

## Minutes of Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 162

Monday 12 September 2005

### Present:

**Peter Holland (Chairman)**  
**Ian Keith (Secretary)**  
**Mick Batten (Vice Captain)**  
**Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)**  
**Steve Deacon (Competitions Sec)**  
**Stuart Morrison (Handicap Sec)**  
**Paul Howes (Asst Treasurer)**  
**Steve Houlton (Committee Member)**  
**Mike Cooper (Representing Seniors)**

### Item

### Action

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Barbara Fielder, Jan West, Anne Jenner, David Grey, Scott Morley and Peter Devaux who was represented by Mike Cooper.

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting 161

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Steve Deacon and seconded by Stuart Morrison.

#### 3. Matters Arising

3.1 3.2 – Who's Who Board. In view of the lack of progress on this issue for over 2 years it was decided to remove it from the agenda.

3.2 3.7 – Phone Line – Actioned.

3.3 3.8 – A Race Night had been arranged for 29 October 2005.

3.4 3.9 – Stuart Morrison reported that a further Rule 19 review of handicaps would be undertaken in 2 weeks time. A discussion took place about what should happen in the event of Non-Qualifying events when members regularly win competitions with 40 points or more but are not subject to a cut in handicap. It was agreed that reductions only should in future be routinely made following a NQ event. The Handicap Committee were also encouraged to be rigorous when they meet to undertake Rule 19 reviews of handicaps.

**Mr Morrison**

3.5 6.3 – The position regarding money owing for charities for the last two years had been finalised and cheques would be made out to the charities concerned. Some remaining outstanding donations (for auction items) were being hastened with the members concerned and would be passed on to the charities once received. One outstanding item had to be discussed with the supplier of some of the Charity Day auction items and a meeting would be arranged with him.

**Mr Holland  
Mr Skeggs  
Mr Deacon**

3.6 8.1 – Actioned.

3.7 8.3 – Actioned.

3.8 8.4 – Mr Holland had spoken to the member who had moved tee times despite being told he could not. He had apologised and said he would not do this again.

3.9 8.7 – Discussion deferred to next meeting.

**Committee**

3.10 8.10 – Mr Skeggs awaited details of the cost of the dinner dance from the Captains. Once known, a proposed ticket price could be set. (See Item 6)

**Mr Skeggs**

#### **4. Correspondence**

Nil

#### **5. Competitions**

##### **Mens**

Whitbread League: Won 4½ - ½ at home against Poulthwood  
Won 3 – 2 at home against Pedham Place  
Birchwood Park was now top of the league.

A list would go up on the notice board for the end of season challenge at Chart Hills on 6 Oct. Priority would go to the 16 players who had represented the club in the league this year.

Pilgrims: Won 3 – 1 at home against Lullingstone.

Triangular: Going into the final match Birchwood were 22 points behind Pedham Place.

##### **Ladies**

Whitewebbs: Lost 4 – 1 in the Final to Cobtree Manor at High Elms.

## **Seniors**

Invicta League: Won 2 –1 away at Southern Valley.  
Birchwood Park equal top of the league with three to play.

## **NAPGC**

A number of men had qualified for the NAPGC Regional Qualifier and Lee Venus had been successful in getting through to the final at St Andrews.

A number of ladies had gone to their NAPGC final at Woodhall Spa where Gilly Thomson had achieved a Hole in One.

## **Burhill Challenge**

Birchwood had come a very respectable second (out of six) to the home club at Hoebridge, Surrey. Peter Holland had won the Millennium Challenge trophy for the highest points total on the day.

## **6. Finances**

6.1 A current surplus in funds should enable a reasonable subsidy to be made to the price of dinner dance tickets.

6.2 Mr Batten undertook to chase a member for the outstanding amount that he owed for a club team shirt.  
**Mr Batten**

## **7. Social**

Please look on main notice-board in reception for forthcoming events.

## **8. Any Other Business**

8.1 The committee discussed what it might do to mark the sad death of Emil Thompson. Paul Howes volunteered to speak to Emil's family to establish if they would prefer a floral tribute or a donation to charity  
**Paul Howes**

8.2 Steve Deacon reported that he was getting rid of his second home telephone line which he used for club competition business. The committee agreed to fund a mobile phone for this purpose which could be passed to another member when Steve is away. (The new number is **07724 198362**).

8.3 Steve Houlton pointed out that the dress code for competitions did not seem to be adhered to by some members. This was agreed by others and the Chairman would arrange for a notice to go on the competitions' desk.

**Peter Holland**

8.4 Mick Batten reported that a member on desk duty had been sworn at by an member who was asked to pay an outstanding fine. The committee emphasised that this is unacceptable behaviour but it was understood that the member concerned no longer intended to play in club competitions.

8.5 Paul Howes complained that an amendment that he had requested to the May minutes had still not been made. Ian Keith said that the minutes had been changed as agreed and passed to the website administrator. (Post meeting note: the amended version of the May minutes is now on the website)

8.6 Terry Skeggs said that shelving was required for the new office and supply of these would be investigated.

8.7 Steve Deacon asked for agreement, which was given, to recruit one extra member for the competition committee to give more flexibility to cover desk duty on Saturday and Sunday.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 13 October

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