

Minutes of a meeting of the Gentlemen's Committee of Aldwickbury Park Golf Club held at the Golf Club at 7pm on Thursday 7th June 2007

Present: P Hayward, R Landau, S Crosby, J Hunter, P Spiers
M Taylor, I Waltham, T Turner, E Diment

***Action items Underlined**

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from C Roberts and E Wylie. E Diment was welcomed at his first meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd April 2007 were approved

3. Matters Arising

PSI System; The new system was installed on May 9th and has been working well. Invoice is now due for payment and the committee agreed to **ask the Ladies section to make a one-sixth contribution(£313.83)**

Tristram to be asked to take out a maintenance contract on the new hardware.

The possibility of defining and testing a disaster recovery procedure was discounted.

4. Competition Matters

Equalisation shots(ladies)- the committee agreed that standard rules will be followed. It was also decided NOT to apply to have the SSS reassessed.

Mid-month stablefords- a new Men's only version will be introduced and **Stuart will be asked to set the PSI system to NOT show the leaderboard.** Signs will be put up to inform players that this competition should be entered BEFORE playing.

Handicap differentials- TT raised the issue of using $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{7}{8}$ differentials in match play competitions, when the R&A guidelines are to use FULL handicaps. **PH to ask the Herts G.U. of their take on this.**

5. Course Matters

- IW asked if excess divots on tees had been addressed- they had
- **Tree relief signs between 15/16 fairways need replacing**
- **PS mentioned that there was a 'trough' just before the start of the 4th fairway**
- **All agreed there was too much variability across the bunkers- needs attention**
- All agreed that that the main course was looking splendid overall

6. Club House Issues

All agreed that the standard of catering had dropped noticeably in recent weeks. Dress code standards appear to require more management within the lounge area. **These to be mentioned to management.**

7. Treasurer's Report

SC said all data was now in hand after the PSI system problems. Thanks to Sheila Waltham for providing invaluable support.

Jubilee Trophy vouchers need to be returned to Stuart and re-issued when the competition is re-scheduled.

8. CBL

IW reported that the results so far this season were not too encouraging. He also felt that with only 20 'registered' players and a higher number of 16+ players, this was not surprising. The need to recruit more players and of lower handicaps was discussed with the following steps identified:-

- Use the new web site where-ever possible
- Send personal emails to members and to competition top 10 players

October 08- IW reported that APGC were committed to holding the Challenge Cup event in October 08. This would require the course to be closed, and catering to be alerted. The committee agreed that Sunday 19th Oct 08, would be the ideal date. **IW to agree this with Tristram. PH to inform other sections. Diary to be updated accordingly(JH)**

9. Scratch team

CR was not present to report, but it is known that a lack of players of the relevant skill level, either current members or joining the club was hindering the success of the team.

10. Handicaps

PS reported that he thought Stuart was not storing completed competition cards. Recommendation is for 18 months. **Stuart to be asked about this.**

TT asked for clarification of the note from previous meeting stating that reducing winners of knock-out competitions handicaps Automatically by one shot would NOT happen. After debate, the committee agreed to change this and follow what is apparently the norm for most clubs.

PH to put notice up on boards and to update competition rules etc.

11. Competitions

The following were agreed:-

Club Championship - to be run in the same format as 2006

Jubilee Trophy - to be rerun on a Sunday, 5-day members will not be charged green fees

Charity Cup - PH to inform MT of entrants

Projector - MT informed the meeting that he had purchased his own and would make it available for club use. Thanks to Mike.

12. Juniors

The recent Open day was excellent and a success. Thanks to all members who helped, and RL asked if committee members could support this type of event when possible.

13. AOB

The APGC web site Members sections have been set up and are currently being populated, ready for a July 1 'live' date.

PH to enquire about having a new Flag outside the clubhouse.

Country membership- still to be fully reviewed by management.

It was also noted that in future, there will be no discounted green fees for member's guests.

Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th August at 7pm