

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 2nd June

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Present: | Maurice Stephenson (MS) | Captain |
| | Steve Mitchell (SM) | Vice Captain/Treasurer |
| | Jackie Lee (JAL) | Secretary |
| | Gill Cackett (GC) | Social Secretary |
| | Neil Storer (NS) | Competitions Secretary |
| | Paul Williams (PW) | Greens Secretary |
| In attendance: | Chris Furneaux (CF) | Head Greenkeeper |
| | David Mckibben (DM) | Club Professional |

Apologies

Apologies received from Joke Alexandrou who is away from Cyprus.

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 5th May 2014 meeting were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) The issue of the new local rule on hole 13, allowing for a provisional ball to be played when it was uncertain whether or not the ball was in the water hazard was discussed. Concern was expressed that this rule had been issued before full ratification of the committee. The Captain explained that he had felt it important that this be communicated to members as soon as possible, and that in any case, it had been approved by Management. It was also explained that ultimately, local rules were the responsibility of Management after receiving requests/advice from the Committee. The club's constitution gave overall responsibility for the implementation of local rules to management. The Club Professional confirmed that 90% of such decision making rested with the Golf Manager, after advice from his management team. The Greens Secretary said that he could not accept this, as the R&A rule states that the committee have this responsibility, and therefore he would resign from the Committee with immediate effect.
- b) The Captain informed the committee that the €300 budget set for repairing club trophies would be exceeded by a small amount, but that this would provide sufficient plaques for each trophy for many years.
- c) It was confirmed that the total of €1410 budgeted for KO prizes would be sufficient to provide a small engraved trophy for all the winners plus a voucher prize in direct proportion to income from each individual competition. Singles runners up will also receive an engraved trophy, but runners up in pairs competitions will only receive a voucher prize. The question of prizes for the KO's with small entry numbers would

be considered at the next meeting. The Treasure will provide details of entry numbers for each KO competition **(Action SM)**

4. Committee Matters

- a) It is anticipated that work will commence on the new Sports Bar in the second week in June.
- b) Currently the numbers of members signing up for the Secret Valley away game is disappointing. SV have been approached with a view to modifying the start times as the plan for the ladies to go out last creates problems for couples who travel together. This is exacerbated by the fact that players will sit down for the meal as they finish their game.
- c) The issue of value of ladies prizes in a recent competition was raised as complaints had been received that the mens' winners/runners up prizes were considerably higher, despite the fact that the ladies scores were better than the mens. This has occurred due to an earlier committee decision to apportion prize monies in direct proportion to the number of players in each of the men's and ladies competitions. The number of ladies playing in the May Stableford were lower than normal, resulting in the reduced prize values. It was agreed that this situation would be kept under review. It was accepted, however, that other than monthly medals/stablefords/club championship all club competitions are open and winners are in strict order of scores and not gender.
- d) Prize awards for the Club Championship which is a two day event will be as last year i.e. Mens best gross and net and ladies best gross and net This year a small trophy will be given to all winners. It was also agreed to present prizes for the net winner on each day of the Championship.
- e) The additional funding of €1000 for fun events was considered. €200 has already been used for the St Patrick's Day Scramble event. It was agreed that the remaining cash would be used to enhance prizes in the Christmas competition (€400), the Jack Queen King Ace competition in July (€200) and the Waltz competition in November (€200).
- f) Fun competition rules have been drawn up and will be finalised by the Competitions Secretary. The full rules, along with example scorecards will be placed in a master folder. Additionally, a précis for each competition will be compiled. Prior to each of the fun competitions members will be sent the appropriate rules, and they will also be posted on the 1st tee notice board on the day of the competition. Handicap calculation will also be advised. It was agreed to also draw up example scorecards for the monthly stableford and medal competitions to facilitate a full outline of all club competition rules and scorecards for our members. **(Action NS)**
- g) Time will be allocated at the next Committee meeting to review and finalise all competition rules.

5. Social Events

The Social Secretary reported that we have now confirmed our booking for 100 guests at the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation at Alexander the Great Hotel for Friday 30th January. The reception for the event will be at 7.00 pm with pre dinner drinks (local wines, beers and orange juice) being included in the price. Dinner will be at 7.30 pm

followed by prize presentation. The hotel has agreed to extend the disco to 12.30 am on the understanding that the music will be turned down from 11.30 pm. The drinks package will finish at 11.30 pm. The cost of a double room on the night will be €70 (€60 for a single). The hotel had offered to provide both place cards and table decorations, noting that the Club had provided the place cards last year. It was noted that Capital Coast Hotel did provide a late quotation, but that this was not acceptable.

6. Golf Course Matters

- a) The Head Greenkeeper outlined plans to erect floodlights beyond the 10th teeing area, which are for use at outdoor social functions.
- b) The committee were informed that work would commence shortly on installing sprinklers around the 9th green.
- c) The condition of the path leading from the 10th green to the 11th tee is a cause for concern and it was agreed that this would be improved (**Action CF**)
- d) Noise from the gravel path behind the 6th green was proving to be a distraction to players on the green. However, it was suggested that all players should use the buggy path to minimise disruption to players on this green.
- e) The question of placing rakes was once again raised. It was asked whether it would be possible to position vertically in tubes (as the distance markers are) in the ground alongside bunkers, but it was agreed that this would cause an unacceptable interference with play onto the green. It was pointed out that the R&A recommendation is that rakes be placed in bunkers.

7. Financial Matters

The Treasurer presented the May accounts to the committee. Generally these are in line with the budget, however as competition entry numbers were higher than budgeted income was higher than budget and provided a €197 surplus in available prize money which will be carried forward. A deposit of €500 has been paid for the Annual Dinner event. Allocation of prizes from income for the month of May stands at 79% for medals, 81% for stablefords and 72% for all other competitions, the latter being influenced by sponsored events. In addition, as Pro Shop voucher prizes are purchased ahead of competitions, exact percentages vary dependent on numbers who actually play on the day. The CGF Cup subsidy would be reflected in June's accounts. For the month of May Stableford entries are up on budget by 12.5%, Medal entries down by 8% and fun competitions up by 17%.

8. Any Other Business

- a) We are still experiencing difficulties with securing the appropriate number of prizes from our Stableford sponsors. The Captain has back up prizes in a locker for which he and the Vice Captain hold keys.
- b) The Captain and Committee wished their congratulations to be placed on record to the Minthis Hills CGF Cup Team for their second place in this prestigious competition.
- c) The 2015 CGF Cup venue has yet to be decided.
- d) The inter-club competitions have not been spaced evenly throughout the season due to difficulties in securing dates. It is hoped that for 2015 this will be corrected.

- e) The Captain confirmed that the mid summer BBQ would be held on the evening of the Captain's Day on Saturday 16th August. Committee members to make suggestions on the evening's theme, and the Captain to approach Maurice Mawhinney to provide the disco. **(Action All)**
- f) It was decided that due to the resignation of the Green's Secretary, the Committee would continue to raise reported issues at the monthly meetings, but overall responsibility for co-ordinating these matters will be taken over by Gill Cackett.
- g) The question of a "Stroke Saver" booklet was raised. The Club Professional reported that work will commence in the next two weeks to take aerial pictures of the course which will be used in the production of the booklet. Additionally, videos of each hole will be included on the Minthis Hills website. Management will decide on order quantities and price for the "Stroke Saver" booklet.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th July.