

Minutes of a meeting of the Gentlemen's Committee held at Aldwickbury Park Golf Club at 7pm on the 27th November

Present P Hayward, S Crosby, E Diment, R Landau, M Taylor, C Robinson, P Spiers, E Wyllie

Apologies for Absence: J Hunter, I Waltham both away on CBL business

1. Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 2nd October were approved

2. Matters Arising

Food; PHH confirmed that food was available up to 4.30pm in the winter It was requested that there be better communication re bar and food times (a permanent notice display?) Ideally food / bar should be available up to 9pm in the summer and 4.30 pm in the winter, although this may vary day to day.

Medals: As far as anyone was aware medal tee times were being controlled so that no 4 balls went off in front of the medal

Club House; The problem of visitors wandering onto the course had been raised with the management and they were keeping an eye on it.

Marshalling

The club to be asked to ask marshals to ensure players are up with play by checking their progress at the 9th

3. Handicap Issues

Members of the Committee had all read the various items of correspondence relating to a complaint from the Ladies Handicap Secretary, supported by the ladies captain, that the gents were breaching CONGU rules by not allowing 0.1 adjustments for non returns. EW confirmed to the committee that the ladies were in error as the only players who had been treated to a non adjustment were players who had not handed in a card and who had

therefore been disqualified. This was a different scenario to player who had handed in a card but not entered a score against a particular hole(s). The only difficulty was in getting the PSI to recognise the difference. PS and EW were sorting this out

In the meantime, and to avoid any future misunderstandings, it was agreed that the two handicap committees would meet under the chairmanship of the captain to discuss any remaining issues

4. Course Issues

The members uniquely had no course issues to raise apart from a suggestion that the club purchase different rakes that may be less likely to be stolen. The members of the committee asked the captain to pass on their congratulations to management

5. Club House Issues

It was understood that the club had budgeted to replace some of the lounge furniture, and the captain was asked to enquire whether it was in this year's budget.

6 Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that the club funds were in their usual healthy state. The Captain mentioned that he wanted to purchase a jacket for the Aldwick's Captain from the Captain's fund and the committee agreed this was a good idea. The treasurer confirmed it was up to the captains how the fund was spent

7 Juniors Section

EW reported that we now had 50 Juniors with 30 paying regularly. He also reported that we had one recent incident of juniors being verbally harassed on the course whilst playing in a competition. The member had been identified and spoken to about his future conduct.

8 CBL

As Ian Waltham was at a CBL meeting members read his report and noted his comments. It was hoped that we would get a bigger squad next year to ensure greater success

9 Scratch Team

In Clive Robert's absence there was no report from the scratch team

10 Any Other Business

Vice Captain: It was agreed that members would ask around to see who was interested. RL said he would help with a notice he placed last year. ED said that he was looking at being captain in two years time when he retired, but if the club was stuck he was prepared to help out.

Flag: The Captain to raise with Burhill as to whether they intended to replace it, otherwise the gents section would purchase another. John Hollier obtained the last one

Drivers: The Captain to erect a notice reminding members that it was their responsibility to ensure that their drivers complied with the new R and A rules and that any member would be entitled to appeal to the club professional if a player's club was in doubt (PH to check with Robin that this is O.K. first). Any member playing with an illegal club was liable to be disqualified from that competition. Members should also be reminded in the next newsletter.

Medals: The Captain showed to the meeting a proposed notice regarding the consequence of low entrants into any medal competition and it was agreed that this should be displayed on the notice board and web site

Minutes: JH to be asked to put future gents minutes in the gents changing rooms and ensure that all of the minutes are on the web site.

The meeting concluded at 9.30

The next meeting is 22nd Jan 2008

