

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 158
Monday 16th May 2005

Present:

Mr Peter Holland (Chairman)	Mr Dave Grey (Captain 2005)
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)	Mr Lee Venus (Captain 2004)
Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)	Mrs Jan West (Lady Captain 2005)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)	Mr Peter Devaux (Seniors Captain 2005)
Mr Mike Smith (Handicap Assistant)	Mr Mick Batten (Vice Captain 2005)
Mr Paul Howes (Assistant Treasurer)	Mrs Anne Jenner (Vice Lady Captain 2005)
Mr Steve Houlton (Committee Member)	Mr Scott Morley (Birchwood Park Centre Manager)
Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions Secretary)	Mr Russell Stebbings (Birchwood Deputy GM)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

- 1 APOLOGIES: ACTION**
Mr Stuart Morrison
- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting No.157 of 18th April 2005**
Mr Devaux and Mr Batten proposed the minutes as correct.
- 3 Matters Arising from Meeting 157**
- 3.1 3.1 - Move to New Office – Ongoing Mr Morley**
- 3.2 3.3 – North Kent & Yeomans – Mr Deacon said the cost of catering will be shared between both clubs. - Actioned**
- 3.3 3.5 – Members Memorial Bench – Mr Devaux reported the bench has been installed. Mr Holland suggested that all passed deceased members are added to the bench. Mr Skeggs proposed the motion and Mr Batten seconded it, a vote was taken which was unanimous. - Actioned**
- 3.4 3.6 – North Kent League Green Fees – Ongoing Mr Morley**
- 3.5 3.7 – ‘Who’s Who Board’ – Ongoing Mr Morley**
- 3.6 3.8 – Ex Captains Photo’s – A discussion was held on the cost of reducing the photos. Mr Holland and Mr Devaux will get together to measure up and decide the best way to get as many photo’s as possible in the space allowed and will report back at the next meeting. - Ongoing Mr Holland/Mr Devaux**
- 3.7 3.9 – Trophy Insurance - Actioned**
- 3.8 4.1 - Kent County Golf Union volunteers for Stewards and Caddy’s. - Actioned**
- 3.9 4.3 – Points System – Actioned**
- 3.10 6.2 – Charity Money – A meeting will be arranged between Mr Skeggs, Mr Deacon and Mr Venus - Actioned**
- 3.11 7.2 – Summer Ball – Mr Morley said he had made some enquiries from the suppliers and is currently costing everything and will report back to the committee at the next meeting. Mr John Ford had indicated in the past that he would be happy to help on a club social event. Dave Grey will approach him to confirm. – Ongoing Mr Morley**
- 3.12 8.3 – Constitution - Actioned**
- 4 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4.1 Mr Morley has sent a memo to all committee members regarding Pick & Place, and notifying them that the decision to introduce and lift Winter Rules rests with the Course Manager. Pick & Place should not be introduced at other times without consulting the Course Manager or General Manager.**

- 4.2 North Kent & Yeoman's Secretary has written asking for Birchwood Parks subscription to be paid. **Mr Skeggs**
- 4.3 English Ladies Open at Chart Hills – Mr Keith said he had received a letter inviting Birchwood members to act as marshals. It is on a Fri, Sat & Sunday but the Saturday is Captains Day, but members could volunteer for the Fri and Sunday. A poster will be put up on the Notice Board. **Mr Keith**
- 5 **COMPETITIONS**
- 5.1 Main Club
Whitbread League – Birchwood v Austin Lodge (A) – Draw
Kent Scratch Cup – Rochester & Cobham – Birchwood Lost 3-0 (H)
Triangular – 1st Round – Birchwood is in the lead
- 5.2 Ladies Section
Daily Mail foursomes – Jan West & Anne Jenner won v Sidcup 3-2 (H)
Friendly – Birchwood won v Chislehurst 2-1 (H)
Whitewebbs Shield – Birchwood won v Hainault Forest 4 -1 (H)
Izzu Championship – Anne Bridges won at home. Georgina Nellins has had to withdraw from her round due to work commitments.
Hawtree Mixed Foursomes – Birchwood lost v Belhus 3 ½ - 1 ½ (H)
Captains Cup Mixed foursomes – Birchwood lost v Royal Cinque Ports (A)
- 5.3 Seniors Section
Birchwood won v Gillingham
Birchwood won v Deangate
Birchwood won v Poulthood
Birchwood won v Cobtree Manor
Birchwood won v Tudor Park
Birchwood lost v Lamberhurst
- 6 **FINANCES**
- 6.1 Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet and said the finances are comfortable although he is still waiting for some invoices to come in i.e. Nearest the Pin Prizes.
- 6.2 Charity Day – 5th August – Mr Skeggs asked if the Captains wanted him to do the Accounts for that day and they replied yes.
- 7 **SOCIAL**
- 7.1 Please look on Main Board in Reception for forthcoming Burhill events.
- 8 **Any Other Business**
- 8.1 Mr Grey said the new band for the Dinner & Dance is confirmed, Sponsorship and Birchwood are covering the cost of the band.
- 8.2 Fines – Mr Skeggs said he has changed the format and there is only one list now.
- 8.3 Seniors Team Shirts – Mr Devaux said his section would like to take up the option of a subsidy for Team Shirts. Mr Skeggs asked him to let him know how many shirts they would need. **Mr Devaux**
- 8.4 9th Hole – Mr Venus pointed out that the yellow posts have been removed from the ditch on the 9th hole. **Mr Morley**
- 8.5 6th Hole – Mr Skeggs pointed out that the Black & White Marker pole on the 6th hole is too short and that you cannot see it from the Tee Box. Mr Morley said they are looking into the option of marking the fairway instead, as marker poles are vulnerable to vandalism. **Mr Morley**
- 8.6 Plantation Areas – Mr Grey said a lot of these areas are confusing on where you take a free drop as a lot of the markers are missing. The 9th hole needs clarification and would it be possible to have dropping zones? Mr Morley said he has been in consultation with the

Forestry Authority and any release of dropping out areas are subject to tree development over the next 2 years. Mr Grey said in the meantime please let us know exactly where we can drop now. Mr Holland asked is it still the rule that when you go in a plantation you drop out on the fairway you are playing to avoid damaging the trees. Mr Morley replied yes.

Mr Morley

- 8.7** Ladies Luncheon Club – Mr Morley asked Mrs West if the ladies section had made a decision on this matter yet. Mrs West said she was waiting to discuss it at the next ladies meeting. **Mrs West**
- 8.8** Team Shirts – Mr Morley said that Danny French from the new shop will be writing to the committee about Logo Team Shirts and that he is in a good position for getting shirts at a good rate. He will also be able to get golf shirts with a Birchwood Logo on for non-team members.
- 8.9** Green Fee Deposits – Mr Morley said he is bringing in a new rule whereby members and non-members will have to leave a deposit when they book a tee-time. This rule is coming into force in 2 weeks for non-members and 1st July for members. Details will be sent out to all members with their renewal notices. If members are on free golf a 3 strikes’ approach will be adopted. Mr Morley said he is bringing in this rule because such a lot of tee times are booked and then do not show stopping other people from playing. Mr Morley said this also happens on some of the competitions and that the competition held on the 7-8th May was particularly bad, Mr Deacon asked to see the list for that competition because the members fines for that day did not reflect that it was that bad. **Mr Deacon/Mr Morley**
- 8.10** Mr Morley gave each of the committee members a copy of the club renewal brochure that will be sent out to all the members.
- 8.11** 2005 Captains Photo’s – Mrs West said these will be available next week.
- 8.12** Rakes in Bunkers – Mrs West asked if Mr Morley could clarify whether rakes should be left in or out of bunkers. Mr Morley said the rake should be in the bunker with the handle outside.
- 8.13** Captains Day Saturday 9th July – The Captains reported the theme for this event will be a Wild West Theme.
- 8.14** Team Selection – Mr Howes said some members had read the minutes and were not happy about the team selection process. Mr Batten said he knew who these members were and that they do not represent the club in other ways therefore he will not pick them to represent the club in competitions and told Mr Howes that if any members complains to him again to refer them to him. Mr Batten said the Captain’s decision is final.
- 8.15** Mr Howes said he was not happy about an item that was discussed at the last meeting concerning The ladies section, and that it was not even in the minutes. Mrs Fielder replied that was because it was off the record, and that although a committee member had raised the issue, Mrs West said she did not want to discuss it at that meeting because she had not discussed it with the ladies section yet.
- 8.16** Drummies Spring Trophy – Mr Deacon said some members had not qualified for this competition and that he will mark the list so that they know in advance. **Mr Deacon**
- 8.17** Mr Deacon raised the issue of members joining another club as their home club and how this should affect their handicap. There is a special form that should be completed by the handicap secretary at the other club which should be returned to the Birchwood Park handicap secretary. **Mr Morrison**
- 8.18** Mr Deacon advised the committee that the International Pairs competition in June carries a £5 entry fee and asked if we should charge £6 so that £1 could go in the club funds. The committee felt it was better to leave it at £5.
- 8.19** Mr Batten asked if the disciplinary committee had been chosen yet, a discussion took place with various suggestions and it was decided it should be Mr Morley, Mr Holland, Mr Grey and Mrs West. Proposed by Mick Batten and seconded by Terry Skeggs.
- 8.20** Mr Morley suggested adding an item to the constitution regarding ‘Slow Play’, Mr Holland

said we could not do that but we could add an addendum to the 'Competition Rules'
Mr Holland and Mr Morley will draft something for the next meeting.

Mr Holland/Mr Morley

8.21 Order of Merit - Mr Keith said that Mike Stevenson needs all the results of the competitions so that he can work out the Order of Merit. Mr Deacon offered to amalgamate the backlog but for future Competitions the handicap committee can email the results to Mike Stevenson. **Mr Morrison**

8.22 Mr Keith said that on some of the holes the first cut is quite long and that if your ball just rolls off the fairway a couple of inches you could not see it. Mr Morley said he disagreed and thought the course was much better since new cutting machines had been introduced, and that he had instigated a first cut of rough.

8.23 Mr Keith informed the committee he would be putting in a stationery order and to let him know ASAP if any of the committee required anything. **Mr Keith**

8.24 Slow Play - Mr Holland informed the committee that we now have the agreed 3 months records. Mr Holland said he will analyse the results to see whose name keeps appearing and a formal letter will be sent to these members asking them to appear before the disciplinary committee. **Mr Holland**

8.25 Mr Holland informed the committee that he was aware of further examples of bad manners and rudeness being directed at committee members and this would not be tolerated.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 20th June 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