

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 146
Monday 24thth May 2004**

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)

Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)

Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)

Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)

Mr John Russell

Mr Scott Morley

Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Captain)

Mrs Jan West (Lady Vice Captain)

Mr Peter Devaux (Seniors Vice Captain)

Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions)

Mr John Walters (Handicap Secretary)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

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| 1 | APOLOGIES: Mr Lee Venus (Captain) and Mr Chris Chilmald (Seniors Captain) | ACTION |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting No.145 of 13th April 2004
Mrs Brannon and Mr Skeggs proposed the minutes as correct. | |
| 3 | Matters Arising from Meeting 145 | |
| 3.1 | 3.1 – Who’s Who Board – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.2 | 3.2 - Juniors Tournament – Mr Morley said as soon as he has got a date he will inform the committee, unless it is before the next committee meeting, in which case he will inform the Captains. - Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.3 | 3.6 - Bunkers – Mr Morley reported that due to adverse weather conditions the Bunkers had been designated GUR for 3 weeks, however they are now back in play, and several of them have got a new type of sand in them and that Burhill are investing heavily in the bunkers. | |
| 3.4 | 3.7 – New Members Register – Mr Deacon reported that this is in place but not all being put in there. It is better but not up to date. It was agreed to have quarterly meetings with new members to meet the Captains and the people running the competitions. A poster will be put on the board. - Ongoing | Mr Deacon |
| 3.5 | 3.8 – Past Captains Photo’s – Mr Holland reported that he had written to Mr Peter Robinson of Burhill stating that the members were not getting due recognition. He had received a reply which he read out to the committee, in which Mr Robinson stated the Company’s Policies and offering to meet the committee, Mr Holland said he thought this would be a good idea. Mr Holland asked Mr Morley to clarify what the Companies Policy’s are? The issues raised in the letter to Mr Robinson were then discussed at length, and although it had been suggested that a separate meeting was to be convened it was considered to be more appropriate to air the views openly between Mr Morley and the committee at that point in time. Mr Holland said the members spend a lot of money at Birchwood and need to feel appreciated for their loyalty and made to feel welcome and looked after. It was generally felt that if you did a comparison between a Member, and Society’s and Public, that Society’s and the Public got better attention and value. Mr Morley said that if the members had any complaints he would be happy for them to complain direct to him so that he could deal with the matter straight away. The Committee was worried that the heritage of the club was not being recognised and thought it would be a good idea for Mr Robinson to be invited to the Burhill Interclub Challenge Day on 5 th September where he would have the opportunity to meet the members and the committee. | Mr Morley/
Mr Holland |
| 3.6 | 3.13 – Tee Boxes Subsidance – Mr Morley said if it is a major project it will be done. | Mr Morley |
| 3.7 | 3.15 – 4 th Hole – Actioned | |
| 3.8 | 3.17 – 2 nd Hole – Actioned | |
| 3.9 | 3.18 – Burhill Interclub Quadrangular – 5 th September – Mr Morley reported that he has still not received replies from the other clubs. Mr Holland said he would be happy to phone the Captains. | Mr Holland |
| 3.10 | 4.4 – Mr Devaux – Actioned | |

3.11 6.3 – New Computer (See Treasurers Report)

3.12 8.1 – Frost Holes – Actioned

3.13 8.11 – Course Improvement Plan – Ongoing – The committee reported that the course is looking very good and asked Mr Morley to pass on their congratulations and thanks to Mr Rob Holland.

4 **CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 Mr Keith reported that he had received a letter from Chart Hills asking for people to act as Marshall's for the English Ladies Open on Fri 9th, Sat 10th & Sun 11th July. The problem being that the Saturday is our Captains Day. If anyone is interested in the other two days to give their name to Mrs Brannon.

Mrs Brannon

4.2 Mr Deacon said he had received a note from Mr Morley to say that the course warden would not be able to put out the flags or collect them on Sundays. Mr Morley gave permission for a member to use a buggy (if one available) to put the flags out and last group will be asked to bring them in. Mr Morley also said that if the starter was on holiday to let him know and Burhill might be able to help.

5 **COMPETITIONS**

5.1 Men's

Mail on Sunday – Birchwood lost to Shoreham 2-1

Whitbread League – Birchwood won 5-0 away to Poult Wood

Birchwood won 3-2 away to Fawkham Valley

Yeoman's – Birchwood lost 3 ½ - ½ away to Bexleyheath

Hawtree - Birchwood lost 4 – 1 away to Castlepoint

5.2 Ladies

Pearson Trophy – Birchwood won 5-2 home to Moatlands

Birchwood lost 7-0 away to Moatlands

Ann Bridges won her match v Edenbridge G.C. in the Club Champions Competition.

Jan West won her match v Eltham Warren in the Order of Merit Competition.

Whitewebbs – Birchwood won v Chingford 4-1 at home

5.3 Seniors

Nothing to report

6 **FINANCES**

6.1 Mr Skeggs reported that the funds remain healthy and gave out the monthly balance sheet. The year to date deficit of £305 is due to the purchase of the Team Shirts.

6.2 New Computer – Mr Skeggs had looked into it and recommended the Dell and said there is enough funds available to purchase one. Mr Skeggs proposed that we did and Mr Walters seconded it, a vote then took place, which was unanimous. Mr Skeggs said the only problem was the delivery and someone being responsible to sign for it when it arrived. He asked Mr Morley if it would be OK for reception to sign for it and Mr Morley agreed. It must be labelled Birchwood Club Members.

Mr Skeggs

7 **SOCIAL**

Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.

8 **Any Other Business**

8.1 Mr Morley was asked if anyone monitors the standard of play on the course, Mr Morley replied that the public do not need handicaps.

8.2 Mr Skeggs reported the sad loss of two of the members who had passed away, Mrs Val Redman and Mr Brian Smith, ex Captain of Seniors section. The ladies section are going to have a private collection for Mrs Redman's choice of The Eleanor Foundation and the Seniors a private collection

- for Mr Smith's choice The Macmillan Nurses Charity. However it was agreed to have a joint collection from the other members, which would be split between the two charities. The names of Val Redman and Brian Smith will be added to the Remembrance Trophy. The ladies had also decided to plant a tree on the course in remembrance of Val Redman. The seniors have yet to decide on a suitable commemoration for Brian, the options will be put to their committee but the installation of a new 'remembrance bench' has the tacit agreement of Birchwood management. – Ongoing **Mr Chilmaid**
- 8.3** Men's Showers – Mr Skeggs reported that one of the heads is missing – Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 8.4** Charity Day – 6th August – Mr Deacon asked Mr Morley to confirm how many the Kelvedon Suite can seat. – Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 8.5** Mr Keith thanked Mr Morley for his quick action when Mr Arthur Harvey had a heart attack on the course. Mr Holland said he could report that Mr Harvey is recovering and doing very well. Mr Deacon also thanked Mr Morley for his help when Mr Lee Venus was taken poorly on the course.
- 8.6** 10th Hole - Mrs Brannon asked if it would be possible to have a distance marker put on the flag, Mr Morley said he would look into it. – Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 8.7** Ladies Showers – Mrs Jan West asked if the ladies showers could have new heads in time for Ladies Invitation Day, Mr Morley said these have already been replaced.
- 8.8** Mrs West thanked Mr Morley for the excellent meal after the Whitewebbs competition.
- 8.9** Complaint from Mr Aldridge – A letter of complaint had been sent to Mr Morley and all members of the committee from Mr Aldridge regarding his son Jack not being allowed to enter the main clubs competitions. Mr Deacon said he had received Jacks handicap from Barnhurst and it was 12, but then Freda Sunley had given him another sheet and it was 10.2. Unfortunately this boy is in a catch 22 situation, he cannot play in the competitions unless he is a single figure handicapper and he cannot get a single figure handicap if he does not play in competitions. Mr Aldridge asked the committee to amend the Competition Rules and Regulations. The committee sympathised with his situation but said they cannot look at one individual as this situation has arisen in the past, the rules clearly state that only 4 juniors can take part in the competitions and they must be in single figures, should we amend the rules then the competitions could be oversubscribed with juniors. What is needed is a Junior Section where these juniors can play in competitions and reduce their handicaps. It was also pointed out that even if we had juniors who qualified there were not enough Tee-times as we already have a reserve list each week. Mr Morley said he would be willing to consider more Tee-times if juniors (fulfilling the current Rules & Regulations) were being prevented from playing in the adult club competitions because of tee-time restriction. Mr Morley said he would respond to Mr Aldridge's letter. **Mr Morley**
- 8.10** Mr Deacon said he had received 2 sets of cards from Juniors playing off the White Tee's looking to improve their handicaps, under the CONGU rules there is no facility for extra day cards and this practice is not allowed. Mr Morley said he would write to the boys concerned. **Mr Morley**
- 8.11** Mr Holland said he had received an e-mail from 2 members who were playing a mid-week competition off the white tees, and that they were spoken to very abruptly by the Warden and Sam Tagaloa who questioned their play from the competitions tees. Both, it seems, were unaware that the club holds official midweek competitions (to be played from the competition tees) and that especially at this time of year when a great number of members are playing rounds of their knock-outs, the rangers and management should be mindful of this members right. It was suggested that reception should note on the tee-time schedule those bookings that are member's competition rounds and that this would save any confusion.
- 8.12** It was noticed that a Society played off the White Tee's one day. Mr Morley said if you noticed this happening you should inform reception who would pass the information onto the Warden.
- 8.13** Ladies Club Shirts – Mrs Brannon reported that the ladies needed new club shirts and asked if they could have help towards the cost from the main funds. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm
Date of next meeting – Monday 21st June 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