	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting No.143 of 9th February 2004 Mr Skeggs and Mrs Brannon proposed the minutes as correct.	
3	Matters Arising from Meeting 143	
3.1	3.1 – Who’s Who Board – Mr Holland said he would remind Mr Morley he said this would be on display by the end of March at the latest. - Ongoing	Mr Holland
3.2	3.2 - Juniors Tournament – Ongoing	Mr Morley
3.3	3.3 – Slow Play – Discussed again – If a group comes in more than 20 mins behind the group in front, the committee will speak to them. It was felt that the Rangers are still not helping the situation and that if a group loses a hole, the Ranger should ask that group to let the next group through. - Ongoing	Mr Morley
3.4	3.4 – Team Shirts – Ongoing	Mr Deacon
3.5	3.6 – NAPGC FORM - Actioned	
3.6	3.11- Ladies Tee Boxes – This was discussed at the AGM – Actioned	
3.7	3.13 – Boards in Ladies Changing Room – Mrs Brannon asked who would pay for these and was told the ladies would have to fund these themselves. Mrs Brannon then asked who usually made them and was told to speak to Mr John Ford.	
3.8	3.14 – After Dinner Speaker – Actioned	
3.9	3.15 - Decisions of the Rules of Golf – Mr Walters had purchased a book but it was the wrong one, Mr Dave Grey said he would purchase them.	Mr Grey
3.10	3.16 - Bunkers – Ongoing	Mr Morley
3.11	3.17 – Audit of Accounts – Actioned.	
3.12	4.1 – New Members Register - Ongoing	Mr Morley
3.13	8.2 – Past Captains Photo’s – Ongoing	Mr Morley
3.14	8.4 – Watson Trophy 4 th April 04 – Mr Deacon reminded everyone that Lee Venus will be representing Birchwood as Club Champion and hoped members would go along and support him. - Ongoing	Committee
3.15	8.5 – Winter inter-club match against Pedham Place – Date changed to 6 th November – Actioned	

- 3.16 8.7 – Actioned
- 4 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4.1 A letter was received concerning 2 new members who had transferred their handicaps from Lullingstone.
- 5 COMPETITIONS**
- 5.1 Mens
Mail on Sunday – The first round was an away game against Fawkham Valley and Birchwood won 2 ½ - 1 ½. The second round will be a home game on the 20th March against Bexleyheath.
- 5.2 Ladies
Pearson Trophy
Sene Valley (Away) Birchwood won 4 – 3
Sene Valley (Home) Birchwood won 4 – 3
West Kent (Home) Birchwood won 4 – 3
- 5.3 Seniors
Nil
- 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. There was a deficit of £274 on the year to date financial position whilst cash assets stand at £12,000. Trophy money has gone up from £6100 to £7200 over the past 2 years.
- 6.2 Mr Skeggs raised the issue of an invoice from Birchwood for a ladies competition with concessionary green fees as he had been asked by the ladies section for clarification on the responsibility of settling the costs. Mrs Fielder pointed out that the Ladies section had historically had the green fee element of such invoices met from club funds whilst Mr Skeggs advised that the Seniors had never claimed their equivalent expense in the past. A discussion took place where it was suggested that for SPECIFIED MATCHES FOR ALL SECTIONS the main club funds would be used to meet the opponents concessionary green fee costs. Mr Skeggs was asked to evaluate such an impact upon the current and ongoing financial position of the club’s accounts and report back at the next committee meeting. Mr Skeggs
- 6.3 Mr Keith asked if we should change to cheaper cartridges for the computer, it was decided to try them. Mr Keith
- 7 SOCIAL**
Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.
- 8 Any Other Business**
- 8.1 Mr Deacon announced that following the AGM, the eligibility rules for the Knockout Competitions had been changed to ‘All players eligible at the start of a knockout competition remain eligible for that competition through all subsequent rounds.
- 8.2 Mr Deacon said following the AGM when the ladies had complained about the yellow tee markers being put on the Red Tee Boxes, some of the yellow tee markers are now being put on some of the White Tee Boxes. Mr Deacon said he could not understand why they had specifically cut the grass at the sides of some of the Tee Boxes as winter tees but were not using them. Mr Holland said he would discuss it again with Rob. Mr Holland
- 8.3 Mrs West asked if it would be possible to put seed boxes on the tees? Mr Morley
- 8.4 Mr Keith said a list needs to go on the Notice Board so that Team Captains can identify members who would like to play in the competitions. Mr Holland said that he still has got the original document on his P.C. and would re-post the notice on the main board. Everyone was in agreement with this. Mr Holland

- 8.5 Mr Keith asked if we have got a supply of Club Ties in stock and was told yes.
- 8.6 Mr Walters asked if last weekends competition ‘The Captains Challenge’ was qualifying as it was a pair’s competition. The Ladies had already entered theirs in the computer as qualifying but he thought it should be none qualifying. Mr Holland told him that according to the latest CONGU rules certain pairs play was qualifying for handicap adjustment and that the ‘Captains Challenge’ filled those criteria and was therefore eligible.
- 8.7 4th Hole – Mr Skeggs said the GUR needs confirmation, as there is no longer a white line around the GUR although the notice is still there. Also the blue rope near the green on the 2nd hole is not marked GUR. Mr Morley
- 8.9 15th Hole – Mrs Fielder said the white posts have been moved and it is very confusing as to where the OOB starts and finishes and it looks as though the tree is now in play. Mr Morley
- 8.10 2nd Hole – Plantation on right after going over the path, needs to be made a bit clearer as some of the stakes are missing and there are a couple of little bushes that used to be in the plantation but now look as if they are not and because they are not staked you cannot take a free drop. A discussion took place and it was agreed that several of the plantations need to be more defined. Mr Morley
- 8.11 Burhill Interclub Quadrangular – 5th September – Mr Holland said he has contacted Mr Ian Gibson of Thornbury G.C. (last years hosts) to ascertain Burhill’s “expectations” of the event going forward. It was evident that the format of the Burhill Challenge was going to have to change as more clubs became involved but decisions would have to be made soon to enable the Birchwood members committee to plan and arrange the event this year. Mr Holland advised the committee that he would again pursue a response from Mr Morley as the representative of Burhill and if still unsuccessful would contact Burhill on the committee’s behalf. Mr Holland suggested that if our opposition was travelling from Shropshire/ Nottingham/Bristol etc. and would be down for the Saturday night, it may be appropriate for us to hold a social event on that night in the clubhouse to provide them with hospitality. Mr Morley

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th April 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