

Minutes of a meeting of the Gentlemen's Committee of Aldwickbury Park Golf Club held at Redbourn Golf Club at 7pm on Monday 28th January 2008

Present: P Hayward, J Hunter, S Crosby, R Landau, C Roberts
C Robinson, E Diment

***Action items Underlined**

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from I Waltham, E Wylie and P Spiers

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th November 2007 were approved.

RL asked if there had been any response from management about the bar opening/catering times. There had and signage should be put up explaining timings etc.

2. Handicap Committee Issues

The gents handicap committee was formed at the beginning of the 2007/8 year with a view to reviewing all gents members handicaps as well as setting up procedures for checking competition results and assessing correct handicaps etc.

Following requests from the Ladies, it was agreed that the two committees could meet to ensure any common areas could be discussed. One such meeting had taken place and at the moment, it appears there is complete harmony between the committees and their application of rules and handicapping procedures.

As the gents committee have still to finish their review of the 600+ gents members, this committee has decided to only hold cross-section meetings when there is a significant issue to be discussed. These can be set up via the Member's committee.

3. Course Issues

The committee was unanimous in agreeing that the course was in wonderful condition for the time of year and considering the recent weather.

CR asked if there could be wooden boxes at each tee for the collection of broken tees etc.

Management to be asked about this.

It was noted that on Sunday 27th Jan, the shop did not open until 7.45- some 15 minutes after the first tee and that the first groups were two-balls. **To be raised with management.**

A flaw in the booking process has also been encountered. It appears that when groups such swindles, reserve their tee-times in person for say four or more tee-times, then only 1 name per tee-time gets entered onto the system. However, if then someone else goes onto the on-line booking system, they and look for space for two or three players, then these pre-booked tee-times appear available and are allowed, resulting in overbooking and dis-satisfied members. **This to be raised with management.**

ED raised the point that if phone bookers are only answered after in-person bookers, this penalises members on days when they have to go to their work. The committee could not see an alternative to the current system, but this could be reviewed.

4. Club House Issues

RL asked if there was money budgeted for refurbishment of the club house. Management had said this was the case.

It had again been noticed that Juniors were not adhering to dress code in the lounge. Many have recently been seen wearing trainers or even no shoes at all, leaving their golf shoes in the foyer area. **This again to be raised with management.**

It was also agreed that **management should be asked if the PSI screen could be put on the wall on the outside of the lounge**(should be a simple job) . This would allow people to use the system without taking shoes off etc and promote sign-in before play in competitions etc.

5 .Treasurer's Report

SC reported that the accounts are currently in good order. PH said that there might be a need to replace a lost trophy which had not been accounted for.

SC will present a summary report of the Gents Section accounts at the upcoming AGM. Any member requesting detail, will be offered this after the meeting.

PH had received a request from E Wylie to review what assistance if any, the Gents section could give to the Junior section as had happened last year. As this had been an extra-ordinary item, **PH will ask EW for a breakdown of the 2008/9 budget** to see what specific items might be eligible for this committee to approve.

6. CBL

IW was not present so no items discussed.

7. Scratch team

CR said he was hopeful that there would be sufficient players for the team, but asked everyone to recommend any players they were aware of who might be included. The 2008 match date have now been set.

8. Competition issues

With the departure of Mike Taylor as organiser, it has been agreed that for 2008/9 there should be a an Organising committee to be headed by JH and ED, with PH,RL and CR to help as requested. **JH+ED to meet to decide on the way forward.**

A request had come from T Turner regarding reviewing the handicapping rules for 'fun' competitions such as the Turkey Trot. The committee were not convinced that any change should be made at this time.

Railles Trophy- had been cancelled by the sponsors(notice on wall). RL asked if a replacement competition could be organised, but the committee agreed that as this was so soon, it would not be possible.

There was a discussion about green-fee concessions for club visitors playing in invitational events. **PH to clarify this with management.**

Combination Cup- is in the diary on the same day as a CBL match(May 24) **This should be moved to May 31.(JH)**

9. Juniors

No other items were raised with EW being absent.

10. AOB

Vice Captain for 2008/9. JH reported that no-one had come forward yet. **Members agreed to go round their normal playing groups again to see if there might be any volunteers.**

RL announced that this was his last meeting after three years. He was warmly thanked for his help and guidance on the committee.

SC was presented with a small gift in thanks for his work getting the new PSI card system up and running.

Bunkers- CR asked if we could ascertain the strategy for the bunkers. **Management to be asked.**

Date of the next Meetings: JH to issue a set of dates for 2008/9