

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 149
Monday 23rd August 2004

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)	Mr Lee Venus (Captain)
Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions)	Mr Dave Grey (Vice Captain)
Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)	Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Captain)
Mr Scott Morley (Burhill)	Mrs Jan West (Lady Vice Captain)
	Mr Chris Chilmaid (Seniors Captain)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

- 1 APOLOGIES:** **ACTION**
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary) Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr John Walters (Handicap Secretary) (Mr Holland reported that due to John Walters recent family bereavement, the committee is looking to appoint a new Handicap Secretary)
- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting No.148 of 19th July 2004**
Mr Grey and Mrs West proposed the minutes as correct.
- 3 Matters Arising from Meeting 148**
- 3.1** 3.1 – Who’s Who Board – Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 3.2** 3.2 – New Members Register – Mr Holland reported that a meeting was held in August for new members but no one turned up. - Actioned
- 3.3** 3.3 – Tee Boxes Subsidence – Mr Morley said they had examined the 4th & 12th Tee Boxes and are aware there is a slight degree of subsidence, however there is no schedule to rebuild these at the moment. - Actioned
- 3.4** 3.4 – Burhill Interclub Quadrangular – Sunday 5th September – Mr Morley reported that there has been a very poor response and have only had confirmation from Hoebridge and Thornbury. Mr Holland asked whether we should cancel the event due to lack of interest. Mr Morley said he would personally phone around the other clubs tomorrow before he speaks to Mr Peter Robinson. It was speculated that one reason for the lack of interest is because it is on a Sunday this year and people would not be able to stay over because of getting to work the next day. If the event is postponed till next year provision must be made to hold it on a Saturday. In the event the competition goes ahead, catering and other arrangements were discussed and it was decided to have a 3 course Carvery. **Mr Morley**
- 3.5** 3.5 – Brian Smith/Val Redman – Mrs Brannon reported that she had not yet been able to discuss having Val Redman’s name put on the bench as the ladies had not had a meeting yet, but that she had spoken to a few ladies and they were in agreement about the bench. Mr Chilmaid said the seniors had made enquiries regarding cost etc. and this would be about £480. Mr Morley said he would be able to get one a lot cheaper through his suppliers. Mr Chilmaid said as long as it was of good quality he would be quite happy with that arrangement. Mr Morley agreed that the Green keepers would install the bench and concrete it in. It was suggested having it on the 4th hole. Mr Holland asked Mr Morley if it would be alright for the Seniors to treat the existing 2 memorial benches as they were looking rather shabby, and Mr Morley gave his agreement to this. **Mrs Brannon/
Mr Chilmaid**
- 3.6** 3.7 – Distance Markers for Flags – These are not going to be re-instated - Actioned
- 3.7** 3.8 – Cards For Handicapping New Members – Mr Keith had not had a chance to do the notice for the Notice Board but would endeavour to do it next week. A further discussion took place about new members playing for handicaps in competitions and it was agreed to allow this in all competitions except Honour Boards. - Actioned
- 3.8** 3.9 – Email Complaint about 2 Members – Letter has been sent - Actioned
- 3.9** 8.1 – Concessions – Mr Holland reported that he had received a memo from Mr Morley regarding extra concessions; The main club will get 300, the Ladies 55 and the Seniors 55.

Mr Holland thanked Mr Morley. Actioned

- 3.10** 8.12 – Updating Competition Score Board – Work has started but need new Members List of names - Ongoing **Mrs West/Mr Keith**
- 3.11** 4.4.1 Move to New Office – Mr Holland said he would seek volunteers when we do actually move to the new office. Mr Morley apologise for the delay but said this was down to security measures being put in place. **Mr Holland**
- 3.12** 4.4.2 – Affiliation Fee’s – Mrs Fielder had received a letter from Mr Morley stating ‘Golf Subscriptions entitle all members to automatic membership to the English Golf Union & Kent County Golf Union, but that he would not be paying the Kent County Ladies Association only the English Ladies Golf Association Fee. Mrs Fielder pointed out that the ladies KCLA is the same as the men’s KCGU. However because the ladies have to pay both ELGA and LGU, Mr Morley said he would not pay the KCLA as well. Mr Morley suggested that perhaps the Main Club Funds could pay this on behalf of the ladies. **Mr Skeggs**
- 3.13** 4.4.3 – 18th Hole – This hole is being changed from a Par 4 to a Par 5, from the whites only. some of the work has started on the new Tee Box, and the path will be re-designed. Mr Morley was asked why this hole was being changed, and Mr Morley replied it was to develop the competitiveness of the course. Mr Deacon said he would like it noted that he felt it was dangerous from the point of view of players on the 13th hole and also the 10th hole as it would make players try to avoid the water by playing down the 10th. The general comments from members were more of concern for safety. Mr Morley said this was only one of 3 options and that 2 more holes might also be changed.
- 3.14** 8.1 – Yellow Stakes – Mr Morley reported that he had done another survey and would make a decision regarding the water hazard by the green on the 18th Hole by the end of the month. **Mr Morley**
- 3.15** 8.4 – Mrs Brannon said she had not ordered the file for the ladies notice board yet. **Mrs Brannon**
- 3.16** 8.5 – 6th Hole – New Marker Pole – Actioned
- 3.17** 8.6 – Wedding Party Photo’s – All wedding parties are advised of the dangers of going on the course to take photos, however if it is quiet they are allowed to do so.
- 3.18** 8.8 – Disco’s – Mr Morley said that members can have their own Disco for social events providing they meet the criteria i.e. Public Liability Insurance etc.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1** Mr Holland read out a message from Mr Ian Keith about a new member wanting a 7 day Membership, and that Mr Keith had referred them on to Mr Morley.
- 4.2** Mr Morley said that he had replied to Mr Stanley’s letter.

5 COMPETITIONS

- 5.1** Men’s
North Kent Trophy Semi Final – Birchwood won v Sidcup 4 -1 (Away)
The final will be against Nizels at Shortlands
Whitbread League Birchwood lost v Upchurch 3 ½ - 1 ½ (Home)
Pilgrims League Birchwood won v Lullingstone 4 - 0 (Away)
- 5.2** Ladies
Friendly, Birchwood lost to Woodlands Manor (Away)
- 5.3** Seniors
Friendly v Parkwood – Birchwood lost 3 ½ - 4 ½ (Away)
“ v Tudor Park – Birchwood won 5 - 1 (Away)
Invicta League – Birchwood v Upchurch won 2 - 1 (Home)

6 FINANCES

In the absence of Mr Skeggs, Mr Holland reported that the Accounts are healthy.

7 SOCIAL

Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Mr Deacon said he had had a phone call from a member playing in a golf competition complaining about the noise from The Steel Band used for a Family Day. Mr Morley said the day had raised a lot of money for charity, and intends to do it again next year and if there were any more complaints refer them to him.

8.2 Mr Morley said there were currently 332 7-day members, and he had got a waiting list, he asked if the committee would like an Open Day for extra 7 day members, but the committee felt that as there was already a waiting list there was no need for an open day. Mr Morley said in that case he would take in the first 12 on the list this year.

8.3 Mrs Brannon reported that Mr Venus and herself had arranged a meeting with Bexley Council to make the arrangements for this years Annual Dinner and Dance. Mr Venus/
Mrs Brannon

8.4 Family Day, this was discussed again, it was felt that although this day had been a great success it was rather dangerous to hold it so near the 18th green, it was also felt that it would be better to hold it on a day when there was no competition arranged.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 27th September 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