

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 157  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

**Present:**

<b>Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)</b>	<b>Mr Dave Grey (Captain 2005)</b>
<b>Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)</b>	<b>Mr Lee Venus (Captain 2004)</b>
<b>Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)</b>	<b>Mrs Jan West (Lady Captain 2005)</b>
<b>Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)</b>	<b>Mr Peter Devaux (Seniors Captain 2005)</b>
<b>Mr Stuart Morrison (Handicap Secretary)</b>	<b>Mr Mick Batten (Vice Captain 2005)</b>
<b>Mr Paul Howes (Assistant Treasurer)</b>	
<b>Mr Steve Houlton (Committee Member)</b>	<b>Mr Scott Morley (Birchwood Park Centre Manager)</b>

**Meeting Opened at 7.45pm**

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| <b>1</b>    | <b>APOLOGIES:</b><br>Mr Steve Deacon and Mrs Anne Jenner  | <b>ACTION</b>                 |
| <b>2</b>    | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting No.156 of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005</b><br>Mr Morrison and Mrs West proposed the minutes as correct.  |                               |
| <b>3</b>    | <b>Matters Arising from Meeting 156</b>   |                               |
| <b>3.1</b>  | 3.1 - Move to New Office – Ongoing  | <b>Mr Morley</b>              |
| <b>3.2</b>  | 3.2 – Unpaid Fines – Mr Keith has written to the members concerned - Actioned   |                               |
| <b>3.3</b>  | 3.3 – North Kent & Yeomans – Mr Steve Deacon has taken over as Captain for this competition. Mr Venus said he would speak to him about the catering Costs. - Ongoing  | <b>Mr Venus</b>               |
| <b>3.4</b>  | 3.5 – Captains & Committee Day 2005 – New date and Venue for this is Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July at Walmer & Kingsdown, approximate cost £40. - Actioned   |                               |
| <b>3.5</b>  | 3.6 – Members Memorial Bench – Mr Devaux reported that the bench is ready to be installed. Mr Morley said he would speak to Rob Holland. - Ongoing  | <b>Mr Morley</b>              |
| <b>3.6</b>  | 3.8 – North Kent League Green Fees – Ongoing  | <b>Mr Morley</b>              |
| <b>3.7</b>  | 3.9 – ‘Who’s Who Board’ – Ongoing   | <b>Mr Morley</b>              |
| <b>3.8</b>  | 3.15 – Ex Captains Photo’s – Mrs Fielder said that she still felt it would be better to keep the current Captains photo’s at the original size and reduce the others so that all the past Captains could be displayed. Mr Grey said he had made some enquiries about the cost of reducing the photo’s but there was still the cost of the new frames, Mr Devaux said he knew of a source where these could be acquired at a reasonable cost. Mr Batten suggested putting 4 or 5 photo’s in one frame. Mr Holland asked Mr Grey and Mr Devaux to report to the next meeting with costs and findings. – Ongoing | <b>Mr Grey/<br/>Mr Devaux</b> |
| <b>3.9</b>  | 8.3 – Trophy Insurance – Mr Morley reminded Mr Skeggs that he still needs to see details of the club trophy insurance. – Ongoing  | <b>Mr Skeggs</b>              |
| <b>3.10</b> | 8.5 – Concessions – Actioned  |                               |
| <b>3.11</b> | 8.7 – 10 <sup>th</sup> Tee – Mr Keith reported that he had put a notice on the Board – Actioned   |                               |
| <b>4</b>    | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>   |                               |
| <b>4.1</b>  | Mr Keith said he had received a letter from the Kent County Golf Union asking for volunteers for Stewards and Caddy’s for St Georges on 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> September 2005. Mr Keith said he would put the letter on the Notice Board for all members to see.  | <b>Mr Keith</b>               |
| <b>4.2</b>  | Mr Keith said he had received an email from Steve Deacon about his opponent in the pairs knockout competition who was asking for dispensation from qualifying because his son had been in hospital. A vote was taken and the result was: 6 Yes, 3 No and 2 abstentions. Therefore dispensation was agreed.  |                               |

- 4.3 Mr Holland read out a letter from a member who was very disgruntled because he had been saving up his points and was told he would be able to use them in the new shop when it opened but when he tried to do this he was told that this had been changed and you could only use the points for Green Fee's, the Bar or the Range. Several other members were upset about this change as it was not made clear enough and that members had been encouraged to wait till the change over of the shop. Mr Morley said committee members could use their points for visiting Clubs green fees and vouchers for prizes. Mr Morley said there had obviously been a misunderstanding, and the points were totally at the discretion of the company, and he would put up another notice.

**Mr Morley**

## 5 COMPETITIONS

### 5.1 Main Club

Whitbread League – Birchwood won v Poulwood (A)

### 5.2 Ladies Section

Pearson Trophy – Birchwood won v Shooters Hill (H)

Tappin Trophy – Birchwood lost v Sidcup (A)

Izzu Championship – Both Georgina Nellins and Anne Bridges won their first round.

### 5.3 Seniors Section

Kent Knockout Cup - Birchwood won v Bearsted

Invicta League - Birchwood won v Southern Valley

Birchwood won v Upchurch

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### **FINANCES**

#### 6.1

Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet.

#### 6.2

Mr Skeggs reported that he is still holding £10,000 of 2 years Charity Money and will soon be starting on this years and asked if the past Captains for 2003 and 2004 could try to finalise their fund raising, as things were getting complicated.

**Mr Deacon/Mr Venus**

#### 6.3

Mr Skeggs reported that the finances were looking reasonable but that there are still some large bills to come in.

#### 6.4

Mr Skeggs said that a few members had spoken to him about the competition fee's increase and were not happy about it. Mr Skeggs proposed raising the nearest the pin prizes to £10 and Mr Steve Houlton seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favour. Mr Skeggs said if the funds continued to be healthy perhaps we could have a free competition and help towards the cost of social events.

## 7

### **SOCIAL**

#### 7.1

Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming Burhill events.

#### 7.2

Summer Ball - Mr Grey reported that Burhill are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, and there is a possibility it will be a larger event this year with a Marquee, if so Mr Morley has offered the Marquee to the members on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, and Mr Grey suggested using it for a summer ball. The committee thought it was a good idea in principle and Mr Holland suggested rounding it off with a firework display. – Ongoing

**Mr Grey**

## 8

### **Any Other Business**

#### 8.1

Winter Rules – When and who should determine the use of “pick and place?”

Although the Competitions Committee can introduce Pick and Place for any competition under local rule, it would need to be exceptional circumstances for such an action and the norm would be to rely on the Course Manager (Rob Holland) for notification to committee members being issued that no Pick and Place can be imposed without permission from Course Manager or General Manager.

#### 8.2

Masters Competition – There had been a few complaints from some members who were not happy to pay the full cost when they could not attend the meal in the evening. However the

majority were in favour and said that the food was very good and it was a very good evening. It was decided to revert back to this format in future, as that is how this was originally set up.

- 8.3** Constitution: Item 9.3 – Mr Skeggs pointed out that the amendment had replaced the original item when in fact it should have been added to it. Mr Morley will correct it. **Mr Morley**
- 8.4** Mrs West said she had been asked by one of the ladies section to enquire if it would be possible to have an air-gun to clean shoes and trolleys. Mr Morley said these have been found to be dangerous and therefore will not introduce them at Birchwood.
- 8.5** Mrs West said in the Daily Mail Foursomes herself and Mrs Anne Jenner had used some of their points, however in the next round they are going to use some of the concessions and who should she give the bill to. Mr Morley said she must fill in an event form and give it to Mr Skeggs.
- 8.6** Paul Howes reminded the committee that at his first meeting it was decided to form a Disciplinary Committee of four committee members, and that it now seemed that this committee consisted of Mr Holland, Mr Grey, and Mr Morley. Mr Howes said this committee should be elected and voted on. Mr Grey replied that at the moment we do not need a disciplinary committee but that when or if such a committee is needed we will appoint one. A representative of the proprietor is compulsory. A list of slow players is being kept but we need to collate it for at least 3 months to see who are the regular culprits.
- 8.7** Mr Morrison reported that the Handicap Committee had met on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April to review handicaps under Rule 19 but after the examination of the playing records of over 20 members, no alterations were considered appropriate.
- 8.8** Mr Holland advised the committee that 2 members have won the Winter Greensomes three consecutive years and that we are obliged to buy a replica trophy for them to keep, the committee agreed to this.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005

**(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**