

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 147
Monday 22nd June 2004**

Present:

<p>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)</p>	<p>Mr Lee Venus (Captain) Mr Dave Grey (Vice Captain) Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Captain) Mrs Jan West (Lady Vice Captain) Mr Chris Chilmaid (Seniors Captain)</p>
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Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

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| 1 | APOLOGIES: Mr Scott Morley | ACTION |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting No.146 of 24th May 2004
Mr Skeggs and Mrs West 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 – Date Saturday 26 th June 04, the Captains have been invited to attend. - Actioned | |
| 3.3 | 3.4 – New Members Register – Mr Deacon reported there is no change. It was agreed to have a meeting with new members to meet the Captains and the people running the competitions at the end of July. Mr Holland will put a poster on the Notice Board. – Ongoing | Mr Holland |
| 3.4 | 3.5 – Past Captains Photo’s – Actioned | |
| 3.5 | 3.6 – Tee Boxes Subsidence – The 4 th Tee Box is very bad – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.6 | 3.9 – Burhill Interclub Quadrangular – Sunday 5 th September – Mr Holland reported he had been in touch with the Captains and it looked probable that there would be 100 people taking part. There will not be a function on the Saturday night – Ongoing | Mr Holland |
| 3.7 | 4.1 – English Ladies Open – 9 th – 11 th July, 7.45am – Mrs Brannon said she has been successful in getting enough volunteers to Marshall the 2 nd Hole on Fri and Sun. – Actioned | |
| 3.8 | 6.2 – New Computer – Actioned | |
| 3.9 | 8.2 – Brian Smith – Mr Chilmaid reported that the Seniors are having a meeting on the 5 th July and the matter would be discussed then. Mr Holland reported that Mr Mike Smith will take the Remembrance Trophy to Drummies to have Mr Brian Smith’s name and Mrs Val Redman’s name engraved on it. – Ongoing | Mr Chilmaid |
| 3.10 | 8.3 – Men’s Showers - Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.11 | 8.4 – Charity Day – Posters will go up this week - Actioned | |
| 3.12 | 8.6 – 10 th Hole – Distance Marker for Flag – Further to our request for a penant to be put on the 10 th Flag, all distance markers have disappeared. - Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.13 | 8.9 – Complaint from Mr Aldridge - Actioned | |
| 3.14 | 8.10 – EDC Cards from Juniors to improve their Handicaps – Ongoing A discussion then took place regarding new members playing for a handicap, Mr Walters said as there is no facility for EDC cards the only way a new member could get a handicap was to enter the competitions for handicapping purposes only. Both Mr Grey and Mrs Fielder thought this was wrong. Since the change to CONGU has now made the use of extra day cards obsolete, in order for new members to attain an official club handicap, the committee was asked to suggest a format acceptable to the Handicap Committee and to bring their recommendations to the next meeting. It was envisioned that a similar “3 card” system | |

would apply, but specific guidelines had to be established for the system to work effectively. **Mr Walters**

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Mrs Fielder said she had received a letter from the NAPGC stating that each year the NAPGC play the army for the Salisbury Bowl and stating that Dang Jarnot had qualified to play in this years event, and asking Mrs Fielder to pass the letter on to Mrs Jarnot, this she had done. There was some discussion on whether Mrs Jarnot would be able to take part as she is not renewing her membership at Birchwood Park this year, but it is understood that she has chosen not to participate in the competition anyway.

4.2 A Letter has been received from the NAPGC informing us that the Mens regional final competition has been moved from Lullingstone to Tilgate Forest.

4.3 An Email was received from a member making a complaint about 2 members who gave verbal abuse when asked to speed up play. A discussion took place and it was decided to ask the 2 members concerned to appear before the committee at the next meeting, to explain themselves. The secretary was directed to write to them.

Mr I Keith

5 COMPETITIONS

5.1 Men's

North Kent Trophy – Birchwood won against Eltham Warren 4 ½ - ½

5.2 Ladies

Ann Bridges lost her home match v Sene Valley G.C.
Jan West lost her away match v Wilderness in the Order of Merit Competition.
Whitewebbs – Birchwood lost at home to Cobtree Manor
Tudor Park Friendly Match – Birchwood lost at Home
Tri-angular against High Elms and Chelsfield Lake – Birchwood 2nd in first round.

5.3 Seniors

Friendly v Upchurch – Birchwood won 5 ½ - 2 ½
“ v Tudor park – Birchwood won 3 ½ - 2 ½
“ v Chelsfield Lakes – Birchwood won 4 ½ - 1 ½
“ v Parkwood – Birchwood won 5 ½ - 2 ½

Invicta League – v Fawkham Valley Birchwood won 2 ½ - ½

6 FINANCES

6.1 Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet.

6.2 Mr Skeggs reported that he had purchased a new computer at a cost of £819.00 which includes 3 years support. Mr Deacon has agreed to set it up.

Mr Deacon

6.3 Mr Deacon was able to give back £200 to the Funds which was the entry fee to a Competition, which was cancelled.

7 SOCIAL

Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Bonus Points System – Mr Holland said Burhill are advising members, at all Centres, of their decision to withdraw the points system as from the 1st July 2004. There will be a One-year extension to use up existing points. Mr Holland said he had spoken to Mr Morley regarding some members using their points for opponents in competitions etc at Birchwood and Mr Morley agreed to help by increasing the amount of concessions.

Mr Morley

8.2 Mr Holland reported that Burhill are very concerned about Security and had arranged for the Duty Manager and the Security Guard to make random checks by stopping some cars as they enter Birchwood. – Ongoing

Mr Morley

- 8.3 Mr Skeggs asked should the constitution be changed as at the moment people on the Committee have to retire after 5 years, and we might not get other volunteers to take on the necessary roles. Mr Holland replied that we cannot change the constitution and we should be aware of the situation and try to get other members interested.
- 8.4 Mr Chilmaid reported that the Seniors Section and the Ladies Section had had an away day together at Fawkham Valley and everybody had agreed that it was a very enjoyable experience and hoped it would become a regular event.
- 8.5 Pairs Betterball Competition – Sun 13th June – Mr Venus reported that Tom Gill & Rob Lennox finished their front nine in the competition. As they walked to the 10th Tee they discovered that there was a two-ball green-fee there just about to tee-off. The course ranger on that day told the two ball to start on the 10th because the 1st tee was too busy. **Mr Morley**
- 8.6 Mr Grey reported that Mark Williams a new member and his partner, playing in the pairs betterball competition, dropped out of the competition because the pair they were supposed to play did not turn up and they did not want to go out as a 2-ball behind a 4-ball competition.
- 8.7 Mr Deacon reported that a member who had wanted to join as a 7 day member but was told it was full but that he could join as a 5 day member and Mr Sam Tagaloa had told him he could still play in weekend competitions by paying a full green fee, which is not correct. **Mr Morley**
- 8.8 Competitions 14th – 28th July – Mr Deacon reported that he will be on holiday for those dates and asked for a volunteer to run the competitions for that period. Mr & Mrs Holland have volunteered to help out. **Mr Holland**
- 8.9 Committee Contact List – Mr Keith said this needs to be updated and he would speak to the necessary people after the meeting. **Mr Keith**
- 8.10 Audit of Accounts – Mr Holland reported that he had spoken to a member, Mr Bill Roots, who had been the Finance Director for Bexley, and more recently Westminster, and will be happy to audit the Accounts.
- 8.11 Past Captains & Committee Day Out – 2nd July – Mr Holland said this date has had to be Changed to Friday 27th August. It will be at Walmer & Kingsdown GC, reduced green fee £20, £13.50 for the meal, plus a bit extra to cover the cost of prizes. This event is open to all committees, present Captains, and past captains providing they are still members of Birchwood.
- 8.12 Competition Score Board – The nametags for the board need updating. Jan West and Ian Keith volunteered to get all the names up to date. **Mrs West / Mr Keith**
- 8.13 NAPGC – Mon 12th July – Regional Stableford Qualifier for UK Championship – A Notice has been put on the Board but we do not know the Tee-times yet. Mr Holland said he has asked Mr Ed Mitchell to let Mr Keith know the mens times and Mrs Fielder the Ladies times.
- 8.14 CAPTAINS DAY – Sat 10th July – Putting Competition – Mr Chilmaid has volunteered to help run this with Mr Tom Venus. 9 Holes need to be cut out. Need to speak to London Golf who usually provide a golf bag as a prize. **Mr Chilmaid**
- 8.15 CAPTAINS DAY – Evening Disco have asked to be paid cash on the night. Mrs Brannon to check with Caroline if its their regular disco because if it is, they usually pay it and Invoice us. **Mrs Brannon**

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 19th July 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

