

## Minutes of Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 164

Monday 14 November 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)**  
**Lee Venus (Past Captain)**  
**Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)**  
**Steve Deacon (Competitions' Sec)**  
**Stuart Morrison (Handicap Sec)**  
**Paul Howes (Asst Treasurer)**  
**Scott Morley (BPGC Manager)**

### Item

### Action

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Barbara Fielder and Steve Houlton.

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting 163

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Dave Grey and seconded by Jan West.

#### 3. Matters Arising

3.1 3.2 – Charity Money. Difficulties remained in getting some outstanding charity auction money from Lee Venus's Captain's year and this was being followed up with the members concerned. It was agreed that we needed to introduce better procedures for ensuring that charity money was paid within a reasonable time (e.g. 28 days) after the auction or the item should be returned.

**Lee Venus**

3.2 3.7 - Dress Code. Scott Morley undertook to ensure that signs were again prominently placed illustrating the appropriate dress for playing golf at Birchwood Park and he would instruct his staff to ensure that this policy was enforced.

**Scott Morley**

#### **4. Correspondence**

4.1 Paul Howes read out a letter informing the Committee of his decision to resign from the position of Assistant Treasurer with immediate effect.

#### **5. Competitions**

##### **Mens**

No results to report.

##### **Seniors**

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

Lost Away to Fawkham Valley 5 - 1  
Won at Home against Pedham Place 2 –1

The seniors had won Division 2 of the Invicta League and would be promoted to Division 1 next year.

##### **Ladies**

Pearson's Trophy – Birchwood lost 5-2 against Chislehurst (A)

#### **6. Finances**

6.1 Club finances are in a healthy state overall but the list of outstanding competition fines continues to grow. A number of those on the list had now left the club and would have to be written off. The remainder would be reminded about their outstanding fines and would continue to be ineligible to play in club competitions until these were cleared.

#### **7. Social**

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

#### **8. Any Other Business**

8.1 Ian Keith asked what the position was regarding the plantations being brought into play next year. Scott Morley advised that this was an issue that would be reviewed in the Spring and which would involve consultation with the Forestry Commission who had funded some of the tree planting.

8.2 Dave Grey thanked everyone for supporting the Dinner Dance which, with the exception of some problems with the catering, everyone thought had been a great night.

8.3 Steve Deacon said that he was finalising his draft of the 2006 Competitions' Calendar and he was proposing to play three of the 'Majors' as

one day competitions next year, followed by the presentation and possibly an evening function. Scott Morley said he was happy to consider this when they reviewed the overall calendar.

**Steve Deacon**

8.4 Anne Jenner announced that her Vice Captain next year would be Jennifer Yarron and Mick Batten confirmed that his Vice Captain would be John Ford.

8.5 Jan West reported that the Kent Ladies Golf Union was proposing to increase its fee for each member from £3 to £6 next year and this would require additional funding from the club. The Committee agreed that this seemed like an excessive increase but given the number of ladies currently in the club membership it could be accommodated from club funds.

8.6 Jan West asked Scott Morley for additional playing concessions next year as more players were participating in the Pearsons Trophy. Scott said this would not be a problem.

8.7 Terry Skeggs asked Scott Morley where plans stood for extending the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to a Par 5. Scott said that the plan remained but due to requirements for the tee box etc this was unlikely to happen for a couple of years.

8.8 Peter Devaux raised the issue of the shared Seniors' Masters title which he had outlined last month. The Seniors' Committee felt that their wish to see the title shared should stand. However, the main Committee disagreed and said that as the winner of the Seniors' Masters was in effect the Seniors' Club Champion there could only be one winner. The two players' scores had only been subject to a count-back in their five best competition scores and the Seniors' committee were asked to go back beyond these scores until a clear winner could be identified.

**Peter Deaux**

8.9 Further to the discussion in 8.9, it was proposed that a proposal go to the AGM that for all honour board competitions there should be an 18 hole play-off when two players cannot be separated after the normal count –back.

**Ian Keith**

8.10 The issue of out of date information appearing on the website was raised and Ian Keith undertook to let Steve Farley have a list of all of the items that need to be changed.

**Ian Keith**

8.11 Peter Holland gave his thanks, on behalf of Gill, to all of those who had taken part in the 'Wear it Pink Day' in support of Breast Cancer charity. The day had raised over £500.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 13 December.

**(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**