

# MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

<b>Present:</b>	Maurice Stephenson (MS)	Captain
	Steve Mitchell (SM)	Vice Captain/Treasurer
	Jackie Lee (JAL)	Secretary
	Neil Storer (NS)	Competitions Secretary
	Gill Cackett (GC)	Social Secretary
<b>In attendance:</b>	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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 meeting were read and approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- a) Ladies locker room, hanging rail and socket are still outstanding. **(Action JA)**
- b) Wines of the World have confirmed that they will not be sponsoring the monthly Stableford competitions, but are prepared to sponsor one or possibly two mid week competitions during 2015. **(Action SM)**
- c) The CGF have been informed that our handicap review has been completed. Handicap Committee to meet quarterly for general play review.
- d) Laptop computer and peripherals for committee use have now been purchased.
- e) The reason some members did not receive details of membership renewal terms was because they had not included their email address on their application forms. Members have been

reminded to let Koulla have their email details to ensure that they receive communications sent by Minthis Hills management.

#### 4. Committee Matters

- a) A discussion took place regarding the importance of the Committee being informed of new members details in order that they can be welcomed into the club and informed of competitions, social events etc.
- b) The position viz a viz preferred lies and the affect of these on whether a competition can be a qualifying event if operated was fully discussed. It was clarified and agreed, that where preferred lies are in operation, a player may mark, lift and clean his/her ball, and replace it within six inches of where it originally came to rest. This, however, only applies to the closely mown areas, and not when a ball comes to rest anywhere else on the course. Unfortunately, because the national golf association (the CGF) does not have a “Period for Preferred Lies”, if “preferred lies” are put into effect it will make a competition non-qualifying and as such should only be done under exceptional circumstances. A **temporary** local rule for preferred lies will be formulated and will be displayed whenever preferred lies are announced and this rule comes into force. **(Action NS)**

#### 5. Competition Matters

- a) It was suggested by the Captain that fun team competition entry sheets should not have tee time slots, i.e. no early, middle or late, thus making selection of balanced teams easier.
- b) Creating a later start time for competitions at 8.00 a.m. could cause problems as potentially there could be three flights in front of the field.
- c) A recent late entry competitor for the Greensomes competition was found to have a lapsed handicap. It was agreed that under such circumstances a member will be allowed to play in a competition but will not be eligible for a net prize. Unfortunately, this means that his playing partner will also not be eligible to win a net prize. The two players concerned have been informed. The question of entry fees under such circumstances was discussed and it was felt to be fair and equitable that the two concerned will only pay one euro each to enter. It was confirmed that the member in question will only be required to provide one extra day scorecard to resurrect his handicap.
- d) **Trophies** – An audit of all trophies will be undertaken by the incoming Captain. It had been agreed earlier, that if there were sufficient entry numbers in the various Ladies Knockout comps, new trophies would be purchased. Current entry numbers suggest that there will be enough competitors to justify holding all the ladies knockout comps, and providing a suitable trophy for each. These trophies will have the 2014 winners engraved on them.

## 6. Social Events

- a) The Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation evening was enjoyable and comments from guests were generally favourable. It was disappointing, however, that there was only one representative from Minthis Hills management.
- b) The monthly Nine Dine & Wine in January had to be cancelled through lack of support. Management requested that the event should not take place in February, as the Clubhouse will be closed in the evenings until Spring. Once an evening opening date is announced the Monthly Nine Dine & Wine will be resumed. **(Action JAL)**

## 7. Golf Course Matters

- a) The policy on “yellow flag” buggy usage was raised. CF explained that the general policy was that following heavy rain buggies would be kept to buggy paths for three days. Usually after three days of no-rain the course has dried out sufficiently to allow yellow flag buggies back on to the fairways on most holes. However, holes 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, and 18 take longer to dry out and subsequently yellow flag users (both members and visitors) are advised accordingly.

## 8. Financial Matters

- a) The Treasurer invited questions on the monthly and annual financial information which had been provided in advance of the meeting. The matter of a 111% prize fund for the Pro Am competition held in July was raised. It was explained that as this event only attracted a very small field, it had been decided to increase the prize fund by €22 to avoid derisory prizes. However, in general the 80% of entry fee income had been used throughout the year, in the main only varying, when entrants either exceeded or fell short of numbers in the draw. By raising prize vouchers on the day of competitions, and not in advance, as has been the practice over 2014, will clearly alleviate future variances. **(Action SM)**
- b) A summary of net competition income variances was discussed. The overall net shortfall of net competition income to budget amounted to €284.
- c) It was confirmed that Members’ Funds as at 31 January 2015 stand at €5,032, decreasing from €6,549 at the start of the financial year. The reduction in Members’ Funds is broadly in line with the planned reduction to €2,500 as provided by the 3 year financial plan adopted at the start of the year.
- d) As had been done for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 accounts, 2015 accounts will be circulated to members prior to the Annual General Meeting in the same format as last year. At the same time, members will be reminded that only “Full Members” are invited to attend the AGM. **(Action JAL)**

## 9. Any Other Business

- a) The Captain wished to place on record his observations from his year in office. In particular that the Sports Bar was now a permanent feature of the club, that new local rules had been created with the approval of management, and that our three year financial plan is on target. On the negative side, social events had not been very well supported by members which was disappointing.
- b) The Club Professional reported that a team of players from the National Order of Merit winners will be playing Club Professionals from the island at Secret Valley on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 10.00 am on both days. Members will be invited to give their support. It should be pointed out that Minthis Hills Members will form the vast majority of the NOOM team.  
**(Action JAL)**
- c) The outgoing Captain, Maurice Stephenson took the opportunity to thank each of the Committee Members for their help and support during his year in office.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Committee meeting will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.