

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club Committee Meeting 173**

**Tuesday 15th August 2006**

**Present:**

**Mr Dave Grey (Chairman)**  
**Mr Ian Keith (Secretary)**  
**Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)**  
**Mr Michael Cooper (Seniors Captain)**  
**Ms Geraldine Noonan (Assistant Secretary)**  
**Mr Mick Batten (Captain)**  
**Mr Stuart Morrison (Handicap Secretary)**  
**Mrs Jennifer Yarron (Vice Lady Captain)**  
**Mr Rob Slamon (Assistant Treasurer)**  
**Mrs Anne Jenner (Lady Captain)**  
**Mr John Moran (Burhill)**  
**Mr Russell Stebbings (Burhill)**

**Meeting Opened at 7.45pm**

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| <b>1</b>   | <b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b><br>Mr Steve Deacon and Mr John Ford  | <b><u>ACTION</u></b> |
| <b>2</b>   | <b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting No. 172 - 10th July 2006</u></b><br>Mr Slamon and Mr Skeggs proposed and seconded the minutes as correct.   |                      |
| <b>3</b>   | <b><u>Matters arising from Meeting 173</u></b>  |                      |
| <b>3.1</b> | 3.2 - Website - Whilst Burhill's kind offer to incorporate the members' website within the Birchwood Park Golf Centre website was appreciated, Mr Grey outlined to the committee the potential advantages of running our own website which could attract advertising from members who had companies and which could assist club funds. After a discussion and vote it was agreed that we would further investigate this independent option. | <b>Mr Grey</b>       |
| <b>3.2</b> | 3.3 - New Lock for Committee Room - Ongoing   | <b>Mr Ford</b>       |
| <b>3.3</b> | 3.4 - Ammendments to Honourboard, Knockout and Competeition rules - Revisions had been made to the existing knockout eligibility rules. These were agreed by the Committee and would be applicable from August 2006.  |                      |
| <b>3.4</b> | 4.1 - Mr Cooper would write a letter of thanks to Deakins, suppliers of the Senior's blazers and makers of their badges who were closing down.  | <b>Mr Cooper</b>     |

- 3.5 8.2 - Thunder and Lightning Policy - Mr Moran reported that Burhill do not have a lightning policy. If they had a claxon and it was sounded, they would then become liable should an individual be struck by lightning. It is an issue of personal responsibility to get off the course at the first sign of lightning.
- 3.7 8.5 - Mr Moran confirmed that the area of soil to the left of the 11th hole (removed to deepen the lake on 17/18) was indeed GUR until further notice.
- 3.8 8.7 Water hazards - Mr Stebbings reported that advice from Burhill head office after some consideration was that all water hazards on the course should be defined by RED stakes. Yellow stakes were being removed as soon as possible.
- 3.9 8.8 Showers - Mr Stebbings reported that the showers were now in full working order and Mr Moran confirmed that refurbishment would be high on the agenda for next year.
- 3.1 8.12 Eddie the Starter - It was suggested that Eddie should be invited along to the Dinner and Dance as a thank you for contribution to the Club in the last few years.

#### **4 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 4.1 No correspondence to discuss.

#### **5 COMPETITIONS**

##### **5.1 Main Club**

**Whitbread** - Forthcoming matches were away to Pedham on 19 Aug and at Home to Poulton on 2 Sep.

##### **5.2 Ladies Section**

The ladies had drawn a friendly away at Woodlands Manor.

##### **5.3 Seniors Section**

The seniors had played the following friendlies:

Away at Woodlands: Drew 3/3

Away at Parkwood: Lost 5/3

Away at Tudor Park 6/0

#### **6 FINANCES**

- 6.1 Mr Skeggs presented the monthly balance sheet.

- 6.2 Finances remained healthy but income from competition fees was down.

#### **7 SOCIAL**

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

Birchwood would be showing Premier Plus (Pay per View) matches on Sky this season.

Mr Moran announced that there was to be an event towards the end of Sep to name the Main 18 Hole Course and Committee representatives would be invited. Further details to follow.

**Mr Moran**

**8 Any Other Business**

**8.1** Mrs Jenner asked about the English Ladies Golf fees which BPGC normally pay. Mr Moran confirmed that these will have been paid for 2006.

**8.2** Mrs Jenner asked about the status of 5 Club challenge competitions for handicap purposes. It was confirmed that these were non-qualifying for handicap but eligible for qualification purposes.

**8.3** Mr Skeggs asked if the mound where the new 18th tee was to have been built could be declared GUR. This would be done.

**Mr Stebbings**

**8.4** Mr Grey said that slow play had been particularly bad in last couple of weeks and it was apparent that green fees were being squeezed in before the competition resulting in late tee off times. Mr Moran reported that to alleviate the situation they planned to make the last tee time prior to Sat and Sun comps 8.02 thus leaving 16 minutes before our first tee time. A starter would also be in place to keep things moving.

**Mr Moran**

**8.5** Mr Grey pointed out that the standard of players being allowed on the course and dress code amongst pay and play seemed to be deteriorating. Mr Moran advised that having a starter in place should enable the course managers to more easily identify such issues

**8.6** Mr Batten reported that he would be selecting 8 men and 4 ladies to represent the club at the annual Burhill inter club challenge at Ramsdale on 17 Sep.

**8.7** Mr Keith suggested that as an end of year event we might consider in future having a Ryder Cup style competition between teams from Div 1 and Div 2 based on placings in the order of merit over the year with the Capt and Vice Capt leading the teams. There was general support for this which would need to be considered further and found a place in the calendar which could be difficult.

**Mr Keith/Mr Deacon**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 26th September 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](#)

