

Minutes of Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 163

Thursday 13 October 2005

Present:

Peter Holland (Chairman)
Ian Keith (Secretary)
Dave Grey (Captain)
Mick Batten (Vice Captain)
Jan West (Ladies' Captain)
Anne Jenner (Ladies' Vice Captain)
Peter Devaux (Seniors' Captain)
Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Steve Deacon (Competitions' Sec)
Stuart Morrison (Handicap Sec)
Paul Howes (Asst Treasurer)
Steve Houlton (Committee Member)

Item

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Barbara Fielder, Lee Venus and Scott Morley.

2. Minutes of Meeting 162

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Terry Skeggs and seconded by Mick Batten.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 3.4 – Handicap Review. Two Rule 19 reviews had been carried out which, following consideration; the Handicap Committee acknowledged had not been properly done and had been withdrawn. Further advice had been sought from CONGU and future Rule 19 reviews will take place in line with this.

3.2 3.5 – Charity money. Some receipts were still awaited for auction items from Lee Venus's captaincy and Lee was chasing these up.

Lee Venus

3.3 3.9 – Change to Honour Board Competitions. The proposal that changes to the Captains' Day and Gibson Cup trophies to become three-quarters handicap should be put to the AGM to vote on was voted on and passed by the Committee.

Ian Keith

3.4 3.10 Actioned.

3.5 6.2 – Actioned.

3.6 8.1 – Actioned. A floral tribute had been sent to Emil Thompson's funeral on behalf of the club members.

3.6 8.1 – Actioned.

3.7 8.3 – Dress Code. The centre reception staff had been unable to provide a sign displaying the accepted dress code and it was apparent from some of those who had been seen on the course recently that a dress code was not being enforced. The committee agreed that this should not stop it from setting certain standards which would apply to club competitions and Peter Holland would arrange for a sign to be produced for the competitions' desk.

Peter Holland

4. Correspondence

4.1 Tom Gill had requested medical exemption from the qualifying requirements for the Roger Fielder Texas Scramble, following an operation, which was agreed by the committee

4.2 A letter had been received from the Secretary of Sidcup Golf Club thanking Birchwood for the hospitality received when we hosted the Final of the North Kent Trophy.

5. Competitions

Mens

5.1 Whitbread League: Birchwood needed Poulthorpe to beat Upchurch on the final day which they did by half a point ensuring that Birchwood won the league. We had also won the annual end of season challenge at Chart Hills for the third year. The committee congratulated all of those who had represented the club this year.

5.2 NAPGC: Lee Venus won his division in the NAPGC UK Public Golf Course Championship at St Andrews and missed out on being the overall winner by just one point.

5.3 David Grey was runner-up in the National Club Captains' Championship at The Belfry.

Seniors

5.4 The Seniors team had the following results in the last month:

Lost Away to Upchurch 4.5 to 1.5
Won at Home against Deangate Ridge 4 to 2
Won at Home against Poultwood 3 to 0

Ladies

No results to report this month.

6. Finances

6.1 £600 had been collected in fines for no shows in competitions since 1 Jan 05 and another 29 fines were currently outstanding.

6.2 The problem of returning the £2 competition fees paid by members for mid-week stablefords when insufficient numbers subsequently played was discussed. It was agreed that a proposal should go to the AGM that this money should be non-refundable and if the competition does not take place any monies paid goes to the Captains' charity. **Ian Keith**

6.3 Members were reminded that anyone not paying outstanding fines before playing in a competition would be disqualified and would not be included in future competitions until the fine is paid.

6.4 David Grey reported that thanks to substantial sponsorship and donations from members and Burhill the cost of the band for the dinner dance had been covered.

6.5 Around £3500 had already been raised this year for the Captains' charity.

7. Social

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

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Steve Deacon proposed that Winter Rules should be introduced from the October Stableford if weather conditions did not require before that and this was agreed.

8.2 Peter Devaux explained that the Seniors' Masters had been shared as the top two golfers had finished on the same scores. The committee felt that, consistent with the Club Championship, the winner should be the player with the lowest final round.

8.3 David Grey outlined arrangements for the Dinner Dance. He was looking at ways of speeding up the presentation of trophies and the taking of photographs in order that this did not take up too much of the evening.

8.4 The fact that some committee members are not intending to stand for re-election at the AGM was discussed. A notice would be put on the board alerting members to this and inviting them to consider playing a role in running their club.

Ian Keith

8.5 Paul Howes raised the issue of team selection and suggested that members should be restricted to playing in one league and one cup team forcing team captains to look further a field and be more inclusive. Peter Holland said that we must not interfere with the Captain's right to select the best team available. However, we might look at entering other competitions (including those for higher handicap players) if there was sufficient interest. A notice would be put up asking people to record their interest (by 31 December) in playing for the club in 2006.

Ian Keith

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 November

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