

Members Operating Committee
Meetings Minutes
Tuesday 10th January 2017

Present: Bryan Frazer- Chair (BF), Julie Ford – Ladies Capt. (JF), Andy White – Captain (AW), Roy Scott – Vice Captain (RS), Gerry Robbins (JR), Tony Partridge (TP), Peter Easterlow (PE), Roy Broady (RB)

Apologies: Dennis Keogh (DK)

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 having been circulated were accepted as a true record.

Matter Arising: The following matters arose. BF reported that the quote on the double glazing for the flat had come back at £3080 inc. fitting and VAT this was to replace the glass units and not the wooden frames. To install an automatic glass sliding door the entrance would cost £3850 inc. fitting and VAT. Both items would be referred to the board.

Greens:

The 5 Year plan was now complete. BF to email a copy out to MOC members. The hedge on the 17th had been removed, not to everyone's approval. Jason had requested funding for a tractor mounted blower at £7300, a hand mower £1000 and a small trailer £850 all were referred to the board for funding approval. AW also informed the meeting that the board had approved the recruitment of another greenkeeper and that part of James Young's new duties would be maintaining the area around the clubhouse such that it became an asset to the club.

Buildings:

Following the formal approval of the club's VAT refund PE and JF agreed to meet to progress the refurbishment of the lady's shower/toilet area. PE suggested that the work should sensible be undertaken in November 2017 and should take approximately 2-3 weeks.

Marketing:

A marketing plan had been formulated and BF agreed to circulate to all members of the MOC. RS explained that it was a working document and will be added to on an ongoing basis. BF explained that Chris Thornton and he would be running an indoor, as in the clubhouse!!, long drive, straight drive nearest the pin competition on Friday 17th February essentially to raise money for the Captains Charities but also to have a fun night in the club. If successful BF would challenge the other Warwickshire clubs to run a similar evening with the final being at Leamington some point in the future.

Competitions:

All going along nicely, 2017 schedule finished and distributed. Opens will go online and be included in online "book and pay" once this is available.

Club Managers Report:

BF explained the current situation on renewals/resignations being better than in previous years. There was some discussion on "Playmoregolf" but it was felt that this needed more detail to be considered. TP expressed concerns that we were becoming a "Pay & Play" course. BF explained that as the next generation of golfers demanded different products the club would need to offer them if it was to survive long term. No decision was taken but BF agreed to bring it back to a future meeting.

A recent HOD meeting had suggested trying to make the Centenary Lounge more of a Sports Bar type environment. This would involve more promotion of sporting events supported by offers on food and drink, potentially changing the snooker table for a pool table with a long term view of having teams in local pool leagues to generate winter income for the bar. Deferred to the board for further thoughts.

There was some discussion on the loss made by the bar on New Year's Eve. TP suggested that the caterer should bear some of the loss as he made all the profit. PE pointed out that there were many times when the caterer made a loss and it would be unfair to expect him underwrite any of the bar loss. It was agreed that this should be taken into account when setting ticket prices in the future.

There were some concerns over the quality of the Christmas lunches BF to speak to Andy Ford.

Discussion took place following a request by a member to review the integration procedures for those golfers starting on the 10th when they arrive at the 1st tee particularly on a Saturday morning. The meeting was not inclined to change the present protocols.

Sections:

GR reported that the Grey Nags were holding a special celebration for Alan Upwood who would be 90 years old this week.

Correspondence:

A letter had been received from a member recommending a member be made an Honorary Member. Although something to be voted on at the AGM the MOC did not believe that the member recommended had done any more or less for the club than many other members who had not been rewarded in this way. The recommendation did not have the support of the MOC and BF was instructed to write to the proposer accordingly.

Any Other Business:

RB asked regarding the Captains & Presidents boards being brought up to date. BF explained that our usual man had retired and finding an alternative had not been easy but one had been found and the boards would be up to date in the next few days.

TP raised a question about the empty sponsor spaces on tee boards. BF to address. He also mentioned he had witnessed 4 members on the course without hedgehog wheels BF to mention in Weekly Updates. TP also raised a question about societies at weekends and it was agreed after discussion, although some members of the MOC questioned if the course was quiet why wouldn't bookings be accepted on either day at weekends, there would be NO bookings on a Saturday and bookings on a Sunday would need to be sanctioned by the MOC.

AW asked a question about the chairs in the club. BF explained these were on the wish list for the VAT money.

GR questioned the appearance of the notice boards and BF agreed to task Andrea with keeping them neat and tidy.

RS asked that his away days be mentioned in Weekly Updates.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next meeting date set for Tuesday February 7th at 6.30pm.