

Leamington & County Golf Club  
Minutes of the Board Meeting held  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Present:** Malcolm Lines – Chairman (ML), Chris Lees – President (CL), Roy Scott – Captain (RSc), Richard Cumberland – Treasurer (RC), David Chamley (DC), Graham Ford (GF) Angela Eadon (EA), Bryan Frazer – Club Manager (BF)

**Apologies:** John O’Kelly (JOK), Tony Jones (TJ)

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were accept as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising:**
  - 2.1 **Bar Card:** AE raised the issue of the Bar Card explaining that she had be inundated with complaints from the lady’s section and BF added he too had received over 20 emails of complaints and at least the same amount of verbal complaints from both male and female members. ML explained the principle of the Bar Levy which everyone accepted. RSc suggested we were no different to many other clubs where ever more stringent drink driving regulations were having an impact. After further conversation DC proposed that the board delay the introduction of a food purse pending further investigation in the alternatives particularly relating to the hot drinks provision. This was seconded by AE and the board agreed.
  - 2.2 **Letters of sympathy:** DC asked for an update. CL explained that she wrote to the bereaved families of members who pass away. On the same subject RC asked if there was a protocol requirement for board members to attend members funerals and was advised that there wasn’t.
3. **Finance:**
  - 3.1 RC apologised for the delay in circulating the numbers and hoped to get them out sooner in future months. He explained that in most areas the numbers were pretty much on budget. There was a question raised about the bar margin and BF explained that we should implement a price increase given recent changes to the tax on alcohol that had raised our purchase prices and he would implement this in the coming weeks
  - 3.2 ML then instigated a conversation about our capital spent. It was agreed that clubhouse furniture, flat renovations and paths on the course should be our priority and BF was asked to prepare costings.
4. **Managers Report:**
  - 4.1 The issue of Flexible Member numbers was raised as it was now higher than had been agreed. BF explained that contrary to some director’s thoughts golfers are not choosing Flexible Membership as opposed to Full Membership they choose Flexible as opposed to no membership. There had been an issue with the lady’s section as to the competitions that Flexible Members enter but this is in the process of being resolved. DC mentioned that Kenilworth Golf Club were advertising in the Courier membership with no joining fee it was not felt that Leamington should follow this but continue to allow the Club Manager to have discretion as to a joining fee.
  - 4.2 DC asked regarding Stephen Brown, the F&B consultant, BF explained that we were awaiting his report but in conversation following his visit he had found nothing to bad. He felt the model of a franchise caterer and in-house bar was probably right given the turnover levels.

**4.3** BF was asked if he was happy with Union Golf which he confirmed he was. BF explained that 3 new buggies were on order along with fourth to be used as a Marshall's / Emergency vehicle, Sky Track would be fitted in the academy along with a new putting surface and Union Golf would promote use of academy.

**5. General Issues:**

**5.1** ML reported that since the last meeting he had managed to attract the following members to serve on a Strategic Planning Group, Allan Murdoch, Mike Molesworth, Tony Minton and Lizzie Scott who along with himself, the Treasurer and the Club Manager would take up the challenge of the club's future. ML explained that this group would report to the board and that the first meeting was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> July the day before the next board meeting.

**5.2** BF circulated the dates for board meeting up-to the next AGM.

**6. Any other business:**

**6.1** AE suggested that we introduce a "Student Retainer" such that when members return from university they would come and play. The meeting instead agreed to introduce a "Student Green Fee Rate" of £12 after midday Monday to Friday on the production of an NUS card. BF to circulate this offer to local education establishments.

**6.2** CL asked for clarification on the criteria for Honorary Membership she was advised this was detailed in the Articles BF to send a copy.

**There being no other business the date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and the meeting closed at 7.55pm.**