

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON : MONDAY 5th OCTOBER

Present	Steve Mitchell (SM)	Captain & Treasurer
	Neil Storer (NS)	Vice Captain & Competitions Secretary
	Terry Holt (TH)	General Committee Member
	Gill Cackett (GC)	Committee Secretary
In attendance	David McKibben (DM)	Club Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenkeeper

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Joke Alexandrou (JA) and Sue I'Anson (SI)

2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the meeting held on 7th September were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) It was reported that there had been a good response for volunteers at the Open Day and E.G.A. events but there was still a need for more volunteers for the Junior Open.
(Action GC)
- b) The close finishes to the Club Championships highlighted the need for a review of the procedure for a 'play off ' in the event of a tie in a similar way to the review of the Captain's Shootout tie break procedure.
(Action NS)
- c) The date for the Ten Pin bowling evening in November is to be arranged as soon as possible.
(Action SI)

4. Committee Matters

- a) Competitors in the E.G.A. Competition will have reserved tee times for practice during the 2 days prior to the event. Management will be arranging reduced green fees at other golf courses for members although it is expected that members will be able to book tee times on the days of the competition after the last group has cleared the 9th green, which is likely to be mid-afternoon. The Stableford competition on the 21st October will take place as previously reported to members with 6 minute tee time intervals.
- b) Approval was given to the Captain's proposal for the Knockout Prizes.
- c) Following the Peter Talbot Memorial Competition the Captain will be meeting Sheelagh Talbot to finalise the monies raised. Members will be informed. (Action SM and GC)

d) It was reported that positive comments and feedback had been received about the website. NS explained areas that are still being developed and improved including 'temporary' local rules and information regarding the club trophies . It was decided that in general photographs of individuals and groups would not be put on the website. In some circumstances however it may be desirable but this will not be done without their express permission. (Action NS)

e) TH reported that preparations for the Open Day were proceeding well.

5. Competitions

a) The Committee reviewed the remaining October fixtures.

Nordic v Rest of the world competition.

The Captain has met with the representative of the Nordic team and it was agreed that the entry fee of 14 euros will include the post match meal and choice of drink together with a Swedish shot drink. The competition will be a shotgun start and matchplay. Members will be informed.

(Action SM and GC)

b) The Committee reviewed the November fixtures.

It was confirmed that the Medal is a 'Super Medal' with enhanced prizes.

The Celts v English competition will remain a 2 day event and competitors are requested to commit to both days.

The Past Captain's challenge event will be an individual Stableford. The Captain agreed to liaise with past captains. (Action SM)

The Texas Scramble will be Teams of 4.

The Captain agreed to ask Management for sponsorship for the MH Open event.

The St. Andrew's Day competition will be a St. Andrews Foursomes as detailed in the competition booklet.

6. Social Events

a) The proposed Quiz Night on 27th October requires more support to allow the event to proceed. Members will be reminded to sign in the folder. (Action SM and GC)

7. Golf Course Matters

a) RP reported the adverse comments regarding the amount of course maintenance taking place during competitions, particularly during the Peter Talbot Memorial competition. CF explained that the circumstances requiring preparation for the Club Championships with a holiday the following day and a shotgun start to the competition necessitated the amount of maintenance taking place but did agree to remind the groundsmen to be more watchful and considerate of players.

b) CF was asked to give an update on the general state of the course. He said that the course was now recovering from the effects of a very dry summer with less water available than usual for irrigation and felt that everything was on track for the end of October. He mentioned that the irrigation source which was denied by the Water Board is now available again as well as another recently drilled borehole. This has increased our water capacity output by an extra 250 – 300 cubic meters per night. The condition of the bunkers was raised particularly when affected by irrigation sprinklers. CF reported that 2 sprinklers had been turned off on the 1st and 9th holes to try to alleviate the problem.

c) RP asked whether Management were willing to invest more in the course maintenance and development. CF reported that he will be discussing his budget for 2016 at the end of October which among other things will include requests for a 'rough' mower and turf nursery. CF also reported that Tom McKenzie, the course architect, will be visiting Minthis during early November to review the whole course development over the past 5 years as well as the proposals for the new holes 10 and 11.

d) NS reported that it had brought to his attention that the area in front of the 8th tee could not be declared environmentally sensitive by the club. It was proposed that the vine area should become G.U.R . Members should refer to the website for the correct procedure in the event of having to take a drop out of this area.

e) It was agreed to review the marking for the newly planted areas around some tees.

f) CF also explained that the 2016 budget would include plans to re-asphalt the buggy path behind the 18th green which was very uneven.

8. Financial Matters

a) The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to date. These were approved and accepted by the Committee.

9. Any Other Business

a) The Captain has been advised by JA that members who have out of date Pro shop vouchers must use them by the end of October.

10.Date of the next Meeting

The date of the next Committee meeting is Monday 2nd November at 2 p.m.