

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015

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:	David Mckibben (DM)	Club Professional

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Joke Alexandrou (JA) and Chris Furneaux (CF).

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 3rd November 2014 meeting were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) The Captain confirmed that he has now booked the official photographer for the Annual Dinner. Guests to be notified that photographs will be available for purchase on the night.
- b) The issue of a socket and hanging rail in the ladies locker room is still outstanding. **(Action JA)**
- c) The question of a bonus fund for medal prizes had been agreed in principle at our last meeting. However, it was agreed that this would need to be reviewed annually as excess funds are reduced.
- d) The Vice Captain reported that Jordan's restaurant would not be sponsoring our Medal competitions in 2015. A replacement Sponsor is being sought. **(Action SM)**
- e) Wines of the World sponsorship of Stableford competitions is uncertain for 2015. The Captain will seek clarification. **(Action MS)**

- f) Pinehurst Golf Club cap will be raffled in late 2014/early 2015. **(Action MS)**
- g) Following the withdrawal of Global 3D Sponsorship, the sponsor requested a private meeting with the Captain. This has not been furthered.
- h) The problem of pre-ordering Pro Shop vouchers has not been resolved, however, as the next relevant competition is not until 2015, there is still time to deal with this issue **(Action MS)**

4. Committee Matters

- a) The system of providing admin sheets to the Pro Shop covering all competitions is now in operation. Additional information will be added for January competitions detailing which committee member will be responsible for each non qualifying competition. **(Action JAL)**
- b) At the last meeting, bunkers under GUR were the subject of discussion. Since that meeting, a question has been raised over the ruling for of declaring blanket GUR for all bunkers on the course. The Competition Secretary agreed to examine various information provided by governing bodies such as the R&A, and report back. **(Action NS)**
- c) A question had been raised by a member regarding the cost and administration of the Firecracker competition in November. The Committee discussed the points raised and agreed that an email of explanation will be sent to the member concerned. Given that the Committee had not been involved in any detail of this event, the Captain will be making further representations to Management to ensure that all sponsored events in the future are organised through the committee. **(Action MS/JAL)**
- d) The Captain, Vice Captain and Competitions Secretary attended a seminar organised by the CGF which reviewed the new Datagolf 3 software. This new system will be implemented as soon as each club has completed their 2015 handicap review, and a deadline will be set by the CGF for this. The new system can be used to create draws and record scores for some non-qualifying competitions and it can also be used by the club to register non-playing members. The CGF requires the e-mail address of all players and new EGA rules that will be implemented shortly will require the correct dates of birth for all players, as in future this will be taken into consideration when performing the annual handicap review
- e) After consultation with Pafilia's IT Manager, it was concluded that it will not be possible for the Members Club matters to be accommodated on the official Minthis Hills website. For this reason the Competitions Secretary has designed a suggested site for which a domain host will have to be sourced, at an approximate cost of €100.00. Additionally, we will need to seek Management's approval of the site. The Competitions Secretary assured the committee that once set up, the website would only need simple editing for which special computer skills will not be necessary. Once approved, operational instruction on maintaining the site will be given to Committee Members.

5. Competition Matters

- a) The sponsored Jameson Whiskey competition will be held again in 2015, the committee will raise the issue of their involvement as in item 4 c) above.
- b) KO Trophies – It was pointed out that as there was not a Ladies Foursomes competition in 2012 and 2013, there is no available trophy. The competition for these two years had been cancelled due to insufficient entries. A trophy will be purchased for the ladies foursomes, if there are sufficient entrants in 2015, and will be engraved with the 2014 winners. The Committee reserved the right to cancel any event with less than 12 entrants (6pairs) for all the KO competitions. Lady members to be informed of this decision **(Action JAL)**
- c) Handicap adjustments will be carried out in January 2015 utilising the Datagolf computer generated recommendations. The Handicap Committee and the Club Professional will meet to consider both qualifying competition results and general play, taking into account overall performance in K/O singles and other non qualifying competitions. Peter Greenwood-Jones has kindly offered to assist with the interpretation of the R&A rules for reviewing handicaps. Members will be advised individually of any adjustment to their handicap. **(Action DM/Handicap Committee)**
- d) A review of lessons learned by the committee as a result of organising two non-qualifying competitions was undertaken. In particular, cancellations (particularly for team events), accommodating people in requested slots and taking into account travelling companions were all identified as potential pitfalls to creating a successful and workable draw. Checking of cards had proved easier if two people carry out the task, but consideration must be given to tee times if the checkers are also playing in the competition. Other issues identified as important were the need for label printing, draws to be on one page where possible and getting scorecards to Pro Shop the day before each competition. It is necessary to have an up-to-date list of members' contact numbers and e-mail addresses to resolve problems that occur mainly between the draw being done and the competition starting. Finally, we need a list of no shows from the Pro Shop after each competition. **(Action JA)**
- e) The 2014 rules for Knock Out competitions will be updated for 2015 to include entry date, payment date, dates for completion of each round, and ruling on buggies/caddies. **(Action SM/NS)**
- f) Entry sheets for all Knock Out competitions to be produced and placed in competition folders. These sheets to state minimum entry numbers, closing/payment date, competition fee and payable to Pro Shop in enveloped clearly marked with name and competition(s) entered. **(Action JAL)**
- g) An enquiry has been received as to why the Minthis Hills Fixture list provides for a Ladies Day, but not for a Men's Day. It was pointed out that the Ladies combine their competition with a lunch, and that should the men want a similar arrangement, then they would need to elect an organiser and negotiate with management on tee times/meal arrangements. It was also pointed out that the Nine Dine & Wine have a similar arrangement. The Committee are not involved in organising either of the Ladies or Nine Dine & Wine events. The member making the enquiry will be advised. **(Action JAL)**

6. Social Events

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

- a) The closing date for booking and payment will be Wednesday 14th January. An email reminder will be sent to members on 1st January 2015, along with a request to make their meal choices if they have not already done so. **(Action JAL)**
- b) Menus (50) are to be printed, which will also detail prize winners, a local printer will be sourced for the work **(Action MS)**
- c) A table plan will be created and place cards with names and food choices produced. **(Action GC/JAL)**
- d) The Captain to confirm disco with Maurice Mawhinney. **(Action MS)**
- e) An email will be sent to all members detailing the drinks package, and also informing them that an official photographer will be taking pictures, and that these will be available to buy on the night. **(Action JAL)**
- f) Favours for the Ladies will be sourced through local Chocolatier. **(Action MS)**
- g) The Treasurer assured the committee that a contingency amount in the annual dinner budget will be sufficient to cover all the incidental costs.
- h) We have been asked if guests, not accompanied by a member will be allowed to attend. The Committee considered this, but felt that the request could not be granted. However, it was suggested that the “guests” in question may know other members of Minthis Hills who could accompany them to the dinner. Member to be advised of this decision. **(Action JAL)**

7. Golf Course Matters

- a) As there are currently a lot of mushrooms/fungi on the course, we need advice from the Head Greenkeeper as how these should be dealt with if they are affected by our golf strokes. **(Action CF)**

8. Financial Matters

- a) The Treasurer presented his financial report, which was accepted by the Committee. Discussions took place regarding the projected forecast overspend which in the main is due to sponsoring a charity golf event, new trophies being purchased, net competition income being slightly down and extra prize money allocated to knock out prizes, all of which have previously been reported to and agreed by the Committee, and recorded in the minutes. However, the exact figure will not be known until year end accounts are completed. It was agreed, however, that any overspend will be balanced within the three year budget.

9. Any Other Business

- a) The Committee would like to pass to Management their sincere thanks for the Cocktail evening which was a successful and enjoyable event.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Committee meeting will be Monday 5th January 2015.