

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 160**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 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 Steve Deacon (Competitions Secretary)</b>	<b>Mr Mick Batten (Vice Captain 2005)</b>
<b>Mr Paul Howes (Assistant Treasurer)</b>	<b>Mrs Anne Jenner (Vice Lady Captain 2005)</b>
<b>Mr Stuart Morrison (Handicap Secretary)</b>	

**Meeting Opened at 7.45pm**

- 1 APOLOGIES: ACTION**  
**Mr Steve Houlton (Committee Member), Mr Scott Morley (Birchwood Park Centre Manager)**
- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting No.159 of 20th June 2005**  
**Item 8.14** – Mr Paul Howes said this item had not been altered on the web site. Mr I Keith said he attend to it.  
Mr Grey and Mr Morrison then proposed the minutes as correct.
- 3 Matters Arising from Meeting 159**
- 3.1** 3.1 - Move to New Office – Mr Holland thanked Steve Deacon and Mike Smith for changing the offices over. - Actioned
- 3.2** 3.2 – North Kent League Green Fees – It has been confirmed that the final will be hosted by Birchwood Park. Mr Deacon will speak to Mr Morley - Ongoing **Mr Deacon**
- 3.3** 3.3 – ‘Who’s Who Board’ – Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 3.4** 3.4 – Ex Captains Photo’s – Mr Holland reported that Mr Devaux and himself had carried out an exercise on measurements and to get a decent sized photo that could be seen from below, it would only give them another 4 years, it was decided that it was not worth the expense. - Actioned
- 3.5** 3.8 - Seniors Team Shirts – It was put to the committee to give a subsidy to the Seniors and the Ladies Section of 12 x £17.50 per section. Proposed by Mr Skeggs and seconded by Mr Batten, a vote was taken and the result was 10 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. Motion carried. - Actioned
- 3.6** 3.9 – 9<sup>th</sup> Hole Yellow Posts – A yellow line has been painted there - Actioned
- 3.7** 3.12 – Ladies Luncheon Club – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Speaker from the Eleanor Foundation - Actioned
- 3.8** 3.15 – Away Members – Mr Deacon wrote to the member’s home club but there has been no response. Mr Keith spoke to the member and he has paid the fine and given back the shirt. Mr Skeggs has done a new fines sheet with different wording. – Actioned
- 3.9** 3.16 – Competition Rules - Slow Play – Ongoing **Mr Holland/Mr Morley**
- 3.10** 3.19 – Slow Play Times Letters – Ongoing **Mr Holland**
- 3.11** 8.4 – Charity Day – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> August - Mr Grey has written to a firm asking them to sponsor a ‘Hole-in-One’ if they cannot do it, Mr Grey said his firm would sponsor it. The menu has been arranged. So far 22 teams are confirmed and a few more could be accommodated. Mr Grey asked Mr Deacon to let him have the list of teams. – Ongoing **Mr Grey/Mr Deacon**
- 3.12** 8.5 – Quiz Night – Very poor attendance – Actioned
- 3.13** 8.5 – Men’s Mazda Open Competition – Sat 20<sup>th</sup> August – The course will be closed all day to other players. Application forms say the cost is £45.00 to include green fee, breakfast, and BBQ. We need to find out if members get a discount and pay their usual green fee with their swipe card. Those ladies who normally play their Stableford on Wed, Sat or Sun will have

to play it on Wednesday or Sunday only. Mr Batten said he had got a Whitbread competition arranged for this date and will have to try to rearrange it for Sat 27<sup>th</sup> August, which is the Alan Smiths pairs w/e competition, if OK with Poultwood and Mr Morley. – Ongoing

**Mr Morley**

3.14 8.6 - Charity Dinner – Ongoing

**Mr Morley**

#### 4 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Holland said he had received some information about the NAPGC Comps. which he had passed on to the relevant people.

#### 5 COMPETITIONS

5.1 Main Club

Whitbread League - Birchwood lost v Pedham Place (A) –

5.2 Ladies Section  
Nothing to report

5.3 Seniors Section  
Birchwood won v Woodlands (H) 5-1  
Birchwood lost v Chelsfield Lakes (A) 4-2 (but won match overall 6 ½ - 5 ½

#### 6 FINANCES

6.1 Mr Skeggs gave out the monthly balance sheet and discussed the various entries.

6.2 Mr Skeggs queried whether we should keep the Club Office phone as it seems very expensive for how much we use it. Most of the cost is rental. We need to clarify with Mr Farley about if we need to keep it for the web site, and we also use it for Club 2000 queries. Mr Skeggs said if we are going to keep it we need to get it moved over to the new office ASAP. – Ongoing **Mr Skeggs**

6.3 Mr Skeggs said he has written out Cheques to the NAPGC but would have funds reimbursed from those members participating in the competitions.

6.4 Captains Day made a small loss, once again due to lack of support for the evening function and next year the Captains should look at charging an all inclusive price to cover both golf and the evening functions. The Raffle and Putting Comp raised £480.00 for Charity. The committee congratulated The Captains for a Great Day.

#### 7 SOCIAL

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

#### 8 Any Other Business

8.1 Captains Day - Mr Grey thanked the committee and members for helping to organise the day and bringing guests to the evening function.

8.2 Mr Batten said Mr John Ford had spoken to him about being willing to organise a Race Night. Mr Grey was asked to liase with him and Mr Morley for a date. Ongoing

**Mr Grey**

8.3 Mr Paul Howes said he thinks the handicaps are wrong because exceptionally good scores are winning/being returned each week.

8.4 Mrs West reported that so far the Captains have raised £1100 for Charity.

8.5 Rule 19 - Mr Morrison said he will liase with Mike Smith for them to review members handicaps under consideration of Clause 19. Mr Deacon said this should be done every month – Ongoing **Mr Morrison**

8.6 Mr Skeggs said he thought the handicap system is working fine as it is, but that the current course conditions created some anomalies.

8.7 ¾ Handicaps – Mr Deacon said he has looked at the scores and because of the way the course is playing it is usually a high handicap member that wins. Mr Deacon proposed that 2 or 3 of the main

Stableford Honour Board Competitions are changed to  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicaps. Mr Holland said he had done an analysis of past years and there is a fairly even split between low handicap members and high handicap members winning. Mr Grey proposed an alternative to Mr Deacons plan and suggested making them medals instead of Stablefords. Mr Holland said we should think about what is the best option for the whole club, and that we must be fair to all members, but that in any case we cannot change it this year. Mrs Jenner said that under the CONGU Rules you cannot use Clause 19 based on one card. Mr Holland asked the committee to go away and think about the implications and a decision will be made next month. – Ongoing

**Committee**

- 8.8** International Pairs Competition – Mr Deacon reported that 2 pairs are to go to next round but one person is not a member anymore, do we go to next pair. Mr Deacon proposed that as he was a member at the time we still send them – All in favour.
- 8.9** Mr Keith thanked Mr Holland for arranging the Captains & Committee Day out.
- 8.10** Mr Keith said some members had asked him about buying shirts with the Club Logo on and were not aware that they could order them from the shop. Mr Holland said it is down to the shop to pursue this not the committee.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 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**