

# MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2014

**Present:** Maurice Stephenson (MS) Captain  
Steve Mitchell (SM) Vice Captain/Treasurer  
Jackie Lee (JAL) Secretary  
Neil Storer (NS) Competitions Secretary  
Gill Cackett (GC) Social Secretary

**In attendance:** Chris Furneaux (CF) Head Greenkeeper

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Joke Alexandrou and David Mckibben.

### **2. Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 meeting were read and approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- a) The new Sports Bar will be open between 12 noon and 2.00 pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October following the Club Championship. A TV screen will be in the bar displaying the leaderboard for the competition.

It is anticipated that this bar will be formally open on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November

- b) We are still awaiting a response from Management on the possibility of the 2014 Annual Dinner photographs being displayed on the Minthis Hills website. The Captain is looking into the possibility of having a professional photographer at the 2015 event. **(Action MS/JAL)**
- c) The entry sheets for the event sponsored by Global 3D will go into the competitions folder today. The sponsor has agreed to provide 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. Invitations to a seminar by the sponsor have been sent to members.
- d) We have only managed to secure fourteen tee times for the Nordic v Rest of the World Competition, so entrants will be drawn from the entry list on Tuesday next week. The format will be better ball matchplay with full handicap allowance. As far as is possible the pairings will be mixed, male/female. **(Action MS)**

- e) The Head Greenkeeper reported that the imbalance on the irrigation system has now been addressed and the course is drying out. He also reported that the vines on the seventh hole have been pruned.
- f) The photographs of each committee member are now displayed on the notice board in the Caddymasters room.
- g) Additional funding for prizes in the November Waltz competition has been provided.
- h) A request for a socket and hanging rail in ladies locker room and a request for soap dispensers in shower cubicles are still outstanding. **(Action JA)**

#### **4. Committee Matters**

- a) For the September Stableford a desired pace of play sheet was given to competitors. It was reported that all players came off the course within the 4hrs 9 minutes allowed for a three ball competition. It was agreed that this was a satisfactory outcome and that pace of play would only be re-visited if slow play became a problem in the future. It was suggested that a clock on the first tee would be of assistance to players.
- b) The handicap divisions for prizes in the monthly Stablefords were the subject of discussion, and it was agreed that whilst it is desirable that there are equal numbers of players in each category, this creates unacceptable admin and uncertainty if changed each month. For this reason, it was agreed that the three divisions agreed at the July 2014 meeting i.e. 0-16, 17-24 and 25 plus would stand until December 2014, following which there would be a quarterly review. **(Action All)**
- c) Following the decision made in July regarding medal prizes, the Competition Secretary reported that there was general dissatisfaction at the decision to have mixed Medal Competitions, in particular with regard to the Ladies Best Gross. Golf's governing bodies strongly recommend against mixed gross competitions since the two genders are playing courses of different difficulty, so putting one gender at a disadvantage. The committee acknowledged this and it was agreed that the Ladies Best Gross prize would be reinstated. The net competition would, however, continue to be a mixed competition, and the handicap categories would continue to be 0-20 and 21 plus.

Prize values will be based on 80% of entry fee, split 50/50 between net and gross prizes. The resultant gross prizes will be allocated in direct proportion to male and female entries whilst net prizes will be split equally between divisions one and two.

The Committee reserved the right to vary the categories to maintain a fair balance of numbers in each. Currently there is an additional prize of a Jorden's Restaurant voucher for best overall net. The Secretary to check with Sponsor on whether they will continue with their sponsorship. **(Action JAL)**

- d) The Committee wish to record their congratulations to Minthis Hills winners in the 2014 Cyprus Seniors Open as follows:

**Ladies Champion 2014 – Sue Storer**  
**Runner Up – Marie Anne Olsson**  
**Net Winner – Gwen Jones**  
**Super Senior Winner – Berit Spirer**  
**Division 2 Net Winner – Lars Svensson**

## 5. Competition Matters

- a) A question had been raised regarding visitors eligibility to enter club competitions and win prizes. It was pointed out that many clubs consider that a green fee entitles players to day membership of the club. This matter was discussed in some detail, and it became obvious that the Committee needed the input of Management viz a viz not only visitors but others who purchased a fixed number of rounds, and various member grades which precluded playing when competitions are held i.e. afternoon, weekday or weekend only membership. The issue of valid handicaps of visitors was also raised, although it was accepted that it is each players' responsibility to carry a current handicap certificate and report scores back to their home clubs. **(Action MS)**
- b) The Captain will speak with the Club Professional regarding handicaps not being changed after the first day of the Club Championship **(Action MS)**

## 6. Social Events

- a) The marketing poster and booking sheets for the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation event on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were agreed. The Secretary will make the suggested amendments and details will be placed in the social section of the competitions folder in mid October. **(Action JAL)**

## 7. Golf Course Matters

- a) Following the Committee's appeal to members to assist in the repair of damage to the course, i.e. pitchmarks, divots etc a complaint was received that visitors are responsible for damage, and that they ought to be given a handout reminding them of their on course responsibilities. Members should be aware that they were asked to assist in repairing damage caused by others (whether members or visitors) and to apportion blame only leads to negativity. It is our course, and in members' best interests that we all do our bit in keeping it in good condition. The Committee felt that in the game of golf it is considered general etiquette to leave the course as you find it, and there are ample signs and notices, around the clubhouse and course reminding players of their responsibilities.

## **8. Financial Matters**

- a) The Treasurer presented his financial report and it was accepted by the Committee as being in line with the strategic plan.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- a) The Captain asked the Vice Captain if he would work with the Club Professional in compiling the 2015 fixture list, so that it could be circulated to other clubs and the CGF at the beginning of November **(Action SM)**

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Committee meeting will be Monday 3rd November 2014.