

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 8th MARCH 2021

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Captain/Comp Secretary
	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Vice Captain
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Di Fairbairn (DF)	Treasurer
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Charity Secretary
	Roy Peach (RP)	Greens
	Peter Hunter (PH)	Committee
	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 8th February 2021 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- There were no matters arising, however (GN) wanted to thank (CduCC) and all the committee for their efforts through a difficult year due to COVID. (GN) also wanted to welcome both Di Fairbairn and Peter Hunter onto the committee.

4 Competitions:

- (GN) advised that the St Patricks Day Patsomes social golf day draw has been issued by email, no online version will be recorded as requested by the CGF. Copies will be placed within both the Caddy Master area and Pro Shop. There are 30 members playing.
- (GN) confirmed there are 15 members being invited to play in the Medal Winners Medal social golf day, 12 men and 3 ladies. The mens will be played on the 26th March with a date to be confirmed for the ladies. This will not be a qualifying competition but could be used as an extra day card
- (GN) has completed the draw for the K/O's and the play-by dates were agreed.
- Discussion took place regarding the ladies K/O numbers given these are so low. It was decided as there are only 5 singles entrants, this will be played as a round robin basis, followed by a final. The ladies doubles will continue to go ahead.

- (GN) confirmed the Secret Valley away Interclub match due to be played 26/3, has been cancelled and will be rearranged at a later date. It is hoped that the home match in April will go ahead, followed by a meal if restrictions allow.
- (GN) confirmed the Cyprus Mens Amateur Open is being held at Minthis in May. Members with a handicap of 9 or below are eligible to enter. This is a 3 day, 54 hole competition, costing €50 for Minthis members.

5 Social Matters:

- (DF) asked if the Meet & Greet social is likely to go ahead. (GN) advised that Mr Stelios has confirmed it will but at a later date and will probably be outside.

6 Golf Course:

(a) Course Report (CF)

- February:-
 - Completely fertilised the golf course and sprayed for weeds.
 - Continued turf repairs to the collar and green surrounds to prevent weed-grass encroachment.
 - In following with the tree removal programme in accordance with the architect report, removed the dead walnut trees on holes 3,4 and 17. Also on recommendation the removal of the large Cypress trees on hole 16 with the emphasis being on retaining the nicer pine trees. Further trees are to be removed mainly on the left hand side of the hole.
 - Repaired the turf nursery surround so that grass will be available in the summer for any future turf repairs.
 - The sprinkler system has been mapped in-order to know their location in the event there is a problem. Irrigation maintenance and programming has been carried out ready for the summer.
- March:-
 - As a result of an error within the building plans of the new site, it appears that the accommodation area has been built in range of the tee box on hole number 1. Many balls have been found on apartment balconies as well as in the swimming pool. To overcome this, work will begin on a new tee box which will be in front of the existing one. Work will commence next week between the hours of 12pm - 6pm to prevent as much interruption as possible. This should take between 2-3 weeks to complete and the area will be marked GUR for approximately 3-4 months. The 1st hole will stay as a par 4 though shortened by approximately 20-40 metres and will remain until new first green is completed behind the 2nd tee.
 - Two new sprinklers will be installed on either sides of the pump station.
 - All tee boxes and surrounds will be solid tine spiked.
 - In preparation for the summer months all fairways will be sliced.
 - Greens will be lightly top dressed with sand this week.
 - Work on the buggy path edges is a continual long term job and will take 1-2 seasons to complete.

(b) Course Matters (RP)

- Compliments go to (CF) on how neat and tidy the course is looking which is a result of a lot of hard work.
- (RP) raised concern with the length of grass on the approach to the 5th green, (CF) mentioned that the fairway is currently being cut twice a week. The entrance to the greens will be cut short once summer growing season has established.
- (GN) highlighted that trolley wheels are getting stuck at the bridges on the 17th hole. (CF) advised that the area of concern has been levelled with sand and will later be grassed.

- (GN) mentioned the condition of the left hand side of the 18th hole is very bumpy with an uneven surface. (CF) advised that it has not yet recovered from the trench lines but will be levelled.
- (CduCC) asked about the condition of the fairways in the summer. (CF) advised that with more water available and less construction work to manage, he will be able to fully concentrate on checking for any bare patches in order to keep the fairways healthy.
- (CduCC) asked about the longer fringe areas around the new greens. (CF) will be cutting these the same as the old greens as soon as the Spring growth kicks in.
- (GN) mentioned about the access to the tee boxes on the 18th. Within the architect report the majority of the tee entrances will eventually be grass rather than gravel which is an ongoing project.
- (SP) requested a reminder to members about repairing pitch marks to maintain the quality of the greens.
- (CduCC) asked about the condition of the 10th hole tee box. (CF) said that it is starting to come back and will protect it as much as he can.
- (GN) gave compliments to the condition of the fairways and new greens to (CF) and his team.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved. (DF) advised that these would be delivered in a slightly easier summary format in future.
- (DF) advised that the change of signatories is required. (DF) to check with the bank how this will be completed due to COVID restrictions. Four signatories are required, (GN) to confirm whose signatory is needed.
- (CduCC) advised (DF) that he still needs to get new wooden bases on both the mens 4BBB and ladies Medal Winners trophies.

8 A.O.B.:

- (RP) asked if the AGM will be going ahead. (GN) advised that a decision will be made after further announcements on 13/3.
- (GN) confirmed that there has been 88 paid memberships for 2021.
- (GN) advised that his charity for this Captains Year will be raising money for Alzheimers. There will be two fund raising days: Captains Day (14/7) which will hopefully be followed by a BBQ and also the Xmas Lunch and Raffle (15/12). The charity bunker will be the first front left bunker on hole 17.
- (PH) proposed Minthis recognising the annual "National Greenskeeper Day". After a very positive reaction (GN) will look into a suitable date to hold this event.
- (GN) suggested that we forego the local rule of a 5 day isolation for members following their return from overseas and in future follow the current Government ruling.
- Discussion highlighted issues with course hazards and rules of playing from various stakes (DM/CF) to review followed by email clarification by (GN).

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 5th April at 1.00pm.