

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 155
Monday 28th February 2005

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)	Mr Lee Venus (Captain 2004)
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)	Mr Dave Grey (Captain 2005)
Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)	Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Captain 2004)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)	Mr C Chilmaid (Seniors Captain 2004)
Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions)	Mrs Jan West (Lady Captain 2005)
Mr Stuart Morrison (Handicap Secretary)	Mr Peter Devaux (Seniors Captain 2005)
Mr Paul Howes (Assistant Treasurer)	Mr Mick Batten (Vice Captain 2005)
Mr Steve Houlton (Committee Member)	

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

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| 1 | APOLOGIES:
Mr Scott Morley, Mrs Anne Jenner | ACTION |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting No.154 of 17th January 2005
Mr Skeggs and Mrs West proposed the minutes as correct. | |
| 3 | Matters Arising from Meeting 154 | |
| 3.1 | 3.1 - Move to New Office – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.2 | 3.2 – Unpaid Fines – Most of the fines incurred so far in 2005 have been cleared up but there are still many outstanding from 2004. Mr Keith was asked to write to the members concerned advising them if they do not pay these fines they will be banned from future competitions.
- Ongoing | Mr Keith |
| 3.3 | 3.3 – North Kent & Yeomans AGM 19 th January – Mr Phil Turners brother attended this meeting but Mr Venus said he has not reported back to him yet what the outcome was about the catering arrangements. - Ongoing | Mr Venus |
| 3.4 | 3.4 – Slow Play – Actioned | |
| 3.5 | 3.8 – Nearest the Pin prizes – Actioned | |
| 3.6 | 3.10 – AGM – NEW WORDING FOR CONSTITUTION – This was agreed at the AGM and Mr Keith will advise Mr Morley of the exact wording. | Mr Keith |
| 3.7 | 3.12 – Captains & Committee Day 2005 – This will be held on 22 nd July at Sene Valley | |
| 3.8 | 6.1 – Increase in competition fee’s, this was agreed by the members at the AGM – Actioned | |
| 3.9 | 8.8 – Members Memorial Bench – Ongoing | Mr Devaux |
| 3.10 | 8.10 – Insurance for Trophies – Mr Skeggs will liase with Mr Morley – Actioned | |
| 3.11 | 8.12 – Etiquette Banner 1 st Tee – Slow Play to be added – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.12 | 8.13 – North Kent League Green Fees – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 3.13 | 8.15 – ‘Who’s Who Board’ – Ongoing | Mr Morley |
| 4 | CORRESPONDENCE | |
| 4.1 | Mr Keith said he had received a letter from Mr Chilmaid stating that due to an operation he was unable to play in any competitions until the end of April, and asking for special dispensation from qualifying so that he could take part in the knockout Competitions etc. This was agreed by the committee | |
| 4.2 | Mr Holland said he had received a memo from Burhill confirming the concessions for next year are; 300 for the main club, 55 for the Ladies and 55 for the Seniors. | |

Mr Holland said we do appreciate the increase very much and everyone agreed.

- 4.3 Mr Holland said he had also received a memo from Caroline regarding future bookings, and asking if the Masters was at Easter. Mr Holland asked Steve Deacon to contact Caroline and confirm all the important dates.

Mr Deacon

5 COMPETITIONS

5.1 Main Club

Mail on Sunday – Birchwood won v Cherry Lodge 4 ½ - 1 ½

- 5.2 Kent Amateur 4-somes home match v Rochester & Cobham

5.3 Ladies Section

Pearson Trophy – Birchwood lost v Gillingham (A)

6 FINANCES

- 6.1 Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet.

- 6.2 Mr Skeggs pointed out that a lot of the money in the bank was 2 years Charity Money. Mr Holland asked if we could go ahead and pay the Charity Money for Mr Deacons year? Mr Deacon said he would prefer it paid out in one cheque and not all the auction money is in yet.

- 6.3 One member who went to the Dinner Dance has not paid for his ticket yet, although he insists that he has. Mr Keith was asked by the committee to write to the member to ask him if he could prove that he has paid, if not he must pay for the ticket.

Mr Keith

- 6.4 Mr Howes was asked to assist Mr Skeggs in collecting fines from 2004 from those members still to pay. – Ongoing

Mr Howes

7 SOCIAL

Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming events.

8 Any Other Business

- 8.1 Mr Houlton informed the committee that John Ford would be interested in being the Social Secretary, Mr Holland said unfortunately the constitution does not allow room for this position, but the Captain could use him to help with his events and that it would be a good idea to arrange member's social evenings.

- 8.2 Mr Grey said there is a lack of ashtrays in the bar plus a member was refused service when Smoking at the bar. – Ongoing

Mr Morley

- 8.3 Mr Grey reported that he has managed to find an alternative disco for Captains Day at a cost of £200 and asked the committee, as this is cheaper than the usual one, if the club would pay for the public liability insurance (£57), the committee agreed.

- 8.4 Mr Paul Howes said it is time we got tough and hard on Slow Play ASAP. A discussion took place and it was decided to - put the finishing times on the board, set up a rota for someone to go out in a buggy and ask any group who has lost 2 holes or more to let the next group through. Make a list of names and anyone who's name appears 3 times to appear before a 'Select Committee'. Mr Deacon said he would write to the competition committee and ask them to put up the times and ask the last person on duty to write the names down of those who have a gap of 13mins+ and save it. – Ongoing

Mr Deacon

- 8.5 Mr Paul Howes asked about the lack of variety for Team selection and wanted to know what you had to do to get on a team. Mr Batten said last year he had picked 13 new players but only used 2 because the others were unreliable, made excuses why they could not play on the day and let him down. Mr Grey reinforced that it is down to the Captains to pick their own teams. Mr Holland commented that it was also important to give the maximum number of members a chance to represent Birchwood and to use those members whose current playing record showed that they were "in form" on match play.

- 8.6 Mr Stuart Morrison said he had spoken to John Backley and Mike Smith and they are both still willing to stay on the handicap committee.
- 8.7 Mr Skeggs asked about the rockets for the Shot Gun Start, Mr Deacon said this was all in hand.
- 8.8 Mr Skeggs wanted to know why the re-decoration of the lounge hasn't been done yet? **Mr Morley**
- 8.9 Mr Venus said John Porter had spoken to him because he objects to the increase in the competition fees. The committee said this had all been explained adequately at the AGM and that the members had voted for the increase.
- 8.10 Mr Houlton said some of the members felt £1.50 was too much to pay for a cup of soup from the on course buggy service.
- 8.11 Mr Houlton said some members were concerned about the loss made on the Dinner & Dance, it was explained to Mr Houlton that the band etc must be paid the same whether there are 100 or 150 people in attendance, but that we need 150+ to break even.
- 8.12 The Loss on the Masters was discussed, this again was due to lack of attendance as the speaker had to be paid for no matter how many attended. A long discussion took place, and it was decided to arrange it the same way the ladies do for their All Winners, it is a set price to cover both the competition and meal and if you cannot attend the meal you either (1) do not take part in the Competition or (2) you play but still pay the full price - Proposed Mick Batten and seconded by Paul Howe's – Motion carried.
- 8.13 Mrs Fielder asked about the checking in for the Shot Gun Start for the Captains Drive-in and Mr Deacon said Mr Morley had said it was all in hand.
- 8.14 Ex Captains - Mrs Fielder said it was a shame that Birchwood has so few Ex Captains and Lady Captains left at Birchwood and felt it would be good if we could find some way to encourage them to stay after their year was up. She pointed out that the funds pay ½ towards the Captains Blazers and the Lady Captains' brooches, which is a waste if they then leave. Mrs Fielder thought we should encourage them to wear their Blazers at all Club functions and that it would be nice if there were more occasions when they could wear them. It would also be good to use their past experience to help with some of the events. Mrs Fielder then brought up the matter of the Captains Photo's, Steve Grey who was the first Captain and has remained a loyal member to Birchwood, has had his photo removed, new members coming in to the club will not realise that he is an ex Captain. Mrs Fielder said we should either take down the photo's of all those who have left and keep the ones who are still members or better still to preserve the history of Birchwood, reduce the present photos by half then you would be able to get 2 photo's one above the other, in the same space. Mr Deacon said that would involve more expense for us, Mrs Fielder replied that when this matter had been discussed before that Mr Morley had said he would be willing to help towards the cost. Mrs Fielder said she felt this matter was something the committee should think about and raise again at the next meeting. – Ongoing **Committee**
- 8.15 Mr Holland brought up the matter of rudeness from some members towards Eddie the Starter and the committee members. Some members are still moving their own Tee-times, and some are playing off the white tee's even when not in a competition, this must be stopped. Mr Holland said he would speak to the culprits and emphasis the ethos of The club. **Mr Holland**

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm
Date of next meeting – Monday 21st March 2005

(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