

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 2nd November 2020

Present:	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
	Mariya Kolera (MK)	On behalf of Management

1 Apologies:

All were present

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th October 2020 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- (GN) spoke with both Mr Stelios and Alvin regarding the data golf laptop. Alvin has a laptop which will be used in the near future to trial the inputting of extra day cards, in preparation for when the system goes live.
- (GN) advised that the new competition secretary's laptop will cost €495. (BM) confirmed this is within the budget, therefore (GN) will purchase shortly. It was agreed that once the old laptop has been wiped clean, it will be placed up "For Sale" at a minimal price on Facebook.
- (CduCC) has finalised the rota for the repair of pitch marks, divots and bunker raking. (BM) also suggested that whilst members are waiting on tee boxes at shotgun start competitions, sand could be placed in divots on each tee box which would help. (CduCC) will email listing shortly. (CF) confirmed that bunkers were raked by the greens staff every two days.

4 Competitions:

- (CduCC) highlighted the huge success of the Captains Day competition. A total of €1,404 was raised for his charities and a big thank you goes to all those who helped and supported this occasion.
- (GN) advised that he is now aware that there is a limited number of shotgun starts throughout the year, given that on these days it limits the greens staff carrying out the required work prior to the tee time. (GN) has agreed with Mr Stelios, a maximum of one shotgun start competition will be carried out per month in 2021.

- (GN) is concerned about the increasing amount of competition withdrawals. This causes constant problems with draws and re-draws and then as a result, 2 ball flights in the middle of the field. Members are reminded to try and minimise withdrawals once the draw has taken place.
- (GN) mentioned that due to COVID, Blacktower Financial Services are no longer able to sponsor the St Andrews competition. This will remain a 5 and 3's pairs competition, but will not be a shotgun start.
- (GN) confirmed that the Interclub 2021 matches have been agreed. The sign up sheet will be issued shortly to gauge interest. (CduCC) will be carrying out the admin etc for these matches and it will continue to be the job of the vice captain going forward.
- (GN) advised that Di Fairbairn will continue to administer the ongoing 2021 awards.
- (GN) asked for help in organising the draw for the Knock Out competitions for 2021. Thanks goes to (SP) who offered, (CP) will assist if required.
- (GN) was happy to announce that all the current sponsors are continuing throughout 2021.
- (GN) is looking for sponsors for the 2021 Nearest the Hole prizes throughout the year. (CduCC) will ask Letymbou Tavern to see if they are willing to offer any vouchers.
- Discussion took place regarding "Preferred Lies" and it was agreed by (DM) and (CF) that they would be in place with effect from Wednesday 4th November on "closely mown areas" but not in the rough.
- (GN) has received the 2021 fixture list back from Koulla with a few changes. The opens are still to be added and will be finalised shortly. (BM) mentioned the Medal Winners Medal competition will be a free invitational competition for all members having won a Gross or Net Prize in 2020.
- A lot of discussion took place regarding the Club Championship. (BM) raised concern with it being played over two consecutive days given the ageing membership. Options were considered, however (BM) will look at figures based upon 2020 entrants and further discussion will take place.
- (BM) confirmed with (CduCC) the trophies that needed to be purchased.

5 Social

- (CduCC) mentioned that the Xmas Lunch, Dinner Dance and Pie Night socials are all continuing to be organised, however due to COVID, will be re-addressed nearer dependant upon restrictions at the given time.
- The Pie Night should take place Wednesday 11th November, (GN) to issue email to members as a reminder for payment to be left in the Pro Shop asap and that it is a 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.
- (CduCC) to speak to Mr Stelios to clarify whether restaurant/bar cards can be used to pay for the Xmas Lunch, and also get confirmation of the expiry dates of the card credit.

6 Golf Course Matters:

- (GN) raised concern over the liners showing through in the bunkers on hole number one. (CF) will tidy these up and place more sand in where required.
- (GN) asked whether if making the area between the "Tee Box Logs" smaller would save damage to the Tee Box's, but (CF) advised that the wider they are the less damage there will be.
- (SP) said that the carry over the vines on the 5th (old 7th) hole when the reds are positioned nearer the back of the tee box is very difficult for most of the ladies. (CF) understood and will adjust accordingly.
- (SP) mentioned that the vine area in front of the tee box on the 6th (old 8th) is looking very scruffy. (CF) advised that the vines are at a young age, and will be cultivated in January 2021. (CF) to spray all the weeds within this area. (CF) will also clear the weeds that have been sprayed behind the rock by the green on this hole.
- (RP) brought up his concern over the wet areas on the course and whether the irrigation was working correctly. (CF) is currently testing these and will adjust where necessary. (CduCC) mentioned the very wet area before the green on the 18th (old 11th), (CF) is aware of this and has already turned this sprinkler off.

- (SP) is worried about how dangerous the pathway down to the driving range is, especially with winter on its way. (DM) advised that Mr Stelios is speaking to the contractors with regards to this situation to try and improve the situation and make safer.
- (RP) mentioned how wet the walkway is between the 2nd and 3rd (old 5th) hole is. (CF) said this is from the irrigation and will consider gravelling until it is re-surfaced. (CduCC) asked if there will be a car park in this area in the future to prevent the buildup of cars. (CF) advised that a car park by the Monastery is in future plans.
- (GN) asked following a members concern over whether the fish now in the lake were being fed as there is no algae. (CF) advised that the fish will thrive on the grey water.
- (GN) asked if visitors are allowed on the course without proof of a handicap. (DM) said that at the moment visitors word is taken when asked in the pro shop, however once the World Handicap System is in place worldwide checks can be made on the website. (DM) did mention that marshals can remove players from the course if they think appropriate.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- Discussion took place regarding the budget for 2021.

8 A.O.B.:

- (GN) asked why a society had played early during members tee times. (MK) confirmed that this had been a mistake. Members tee times were re-confirmed as being between 7.10 am and 9.10 am since the change in clocks to help satisfy the afternoon players. (MK) mentioned that knockouts can be booked anytime in advance. Members are allowed to book tee times up to 7 days in advance and if there are spaces available visitors are allowed to book these within 3 days.
- (BM) mentioned that €500 was once again available for club funds from Mr Stelios. Appreciation was shown.
- It is reminded that members should continue to adhere to COVID protocol whilst at the golf club. Sensible protocol should take place during presentations and speeches following competitions and also ensuring social distancing when taking photographs at Minthis which are published on social media.
- (BM) asked (MK) if she could ensure that seating outside the sports bar is no bigger than the restriction of 6.
- (GN) asked the committee members to consider if they intend to remain on the committee for 2021 and mentioned that the constitution states a maximum of 7.
- (CduCC) asked if members could use his Captains email address rather than his personal address to prevent any problems. The address is captain@mhgcmembers.com.
- (BM) raised the issue with (MK) about the cost of buggy's for members given the visitors current deal of "€10 per seat" for 9 or 18 holes.
- (GN) also raised concern over children being seen in the Bar/Restaurant area on a scooter. (CduCC) to speak to Gabriele.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.15pm

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 7th December at 1.00pm.