# MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

# MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

# **HELD ON: MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**Present** Neil Storer ( NS ) Captain & Competitions' Secretary

Bill Martin (BM) Treasurer

Roy Peach (RP) Greens' Secretary

Peter Taylor ( PT ) Social Secretary

Gill Cackett ( GC ) Committee Secretary

**In Attendance** Joke Alexandrou (JA) Management

Chris Furneaux ( CF ) Head Greenkeeper

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bob Windsor (BW) and David Mckibben (DM)

#### 2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February were read and approved.

# 3. Matters Arising

- (a) It was agreed that the 'play off' procedure if required in the club championships would be the best of 3 holes and in the event of a tie would then be 'sudden death'.
- (b) NS reported that most members whose handicaps had lapsed had now re-activated them.
- (c) The Charity Day preparations were being finalised and the Captain thanked the members for the numerous raffle prize contributions.
- (d) CF confirmed that the approaches to the bridges over the 15<sup>th</sup> hole ditch had been repaired and that the possibility of a safety handrail on the steps to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> tees was still being investigated.
- (e) RP reported that the 'rules sheet' clarifying specific rule situations on the course was still to be done. JA also explained that the new score cards soon to be ordered will include a local rule for the newly planted 'environmentally sensitive areas'. NS requested to see the proposed wording before the scorecards were printed. (Action RP)

### 4. Committee Matters

(a) NS explained that the Bank Mandate will be completed when BW has returned.

- (b) JA confirmed that the possibility of an electric socket and hanging rail in the Ladies changing room will continue to be investigated. (Action JA)
- (c) Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee Minutes would be posted on the website. A paper copy would continue to be placed in the folder and members will be asked if they individually wish to continue receiving the Minutes by e mail. (Action GC)
- (d) Concern was expressed about the number of 'no shows' to recent competitions. This causes considerable inconvenience and in over subscribed competitions prevents other members from playing. It was proposed and agreed that if a member has not notified the club by 7.30 a.m. on the morning of a competition that they would be excluded from the following similar competition i.e. if the no show was in a monthly stableford competition the exclusion would be from the next stableford and if in a non-qualifying competition then exclusion would be from the next non-qualifier etc. Members will be notified when this procedure will come into operation.

  (Action GC)
- (e) PT explained to the Committee some of the intricacies of the Gambling Law of Cyprus and how it can affect some of the proposed charity and social events.
- (f) The Committee agreed to continue to subsidise the entry fee for members selected to play in the CGF Cup.

#### 5. Competitions

- (a) NS summarised the various activities to take place on Charity Day and committee members volunteered to assist.
- (b) NS reported that the trophy and prizes for the MH Mixed Open were organised.
- (c) The trophy for the "English v Rest of the World" competition to be held in October has been purchased.
- (d) PT reported that 57 competitions during the year have been sponsored and additional competitions that could be sponsored were identified. It was proposed that a scheduled non-qualifying competition be used as a 'Sponsors' Trophy' competition. All of the sponsors would be represented by a team and would be invited to play in their team. The suggested competition was the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Texas Scramble.
  - NS confirmed that all of the main sponsors will be acknowledged on a web page with contact details advertising the businesses.
  - NS thanked PT for all of the work.
- (e) The Committee agreed to continue with the Medal prizes as Parker pens and notebooks. BM agreed to present the May Medal prizes when NS would not be present.
- (f) BM raised the issue of collecting cards in non-qualifying competitions. It was agreed that members would be asked to place the completed cards in the box in the Caddymaster's Office if no-one is available to collect the cards. Members will be notified of this procedure

for all non-qualifying competitions which will be operational for the St. Georges' Day Competition on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. (Action GC)

(g) The Committee reviewed the May competitions.

#### 6. Social Events

- (a) The Captain and Committee expressed their thanks on behalf of the Members to Management for the very enjoyable 'Meet and Greet 'evening held on 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- (b) PT reported that he was still waiting for confirmation for the possible venue for the Dinner Dance Presentation Evening.
- (c) It was agreed that the list of social events for the year will be placed in the competitions folder and on the website to remind members of the events. The proposed shopping trip to Nicosia on 26<sup>th</sup> April still has places available. Members will be reminded and asked to sign the sheet in the Social event folder. (Action GC)

#### 7. Golf Course Matters

- (a) BM reported that some of the greenside bunkers can be very wet. CF agreed and said that the irrigation sprinklers were adjusted wherever possible but that it was important to ensure that the whole green was covered by the irrigation.
- (b) RP had received a request for a path alongside the 5<sup>th</sup> tee but it was felt that this would invade the 'environmentally sensitive area'. The possibility for a tree to provide shade near the yellow tee of the 5<sup>th</sup> hole was being investigated.
- (c) RP asked whether the fringe grass at the back of the 13<sup>th</sup> green could be left longer. CF expressed the need for consistency and felt that longer fringe grass could be unplayable.
- (d) The danger of walking from the 3<sup>rd</sup> green to the 4<sup>th</sup> tee from following players' shots was raised. It was agreed that a sign, similar to the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, requesting players walk around the back of the 4<sup>th</sup> tee would be placed in the area. (Action JA and CF)

#### 8. Financial Matters

(a) BM reported that the accounts continued to be within budget. The Committee accepted and approved the accounts.

## 9. Any Other Business

(a) JA reported that the Honours Boards were due to be updated.

# 10. Date of the next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm.