## **MINTHIS GOLF CLUB**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## **HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM**

Present: Colin du Cann-Crowther (CduCC) Captain

Graeme Nichol (GN) Vice Captain/Comp Secretary

Carol Powell (CP) Secretary

Bev Mitchell (BM) Treasurer

Sandra Pope (SP) Charity Secretary

Roy Peach (RP) Greens

David McKibben (DM) Professional

Chris Furneaux (CF) Head Greenskeeper

Mr Stelios Patsalides Minthis Manager

## 1 Apologies:

All were present.

## 2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th January 2020 were read and approved.

## 3 Matters Arising:

- (CduCC) asked for confirmation of buggy costs for members. Mr Stelios advised that it is not always possible to offer members the discounts available to guests, which are in place to attract non-members especially during the current climate. Mr Stelios confirmed that there would be an exception for members during official competitions when numbers do not allow for buggy pairings. Each member would then pay €10 regardless if they are on their own. During general play if members are not able to pair up, the cost would be €20.
- (CduCC) advised that he will shortly be issuing by email, the CPR Protocol that has been put into place during COVID.
- It was agreed that K/O vouchers from 2020 will be presented by (CduCC) and (GN) at Minthis over the following dates: February 22nd/24th and 27th between 10 am and 12 am. (CduCC) to email those members who have won vouchers for confirmation of their preferred date of collection. (BM) will be buying vouchers shortly.
- Mr Stelios confirmed that there will be some flexibility on the expiry date of any unused vouchers held by members from 2020. He also advised that the Bar Credit will now be extended and be dependant upon re-opening of the bar and restaurant. At this point, any member that has not continued membership. will be afforded one month to use any credit they held as a member in the bar or restaurant.

## 4 Competitions:

- (GN) confirmed that in accordance with the CGF, all qualifying competitions have been cancelled during February. Mr Stelios advised that there has been no clear direction from the government and it is up to the golf club/committee members to organise social golf days and agree the way forward. Given this, it was decided that (GN) would produce a small protocol of how to run these "Social golf days". This will be reviewed and implemented in the future in line with COVID restrictions.
- (GN) advised that he will be adding an extra stableford competition in June.
- (GN) confirmed that the CGF are organising a new competition the Mens Matchplay Championship which is being held over two weekends at the end of April. Julian Tyrer, being the club singles K/O winner has agreed to represent the club. Any entrants cost will be paid by the club. The CGF will review the success of this competition and then consider whether they introduce more.

#### 6 Social Matters:

• (BM) asked about the likelihood of any presentation evening. (CduCC) has proposed 24th April, however if this is not possible (GN) suggested in July at the Captains Day BBQ. This was agreed.

# 6 Golf Course Matters:

- (CF) advised that he had mainly been concentrating on removing the weed grass encroachment just outside the greens. This is a typical Cyprus problem on the green surrounds.
- (CF) has been turfing the edges of the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th tee boxes to make them square and slightly larger.
- Contractors have been clearing and cleaning the concrete ditches at hole 15 so that storm water runs directly to the reservoir.
- (CF) mentioned that the pump computer within the old computer room on hole 9 has been demolished and relocated to a less intrusive position.
- (CF) confirmed that all the golf furniture around the course has been re-painted.
- All vineyards have now been cultivated and the carry on hole 7 has been cleared and grassed. This area is currently GUR and balls can be retrieved. If it rains and gets muddy, members are asked to refrain from walking in this area and collect a replacement ball from the caddy masters.
- New vines will be planted in the front of tee boxes on holes 3 and 8 in April. These
  areas are currently GUR.
- (CF) advised that a small drain has been placed by the cart path exit next to the green on hole 10 to collect all rain water. This was the only hole to suffer a drainage problem after the recent storms. (CF) is pleased to report that all drainage systems seem to be much improved as a result of the work carried out over the past two years.
- (CF) confirmed that the new greens are now open and playable and will only take six weeks of spring growth before they are the same as the exiting greens. Mr Stelios wants to remind all members to ensure they repair their pitch marks especially on the new greens. At the moment it is only members who are playing the course.
- (CF) mentioned that the 100 and 150 marker posts are not being replaced. (CF) has
  repositioned the marker discs on the fairways in accordance with the new greens.
  (DM/CF) are looking into whether distance markers are required on sprinkler heads.
  All distance measuring devices will have been updated with the new golf course coordinates by April.
- (CF) was pleased to announce that Frank Meppem will be joining the greens staff as his assistant, once his replacement has been appointed at the caddy masters department.
- (RP) asked if the bunker liners have been fixed. (CF) advised that this is ongoing and is being monitored.

## **7** Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- (BM) has finalised the year end accounts. Mr Stelios agreed that the Year End accounts to be circulated by email to the Membership for approval due to the Covid restrictions.

#### 8 A.O.B.:

- Discussion took place regarding the AGM and Committee Nomination forms. Mr Stelios agreed that the AGM will hopefully take place on TUESDAY 16th MARCH at 2.00pm. (CduCC) to issue nomination forms for completion and return by 20th February. The new Captain and Committee will take over from 24th February.
- (RP) asked Mr Stelios if there would be any reduction in membership fee given there
  had been some loss in playing time and use of amenities. Mr Stelios confirmed that
  the membership fee will remain the same and is unfortunately unable to reduce this
  any further due to the loss in revenue during these unusual circumstances. (BM)
  asked when the facilities would be opening. Mr Stelios stated that at this time it is
  subject to Covid restrictions
- Mr Stelios advised that he is trying to work with the other clubs to try to push to remove the requirement of COVID testing and should know by Friday 12th February.
- (BM) asked about the buggy transportation arrangements between the 10th and 11th hole. Mr Stelios confirmed that this would remain the same for the immediate future. (BM) was concerned with the distance to walk to the 12th tee box from the club house around the back of the 11th green. It was agreed that members are able to walk across the 11th fairway but must be careful and aware of golfers playing down to the 11th green.
- (CP) asked about the new shot allocation since the course has recently been slope rated with the new greens now in play. (DM) confirmed that a sheet has been placed in the caddy masters office for members to view. (GN) to ask Neil Storer if he could update the members website with this information.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 8th March at 1.00pm.