MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2015

Present: Maurice Stephenson (MS) Captain

Steve Mitchell (SM) Vice Captain/Treasurer

Jackie Lee (JAL) Secretary

Neil Storer (NS) Competitions Secretary

Gill Cackett (GC) Social Secretary

In attendance: David Mckibben (DM) Club Professional

Chris Furneaux (CF) Head Greenkeeper

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Joke Alexandrou (JA).

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 8th December 2014 meeting were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Ladies locker room, hanging rail and socket are still outstanding. (Action JA)
- b) We have not yet received a commitment from Wines of the World on continued sponsorship of our monthly Stableford competition. (Action MS)
- c) The decision on buying a Ladies Foursomes trophy will be made once we have sufficient entries in this knock out competition. (Action SM)
- d) The Handicap Committee along with David Mckibben will meet on Thursday 8th January to review handicaps through Datagolf and also from general play. (Action DM, SM, NS, GC)

4. Committee Matters

- a) Following advice that blanket closure of bunkers is not allowed within the rules of golf, the Competitions Secretary provided information gleaned from Golf's governing bodies. This will be summarised by the Competitions Secretary and communicated to members. In addition a local rule will be written to cover "run off" damage to bunkers. (Action NS/JAL)
- b) Continuance of play during abnormal weather conditions was discussed following hailstones during the December Medal Competition. It was agreed that the procedure for discontinuing play should be made clear to members. As such, it was decided that in the event of circumstances arising that make it dangerous or impractical to continue play (such as an electrical storm, fog, high winds, greens becoming flooded etc) a klaxon will be sounded by the Course Marshall. Members will be required to return to the clubhouse as quickly as possible and should either mark their ball or leave it on the course (whichever action is the quicker). Subsequently, a decision will be made, dependant on prevailing conditions, to either continue play, or to abandon the competition.
- c) The Competitions Secretary has identified a suitable Laptop for Committee use, at a cost of €300. This particular computer does not have an Ethernet port, so its suitability to connect to the Minthis Hills network will be investigated. (Action NS)
- d) The difficulty of maintaining balanced handicap divisions for Stablefords was discussed. It was agreed that it is fairly straightforward to create divisions for each individual competition based on handicaps of entrants. The aim will be to produce a balance of competitor numbers in each handicap division. This will be done for all Monthly Stablefords, commencing with the postponed December competition. The divisions for Medal Competitions i.e. 0 20 and 21 plus are considered acceptable. (Action NS)
- e) The Captain reported that FM Group International has agreed to sponsor a midweek team competition.

5. Competition Matters

- a) The January medal will include Medal Winners Net Winners.
- b) The rollover Two's from the December Medal will exempt those who paid in December from having to pay again in the January Medal. Pro Shop to be informed. (Action JAL)

6. Social Events

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

- a) Maurice Mawhinney has been confirmed as the DJ for this event.
- b) The management at Alexander the Great will be asked for permission to set up the music equipment and the trophies table from 10.30 am onwards on Friday 30th January. (Action GC)
- c) Menus (60) are to be printed, at a cost of €35 (Action MS)
- d) To date we have ten tables signed up, list of names/table number to be drawn up. We do not yet know who from Minthis Hills Management will be attending. This to be checked with Koulla. Number of lady attendees to be confirmed to the Captain. (Action GC)
- e) Photographer confirmed, and will be informed reception commencing 7.00 pm with prize presentation at 7.30 pm and dinner 8.00 pm. Hotel will be asked to provide table to display photographs (Action MS/GC)
- f) The Treasurer will inform the Secretary of payment stragglers so that a reminder can be sent directly to them (Action SM/JAL)

7. Financial Matters

a) The Treasurer presented his financial report, which was accepted by the Committee.

8. Any Other Business

- a) Stelios has been asked to approve the proposed Minthis Hills Members website, his decision is awaited.
- b) An admin sheet for February competitions i.e. Pro Am and Sponsored Competition will be produced as soon as details of the sponsored competition are available. (Action SM/JAL)
- c) The Greensomes competition will commence at 8.00 am i.e. not 7.30 am.
- d) It was noted that not all members had received the email regarding 2015 fees which was sent out by management. Koulla to be advised. (Action JAL)

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Committee meeting will be Monday 2nd February 2015.