

Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 169

Monday 10 April 2006

Present:

Mr David Grey (Chairman)
Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)
Mr Michael Cooper (Seniors Captain)
Ms Geraldine Noonan (Assistant Secretary)
Mr Scott Morley (Burhill)
Mr Mick Batten (Captain)
Mrs Anne Jenner (Lady Captain)
Mr John Ford (Vice Captain)
Mr Rob Slamon (Assistant Treasurer)
Mr Stuart Morrison (Handicap Secretary)
Mrs Jennifer Yearron (Vice Lady Captain)
Mr Steve Houlton (Committee member)
Mrs Jan West (Lady Captain 2005)
Mr Russell Stebbings (Burhill)

Meeting Opened at 7.45pm

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| 1 | <u>APOLOGIES:</u>
Mr Steve Deacon | <u>ACTION</u> |
| 2 | <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting No. 168 of 6th March 2006</u>
Mr Slamon and Mr Batten proposed the minutes as correct. | |
| 3 | <u>Matters arising from Meeting 168</u> | |
| 3.1 | 3.1 - Major Competitions that have been changed to One Day Competitions – There will be an evening function following the Remembrance Trophies competition on 12 Aug 2006. This will be in conjunction with Birchwood Park Golf Centre's fun weekend. There WILL NOT BE AN evening function following the Ken Mason competition. | Mr Ford |
| 3.2 | 3.2 - Website – Mr Grey suggested we upgrade the website. He has obtained a quote of £1600 for an interactive site. The proposal is that we upgrade the static site initially at a cost of £200. The £1600 will be raised through sponsorship. When the requisite amount is achieved the site will be upgraded to an interactive one - Ongoing | Mr Grey |

3.3 3.5 - Instead of a Horse Race Night Mr Ford will be organising a Quiz night. **Mr Ford**
Date to be advised - Ongoing

3.4 3.6 - Centralised Handicap System - Mr Morrison advised the system is at least two **Committee**
years away from being operational. Updates will be provided periodically. BPGC
will monitor progress and consider the option to sign up to the system as it
develops.

3.5 3.7 - GPS System - Mr Keith reported back to the Committee on the new R&A rule
relating to the use of distance measuring devices. The rule allows clubs to
introduce a Local Rule permitting such devices but adds that the R&A is not
advocating the introduction of a Local Rule and will not be introducing such a Rule
for its own championships (professional or amateur). Further investigation has
established that neither the EGU or other regional Golf Unions are recommending
the introduction of Local Rules. On this basis, the Committee agreed that a Local
Rule would not be introduced for BPGC competitions but that this situation might
be reviewed in future.

3.6 6.2 - Outstanding fines - Final letters have been sent to members with outstanding **Mr Skeggs**
fines for 2005 requiring them to pay by 30.4.2006 or BP Golf Centre will consider
suspension. Mr Skeggs was asked to report back on fines received.

3.7 8.3 - Remarking of the car park - Mr Morley has contracted a company. The car **Mr Stebbings**
park will be remarked in next four weeks.

3.8 8.5 - Some members are still using White tees for non-competition rounds. Mr **Mr Stebbings**
Morley will attempt to catch them - Ongoing

3.9 8.8 - New Lock for Committee Room - Ongoing **Mr Ford**

3.1 8.9 - New Seniors Competition - Mr Cooper advised it was decided at the last
Seniors Committee meeting there was not enough interest to warrant going forward
with another / new competition.

4 **CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 Following receipt of correspondence in regard to qualification and eligibility for **Mr Keith**
prizes for the Masters and Ladies All Winners competitions the committee agreed
the rules need greater clarity. Mr Keith agreed to review the existing rules and make
suggestions for any amendment/clarification required.

5 **COMPETITIONS**

5.1 Main Club

5.2 **Ladies Section**

Pearson:

23 March Birchwood Park beat Dartford @ Birchwood

27 April Birchwood Park beat Langley Park @ Birchwood

Tappin:

30 March Birchwood Park beat The Ridge @ The Ridge

Whitewebbs:

8 April Birchwood Park beat Basildon @ Birchwood

Amateur Lady Golfer:

8 April 2006 1st Leg Birchwood 35 Cherry Lodge 36

5.3 **Seniors Section**

Friendly:

15 March Birchwood Park beat Fawkham Valley at home in friendly

Kent Veterans Knockout Competition:

23 March Birchwood Park Lost at Knoll Park GC

Invicta League:

Birchwood Park beat Fawkham Valley 3-0

6 **FINANCES**

6.1 Mr Skeggs presented the monthly balance sheet.

6.2 Mr Skeggs advised that fines are building up again for 2006

Mr Keith

7 **SOCIAL**

7.1 Refer to Main Notice Board in Reception for forthcoming Burhill events.

7.2 Cheese and Wine Evening - Thursday 11th May @ 7.30pm - 9pm in the Clubhouse. A small retail sale plus beauty product offers will be available to all.

Mr Stebbings

7.3 Members Evening - Also on Thursday 11th May @ 6pm - 8pm on the Driving Range. FREE lessons with PGA Pros available to members only. All lessons must be pre booked with reception. Complimentary BBQ & cold beers (limited stock available).

Mr Stebbings

8 **Any Other Business**

8.1 With regret and sadness the death of Colin Jones is announced. Arrangements made to send flowers from the club. A brass plate in memory of Colin will be added to the remembrance bench in due course.

Committee

8.2 Mrs Jenner - Requested consideration be given for a key pad on the Ladies changing room door. Mr Stebbings will advise.

Mr Stebbings

8.3 Booking online - Mr Cooper said some members have expressed concern at booking online due to potential credit card fraud - Mr Morley advised members do not pay online, therefore they do not disclose their credit card number.

8.4 12th Hole G.U.R. - Mr Houlton requested that a dropping zone be introduced to the right of the 12th green on a level area - Mr Morley said he would consider - ongoing.

Mr Stebbings

8.5 Rule amendments - Mr Skeggs said the competition rules will need to be updated following the changes agreed at the AGM i.e 3/4 handicap for some competitions and ladies to play off the red stroke index in mixed competitions. Mr Keith will make suggested amendments for approval - ongoing

Mr Keith

8.6 Advance Bookings - Mr Morley advised members will no longer be able to make advance tee time bookings for other golf club invitations to Birchwood Park. Instead details must be obtained in advance and an event form available at reception must be completed.

8.7 Hosepipe ban - Mr Morley said Birchwood Park Golf Centre has guidelines in place for preventing excessive use of water, to use water more effectively and ensure systems are leak free.

8.8 Bird Flu - Mr Morley said that in view of the current concern about bird flu, members were asked to report any sightings of dead birds (feathered variety) on the course.

8.9 The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th May 2006

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