

## Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 168

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006

### Present:

**Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)**  
**Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)**  
**Mr Michael Cooper (Seniors Captain)**  
**Ms Geraldine Noonan (Assistant Secretary)**  
**Mr Steve Deacon (Competitions Secretary)**  
**Mr Scott Morley (Burhill)**  
**Mr Mick Batten (Captain)**  
**Mrs Anne Jenner (Lady Captain)**  
**Mr John Ford (Vice Captain)**  
**Mr Rob Slamon (Assistant Treasurer)**

### Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

The Secretary opened the meeting with a welcome to the two new committee members Rob Slamon, Assistant Treasurer and Geraldine Noonan Assistant Secretary. As no nomination had been received for the position of Chairman prior to the AGM it fell to the Committee to elect a member to this position. David Grey had registered his willingness to take up the post and this was put to the vote and carried unanimously. This created a vacancy in the Past Captain position and the Committee voted unanimously to invite the Past Ladies' Captain Jan West to take on this role.

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| <b>1</b>   | <b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b><br>Mr Steve Houlton<br>Mrs Jennifer Yearon   | <b><u>ACTION</u></b> |
| <b>2</b>   | <b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting No. 167 of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006</u></b><br>Mr Batten and Mr Skeggs proposed the minutes as correct.   |                      |
| <b>3</b>   | <b><u>Matters arising from Meeting 167</u></b>  |                      |
| <b>3.1</b> | 3.1 - Major Competitions that have been changed to One Day Competitions – Mr Batten confirmed dates for competitions with evening functions have been arranged as follows: Drummies Spring Trophy (30 Apr); Remembrance Trophies (12 Aug) and Ken Mason Trophy (9 Sep). Menus still to be agreed with Caroline and John Ford will finalise. – Ongoing | <b>Mr Ford</b>       |
| <b>3.2</b> | 3.2 - Website – Out of date information – Mr Keith is providing Mr Farley with the requested information - Ongoing  | <b>Mr Keith</b>      |
| <b>3.3</b> | 3.4 - Burhill Annual Challenge - will take place on Sunday 17th September at Ramsdale, Notts - Actioned   |                      |

- 3.4 3.6 - White Tees for midweek competitions – Mr Morley said the situation is still ongoing. – Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 3.5 3.8 - Horse Race Night – Mr Ford is arranging the date. – Ongoing **Mr Ford**
- 3.6 4.1 - Centralised handicap system. Mr Morrison was not in attendance at the committee meeting to comment on the outcome of the meeting he was scheduled to attend at Gillingham G.C.– Ongoing **Mr Morrison**
- 3.7 4.2 - GPS System - More information is needed before any decision is made. Ongoing **Committee**
- 3.8 4.3 - Mixed Competitions - It was agreed at the AGM that in future mixed competitions the ladies will play off the Ladies' Stroke Index.
- 4 **CORRESPONDENCE**  
None
- 5 **COMPETITIONS**
- 5.1 Main Club  
Whitbread League - The first match of the season was a home game in April.
- 5.2 Ladies Section  
Pearson Trophy – Birchwood Park Lost v Dartford
- 5.3 Seniors Section  
Match won in Invicta League - beating Upchurch 2 1/2 - 1/2  
Mr Cooper advised BPGC have been drawn against Knoll Park in Kent Seniors K/O Competition
- 5.4 Barbara Fielder has requested brief reports on the 2005/06 season for inclusion in the AGM minutes  
Whitbread League- Mick Batten **Mr Batten**  
Yeomans, North Kent and Pilgrims Leagues - Steve Deacon **Mr Deacon**
- 6 **FINANCES**
- 6.1 Mr Skeggs presented the monthly balance sheet.
- 6.2 Outstanding Fines - A final letter will be sent to those members with outstanding fines for 2005. If the fines are not paid by a designated deadline (28 days) the member will be suspended by Mr Morley/Birchwood Park Golf Centre. **Mr Keith**
- 7 **SOCIAL**
- 7.1 Refer to Main Notice Board in Reception for forthcoming Burhill events.
- 8 **Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Shotgun Start - Mr Morley advised that in future if a firework is used for shotgun starts a member of Birchwood Park Golf Centre will perform the function due to safety implications. **Mr Morley**
- 8.2 Mr Morley advised investment / improvements in the short game area i.e. chipping green, practice bunkers, flood lighting and access to driving range will be postponed until Autumn because of complications - Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 8.3 Remarking of the car park. - Mr Morley said he has not found a reliable source / contractor as yet to carry out the work - Ongoing **Mr Morley**
- 8.4 Charities - Mr Cooper enquired as to whether we do " Gift Aid". It was confirmed Jan West did it last year. Mr Batten will do likewise this year.  
Charities for 2006 are:  
"Dreams Come True" - Mr Batten  
National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society - Mrs Jenner  
Mr Batten advised monies received will be split on a 50 / 50 basis between the two elected charities.  
Mr Morley will do a Family Fun Day again this year (third year running) in support of the club charities.  
Mr Keith is running the London Marathon and will split any sponsorship that he raises from BPGC members between the Whizz-Kidz Charity that he is running on behalf of and the Captains' Charities.
- 8.8 8.2 - Mr Deacon said some members are still using White tees for non-competition rounds. Mr Morley will try to catch them - Ongoing
- 8.7 8.4 - Mr Batten advised Pilgrims league no longer exists, but Kent National had indicated their interest in playing a series of friendly matches against BPGC. Patsey Carey is willing to arrange / organise a home and away fixture.
- 8.8 8.5 - New lock for Committee Room - Mr Ford will replace lock and handle. **Mr Ford**
- 8.9 8.9 - New Seniors Competition - Mr Cooper is proceeding with new Seniors Competition **Mr Cooper**
- 8.1 White stakes and white line on the 15th - Mr Morley confirmed the white line defines the point of out of bounds. He said the posts and fence will be painted a different colour to avoid confusion and the white line will be maintained. Mr Skeggs said this needs to be highlighted as a local rule. **Mr Morley**

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

**Date of next meeting – Monday 10th April 2006**

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

