

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 5th August 2019

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Captain/Competitions
	Colin du Cann-Crowther (CduCC)	Vice Captain
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Bev Mitchell (BM)	Treasurer
	Brian Hamilton (BH)	Social Secretary
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Charity Secretary
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1 Apologies:

Apologies received from Roy Peach (RP), David McKibben (DM).

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- (BM) mentioned the course toilets were still in need of a further clean. (GN) to speak to Stelios/Housekeeping regarding this matter.
- (CF) confirmed that the bench on the old ladies 4th tee box will be relocated to the ladies front tee box on the water hole.
- (GN) to liaise with Stelios concerning the need for a permanent repair to the approach road to Minthis, adjacent to the guard house at the Tsada access. This could lead to a serious safety issue if left as is.

4 Competitions:

- (GN) advised that this years Captains Shoutout on 8th September will be played over holes 1 - 9 of the current course configuration The men will be teeing off at 0800 hrs followed by the ladies. (GN) to issue email invite nearer.
- (GN) confirmed final details regarding his Captains Charity Day competition which is being held on 11th September. (GN) will follow this up with an email, highlighting all the events taking place on this day.
- (GN) acknowledged that Gwen has purchased the trophy in respect of the Sue l'Anson memorial competition being held on 25th September. Some of Sue's family will be present with her son Simon participating. There is also a decent number of bookings for the lunch afterwards.
- It was discussed and confirmed the Knockout competitions for next year will commence 1/1/2020, extending the time to allow for all matches to be played. Signup will be available later this year.
- (BM) made everyone aware that Competition numbers for this year have been falling compared to other years. (GN/CduCC) to discuss 2020 fixtures dates further with this in mind.
- (BM) advised that it has been confirmed that there will now be one joint trophy for the Past/Present Captains competition being held on 29/8.

5 Social Events:

- (GN) mentioned that the numbers for “Gabriels” Greek Night are going well.
- (GN) confirmed the Sterna Wine Tasting evening went well which everyone enjoyed.
- (SP) provided buffet choices for the Poppadoms social evening in October. It was agreed that given the previous success we would opt for the same buffet this year.
- The final menu/pricing has been agreed and confirmed for the Annual Dinner Dance. Ongoing discussions regarding further details.

6 Golf Course Matters:

- (GN) mentioned the current condition of the Pin Holes. (CF) advised that all staff have been requested to use more diligence when changing holes, new staff are also in training for this operation so hole cutting will improve shortly. (GN) also highlighted the amount of weeds on the pathway by the 12th Tee. (CF) confirmed this will be addressed immediately.
- (BH) expressed his concern regarding the amount of bald patches on the fairways, especially the old 14th and requested that these be marked GUR. (CF) advised that he has been struggling with the constant irrigation leaks. This has resulted in areas being turned off to mend faults, which has led to bald areas on the course. He was confident that once the irrigation issues are resolved and the fairways are over-seeded at the end of the month, these areas would improve with full grass coverage expected by the end of September.
- (BH) also discussed the depth of sand in the new bunkers and whether these are playable. (CF) advised that all bunkers were checked upon completion to meet the recommended depth of 4-6 inches at the base and 2-4 inches on the slopes. The bunker sand has been confirmed by European Turf Laboratories as meeting USGA specification. When time allows, an extra sand compaction program will take place until the sand has settled sufficiently.
- (CF) discussed the issues that he has had with the lack of qualified manpower for a project of this size, and having to prioritise workload to oversee that the new greens, bunkers and practice facilities are playable later this year. He is hoping to receive a couple of new staff shortly to assist him.
- (CF) reconfirmed that during the course maintenance planned to take place this month, work will be carried out on the fairways, greens and tee boxes which should help improve conditions.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- (BH) to collect the Pasykaf receipt.
- (BM) advised that we currently hold a sight account (current account) and a 90 day notice account. The current interest rate is 0.2% and the interest generated is low. It was agreed that the account be closed and the balance transferred into the sight account in the future (probably at the next change of signatories).

8 A.O.B.:

- (BH) highlighted his disappointment that stock in the Pro-Shop appears to be so old, especially the mens. He is questioning whether the validity date of the vouchers should be for 1 year rather than 6 months. To be raised with Stelios.
- (CduCC) highlighted his concern that children have been seen on the practice putting green unsupervised, potentially damaging the green.
- (GN) will ensure that in future, the procedure for the committee nomination will be made clearer to members.
- (GN) advised Di Fairbairn will be assisting with the qualifying and ongoing competition administration. Colin Davis will be assisting with Interclub administration. (GN) to meet with Alvin to add further email addresses: Captain, Social and Interclub.

- Following discussions with Stelios and Gabriel, (GN) advised the downstairs bar is to be used as a functioning Sports Bar for all presentations of future competitions during the course refurbishment periods. Future plans for sports bar/restaurant are under discussion, but the sports bar will remain for golfers/members use with enhancements to suit member requirements. More details to follow.
- It has been confirmed that new Honours Boards are being purchased.
- (BM) highlighted that there appears to be constant builders and workmen's trucks parked in the car park adjacent to the Sales suite. (GN) to request to Stelios that this is restricted to members and sales staff only.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 2nd September at 1.00pm.