

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 150**  
**Wednesday September 29th 2004**

**Present:**

<b>Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)</b>	<b>Mr Lee Venus (Captain)</b>
<b>Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)</b>	<b>Mr Dave Grey (Vice Captain)</b>
<b>Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)</b>	<b>Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Captain)</b>
<b>Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)</b>	<b>Mr Chris Chilmaid (Seniors Captain)</b>
<b>Mr John Russell</b>	

**Meeting Opened at 7.45pm**

A member, who had been asked by the Secretary to come before the Committee to give his explanation of events that had occurred on the course, in response to an email (minutes 147 - 22.6.04) the member concerned gave his version and explained that he had tried to apologise to the other party. The Chairman thanked him for coming before the committee and said that although he understood the provocation, swearing at another member would not be tolerated, and hoped he would ensure that it did not happen again.

- 1 APOLOGIES: Mr Scott Morley (Burhill) Mrs Jan West (Lady Vice Captain) ACTION**  
**Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions)**
- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting No.149 of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2004**  
Mr Grey and Mrs Brannon proposed the minutes as correct.
- 3 Matters Arising from Meeting 149**
  - 3.1 3.1 – Who’s Who Board – From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Mr Morley and Russell? will be available to take the photos of the people concerned. - Ongoing Mr Morley**
  - 3.2 3.4 – Burhill Interclub Quadrangular – Actioned**
  - 3.3 3.5 – Memorial Bench**  
Mr Chilmaid said that Mr Morley had been very helpful and was going to look at the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole to find a suitable place to site the bench. The cost will be £430.00. The cost will be met by the main club funds with contributions from the Seniors Section and the ladies section.  
Actioned
  - 3.4 3.7 – Cards For New Handicaps – Mr Keith has done the notice for the Notice Board. - Actioned**
  - 3.5 3.10 – Updating Competition Score Board – Actioned**
  - 3.6 3.11 Move to New Office – Mr Holland said he still has not been given a date for the move. Mr Morley**
  - 3.7 3.12 – Affiliation Fee’s – Ongoing Mr Morley**
  - 3.8 3.14 – Yellow Stakes – Ongoing Mr Morley**
  - 3.9 3.15 –File for the Ladies Notice Board – Ongoing Mr Keith**
  - 3.10 8.3 – Annual Dinner & Dance – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004 – The Captain and Lady Captain said they had had a meeting regarding the menu etc. A discussion took place regarding the cost of food, Band and Hall and the price of the tickets. As the price of the food had risen considerably it was suggested having a buffet, however the majority favoured a formal Dinner. Mr Skeggs reported that we were in a position to offer a concession to members but not guests. The Captain also reported that the Posters and Tickets were in hand and should be available soon. – Ongoing Mr Venus/Mrs Brannon**
- 4 CORRESPONDENCE**
  - 4.1 An email had been received from Paul Howe’s regarding Rule 19. A discussion took place and The Secretary was directed to write back explaining that Rule 19 applies to all members, not Just him.**

- 4.2 A letter was received from Alex Woodgate, who had been helping out with the handicaps but is stepping down after the last honour Board competition this year. A discussion took place and committee members were urged to approach other members to find 2 more volunteers to help out. **Committee**
- 4.3 A member has suggested having a petition to save the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. A discussion took place but it was decided that the committee, having already put their views to Mr Morley should not get involved with a petition.
- 5 COMPETITIONS**
- 5.1 Men's  
 North Kent Trophy Final – Birchwood won v Nizels (Away at Shortlands)  
 Birchwood won in a play off on the 6<sup>th</sup> extra hole (John Porter & John Walters)  
 Whitbread League Birchwood lost v Pedham Place 4 ½ - ½ (Home)  
 Steve Grey Friendly Tournament – Poult Wood won the Trophy
- 5.2 Ladies  
 Triangular Final – 1<sup>st</sup> High Elms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Birchwood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chelsfield
- 5.3 Seniors  
 Friendly v Woodland Manor – Birchwood lost 2 ½ - 3 ½  
 “ v Upchurch – Birchwood – Draw 4 - 4  
 Invicta League – Birchwood v Beckenham – Draw 1 ½ - 1 ½  
 “ “ Deangate Ridge – Birchwood won 2 ½ - ½
- 6 FINANCES**
- Mr Skeggs reported that the Accounts are still healthy, and gave out the monthly balance sheet showing a surplus. The Captains Charity stands at £4600.00.
- 6.1 Mr Skeggs reported that the situation regarding unpaid fines is totally unacceptable, and that people are still being allowed to go out and play who have not paid their fines. Mr Deacon and Mr Skeggs will get together to identify who these members are, so that they can be excluded from further competitions until they have paid up, and Mr Grey said he would be happy to sit on the competition desk and collect the fines. A notice will be put on the board. **Mr Skeggs/Mr Deacon**
- 6.2 Mr Skeggs reported that he is getting bills from other clubs for meals had at away competitions. Lee Venus said this is going to be sorted out at the North Kent & Yeomans AGM. **Mr Venus**
- 6.3 Club Shirts – Mr Skeggs said a stock take needs to be done. At the moment it looks like 22 have been sold but he has not had the money for all of them. **Mr Skeggs**
- 6.4 NAPGC EXPENSES – Mr Skeggs asked the committee if we should subsidise the members who are in the final this year, as last year, by giving them £35 towards their costs. Mr Keith proposed it and it was passed unanimously. Mr Skeggs said he would put it to members at the AGM and ask them how they felt about supporting such trips, for future years. **Mr Skeggs**
- 6.5 Nearest the Pin Vouchers – There is nothing worth buying in the shop with these vouchers. A discussion took place and various suggestions were muted. – Ongoing **Mr Skeggs**
- 7 SOCIAL**  
 Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.
- 8 Any Other Business**
- 8.1 Order of Merit - Mr Keith reported that the men have not got an Order of Merit at the moment. Mr Skeggs volunteered to help. **Mr Skeggs**
- 8.2 Winter Rules – Mrs Fielder said that she had been asked by some of the ladies to ask the committee if it would be possible to bring in Pick & Place, as some of the fairways are in a bad condition.

A discussion took place and a vote was taken to start it from the next weekend competition. Majority in favour, one abstention.

- 8.3** Mr Chilmaid said he had picked up two envelopes addressed to Brian Cook and re-directed to him, both had cheques in them. Mr Chilmaid asked if anyone knew anything about them, but nobody did. Mr Chilmaid said he thought they might be for lessons, and will investigate further. **Mr Chilmaid**
- 8.4** Slow Play – Mr Skeggs reported this problem has become unacceptable again. Mr Russell said he has done a list of suggestions. He said we need to categorise players, have our own Marshall's, make sure players call the next group through if they lose a ball, and play 'Ready Golf'. He said we need to get the 'Ready Golf' rules put on the website. – Ongoing **Committee**
- 8.5** 5<sup>th</sup> Hole – Mrs Brannon reported that one of the ladies had gone in a Bunker while playing in a Sunday competition. Someone had made sandcastles in it and there were tyre tracks going through it as well. The whole bunker was in a terrible state, there was no rake, and no where to take a penalty shot. The lady wanted to know what should you do in this sort of situation. The answer given was, under Rule 28 you have 3 options.
- 8.6** 16<sup>th</sup> Hole – At the bottom of the steps leading to the Tee-boxes, there is a big bare patch of stony dirt. Mrs Brannon asked if this could be highlighted as GUR, as it is impossible to hit off it without damaging your club. **Mr Morley**
- 8.7** Dress Code – It was reported that one of the members turned up to play in a competition dressed in combat trousers. A member of the committee should speak to anyone who turns up to play in unacceptable dress code.
- 8.8** Web Site – It has been noticed that the Eligibility Rules on the web site, for the Knock Out Competitions are out of date. It was suggested using the web site to advertise things like the Annual Dinner & Dance.
- 8.9** Bad Behaviour – Mr Holland reported a problem that occurred a few weeks ago, when a member swore at him because he had to tell him off for being late on the Tee. A discussion took place and the Secretary was instructed to write to the member. **Mr Keith**

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004

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