

**MINTHIS GOLF CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 5th October 2020**

<b>Present:</b>	Colin du Cann-Crowther (CduCC)	Captain
	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Vice Captain/Comp Secretary
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Bev Mitchell (BM)	Treasurer
	Roy Peach (RP)	Greens
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Charity Secretary
	David McKibben (DM)	Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

**1 Apologies:**

All were present

**2 Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th September 2020 were read and approved.

**3 Matters Arising:**

- (GN)/(CduCC) advised that further discussion needs to take place with Mr Stellios, Alvin and (DM) regarding the data golf licensing requirements/procedure, prior to introducing a new system allowing members to enter their score cards following competitions and the completion of extra day cards.
- There continues to be problems with the outdated competition secretary's laptop. (BM) confirmed that there are funds available to purchase a new laptop, given this (GN) will speak to Alvin for advice on the current best deals available.
- (CduCC) continues to work on a system, to publish to members which will hopefully assist with pitch repairs which continue to be a problem.

**4 Competitions:**

- (CduCC) advised that the Captains Day Competition is now all arranged and hopes for another good day.
- (GN) stated that a member has raised an issue regarding the entry fee for the Minthis Open includes for mandatory lunch. (DM) stated that Minthis Open has always been advertised this way and that the buffet this year has been subsidised by 50% for the competition. (GN) reminded members that there will be extra safety measures put in place in-respect of COVID within the restaurant.
- It was agreed that the K/O Prize Vouchers would be purchased from: M & S, Kollios, Sports Direct and the Pro Shop.

## 5 Social

- (CduCC) advised that he is currently working on details for the Dinner Dance, further information to follow.
- (CduCC) has finalised the lunch following the Xmas Competition, details to be placed in the folder shortly.
- (SP) confirmed that there are 37 people attending the Poppadoms social event taking place on Thursday 8th October.
- It has been decided to cancel the bowling social due to take place in November. (CP) confirmed details of an alternative option which will take place at Letymbou Tavern on Wednesday 11th November. It has been decided to hold a "Pie Night". (GN) to issue email, (CduCC) to place flyer in folder shortly.

## 6 Golf Course Matters:

- (GN) wishes to remind members to follow the Sanitising Protocol around the club house and golf course and also to ensure masks are worn in the Pro Shop at all times by both staff and members.
- (GN) raised an issue on behalf of a member regarding the sanitising protocol for flag sticks, rakes and ball washers. Although no government requirement is in place to sanitise these items, it is the members responsibility to carry sanitisers for personal use as deemed necessary if handling such equipment. There is nothing gained by green keeping staff sanitising these items once per day as numerous people are going to handle these items. It is a different situation for buggies as caddy masters staff are available for each change over.
- (BM) advised that concern had been raised regarding the distraction caused by the workmen's "Radio" next to the 8th (old 10th) tee box. This has been raised with management and dealt with immediately.
- (BM) mentioned the right hand corner of tarmac on the buggy path from the 9th (old 11th) green to the clubhouse. (CF) advised that longterm this will not be an issue once we are back to the 18 holes, however for the time being he would place gravel alongside the corner area to prevent the tarmac from breaking.
- (RP) raised concern over the amount of divot's on the tee boxes and fairways, reminding members to replace divot's and use the sand on the tee boxes. (CduCC) said he would include this within his system to repair pitch marks.
- (BM) asked whether the local rule is still valid for abnormal conditions along the edge of paths where there is sand. (DM) confirmed that it is and advised that relief is given and balls should be dropped at nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.
- (BM) spoke about the positioning of some of the tee box logs and asked (CF) if these could be placed parallel. (CF) to address.
- (BM) asked if the grass could be trimmed between the stone and the tree on the 6th (old 8th) fairway. (CF) to deal.
- (CduCC) asked why the drainage areas on the 3rd/4th (old 5th/6th) holes had not been grass seeded. (CF) advised that the sand will compact and the grass is already re-growing.
- (CduCC) mentioned that the tee boxes were looking good, (CF) advised that he is using new fertiliser.
- (CduCC) asked why there is a large brown area before the green side bunker on the 9th (old 11th). (CF) advised that this is due to "cut worms" attacking the roots of the grass. This is an historical problem, (CF) sprays the areas continually and once the rain washes this into the ground, the area will recover well.
- (GN) asked about the liner showing on the 1st green side bunker. (CF) has already cut away everything above the sand.
- (BM) mentioned the long strands of grass on the 3rd (old 5th) green, (CF) will cut this area.
- (CduCC) asked about the back 9 fairways whilst the greens are taking shape. (CF) confirmed that these were all being treated the same as the front 9.

## 7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.

## 8 A.O.B.:

- (BM) asked (DM) if the Pro Shop could ensure that all competition draw amendments are communicated to the Caddy Masters to prevent any issues on the day of the competitions. (DM) to speak to Maria.
- (CF) commented on the slow pace of play at times in recent competitions reaching over 5 hours for four ball flights. (CduCC) asked if the Caddy Masters could marshal the pace of play? (GN) to issue email reminder regarding ready golf/playing provisional balls and the 3 minute rule.
- (DM) asked if members could familiarise themselves with unknown rules.
- (GN) advised that Peter Bromley from the CGF continues to work through current problems on the World Handicap System.
- (GN) has updated the Most Improved Player for 2020 and re-confirmed the rule for eligibility. To be eligible for this award, members must have had a handicap in the CGF handicap database for 12 months prior to the start of the competition. New members are eligible with a current handicap certificate from their previous club.

(GN) raised the issue of implementing an isolation protocol for members which is not in accordance with Government Regulations/Law. (GN) highlighted the fact that visitors can use the course and facilities the day after arriving on the island albeit with a negative test from Cat B countries, free use from Cat A countries and for residents after isolating until negative result is received for residents from Cat B and C countries.

An unofficial protocol was introduced by a member on a fellow member on return from an European destination a few months ago, This protocol was determined, and taken on board by numerous members of the club to be the RULE, to be that anyone returning from overseas was to remain away from the club for at least 5 days to protect the members from contracting the virus. It was further increased to include any contact with friends and family. Hence if any contact with anyone from overseas who had not been on the island for 5 days would restrict their access to the golf club and social events.

(GN) stated that he was not in agreement as it could not be enforced and that it was down to individuals to be responsible if you implemented this protocol.

(CduCC) stated that as Captain he was responsible by the constitution to look after the welfare of the members and that as many members were vulnerable individuals and had expressed their concern over incoming members, friends and family spreading any virus after the great work done by the Cyprus Government in containing the virus that a protocol should be implemented.

It was therefore agreed by consensus that a protocol be implemented which was proposed as follows:

- Even though members, friends and family have had Covid tests before travel, once they arrive in Cyprus to allow a further 5 days before they enter competitions organised by the committee and join social events.
- Members can play on their own in non competitions with other members who will play at their own risk at anytime.
- ALL MEMBERS must follow all personal sanitising protocols (eg masks, sanitisers, social distancing, etc)

(CduCC) will issue an email to all members with full details of the protocol to be implemented after Committee agreement.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.45pm

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