

**Leamington & County Golf Club**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Present:** Allan Murdoch (AM), Malcolm Lines (ML), Angela Eadon (AE), Martin Bayley (MB)  
Tony Jones (AJ)

**Apologies:** John O'Kelly (JOK), David Chamley (DC), Andy White (AW), Graham Ford (GF), Bryan  
Frazer (BF)

1. The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were accepted as a true record with the following matters arising
  - 1.1 ML informed the meeting that the report requested by DC re joining fees would be presented at the next meeting.

**Finance Report:**

2. The treasurer having circulated his report commented as follows.
  - 2.1 ML commented that subscriptions were now ahead of full year budget. Green fees were still lagging behind budget due to the poor weather at the beginning of the year.

**Club Managers Report:**

3. The club manager's report had been circulated and the following questions arose.
  - 3.1 AE raised concerns about overall membership numbers as she had noticed that names of people who were no longer members were still on the system. She also pointed out that the system does not update the age of Junior Members which could result in incorrect invoices going out to those juniors who fell into the next age category rate.
  - 3.2 The meeting agreed to review the subject of Corporate Membership once BF had circulated his paper outlining the detail of his proposal regarding the Ardenia Group.
  - 3.3 The meeting discussed the position regarding the course layout and it was agreed that this would be put to the members at the end of the year to determine if there was a desire to change the layout.
  - 3.4 ML confirmed that Greens were preparing a 5 year plan and it was agreed that this should be presented to members at an Open Evening, preferably before the end of the year. This could also be used as an opportunity to tell the members what the Board were planning to do with the structure of the greens committee. AJ commented that in his view the course was scruffy. He qualified this by stating that the greens, tees and fairways were good but areas around the clubhouse, paths etc were not good and the newly planted trees did not look as if they were being looked after. He wondered if Greens needed any help in this area. The meeting also felt that other areas of the Club needed to be neater, such as the entrance area outside the pros shop and the Board room looked like a dumping ground for old furniture.
  - 3.5 The Board noted that a lot of discussion had taken place regarding the need to make the Club a friendly and welcoming place and all staff should be aware of this. Unfortunately this did not appear to be the case and an example was given of a society on Friday who had not received any welcome at all and were left to their own devices.

**Development Plan:**

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4.1 ML reported that the Club were working with Whitnash Council to represent our interests for H45. The inspector had advised the Club that he was not willing to allow the Club to speak at the hearing to put its objections forward. ML and Trevor Wood were continuing to explore how best to get the Clubs objections put forward in the light of this unfortunate situation.

4.2 The Board agreed to call an SGM for 12<sup>th</sup> Oct to put the Romford deal to the members for approval. The wording of the proposal to the members for the SGM had to be reviewed by the Board before it was circulated to members. ML had discussed the possibility of acquiring land adjacent to the 14<sup>th</sup> from the Moreton family and was advised that it was not for sale but could be leased.

**AOB:**

AE alerted the Board to an England Golf initiative to promote 9 hole golf as a way of encouraging more people to take up the sport and felt that LCGC should explore the opportunity.

AE drew attention to the fact that the Club web site was too male orientated and some of the screen shots should include women.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016