

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 5th May 2014

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

In attendance:	Joke Alexandrou (JA)	Management
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenkeeper
	David Mckibben (DM)	Club Professional

Apologies

David Mckibben apologised that he would be slightly late for the meeting.

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 7th April 2014 meeting were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) It was reported that due to lack of support the Captain's Charity Night scheduled for Wednesday 21st May has been cancelled.
- b) Management have been approached with a view to making changes to the club constitution which would allow all members, not just full members, to attend the Annual General Meeting. This was not agreed as Management will hold other events which will involve all members.
- c) The management have declined to contribute towards a donation made to a Minthis Hills Junior on the grounds that they already support many aspects of junior golf, including, in particular, the Junior Golf4Hope "Our Children Matter" event in September.
- d) A shotgun start has been secured for the Three Clubs and a Putter competition scheduled for Wednesday 11th June. There will also be an optional two course lunch provided immediately following this event at a cost of €15.00 per person.
- e) The rules to allow the taking of a provisional ball on the 13th along with clarification of what constitutes a ball lost in the water and how players should proceed has been

drawn up and is awaiting approval from the Club Professional. Details will be notified to all members and will be placed on the Minthis Hills golf website. It was also agreed that a review of all local rules would be undertaken. Revised rules will also be included on scorecards when they are reprinted. (**Action NS/PWDM/JAL**)

- f) The management have agreed to provide a dedicated page for golf club matters on the Minthis Hills website. Initially, the page will include names of qualifying competition winners and it is anticipated that this will be extended to include other golfing matters. It was suggested by the Captain that creating the website should be done slowly to ensure it is accessible, accurate and understandable.
- g) Rules are being prepared to cover all non qualifying competition formats. Once completed and approved by the committee these will be placed in the competitions folder. (**Action NS/All**)
- h) The Club Professional has been approached with regard to holding a Par 3 driving competition, and this has been agreed in principle.
- i) A local rule covering the use of mobile phones as measuring devices on the course has now been completed and will be issued to all members. (**Action JAL**)

4. Committee Matters

- a) The Captain outlined to the committee the requirement to purchase three replacement trophies and new plaques for all trophies. These to be obtained in the UK at an approximate cost of €300. As the new plaques are designed to be fitted to square bases, then wherever possible new bases will be fitted to existing trophies, thereby creating space for winners over 24 years on each trophy.
- b) A suggestion for honours boards to include the names of winners of major club events was discussed and whilst this was considered a possibility, the question of space for such boards in the newly designed Sports Bar would be central to any decision to provide such boards over and above those already in existence.
- c) Prizes for the 2014 knock out competitions were considered, and it was agreed in principle that the additional 50% of knock out fee income, as provided by the agreed budget (reference 8a of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2014, approximating to around €500) would be used to purchase trophies for all winners. Fee income from the competition entries will be allocated for prize vouchers in direct proportion to amounts received for each individual event. This will be split appropriately between the winners and runner ups of each competition.
- d) The committee received details of the obligation of EGA Affiliated Clubs to appoint a handicap committee. There will be no change to the existing overall responsibility of the Club Professional for handicaps through the Cyprus Golf Federation, however, the Treasurer, the Competitions Secretary and the Social Secretary, along with the club Professional will form a sub committee dealing with handicaps in general. It was further agreed that the Competitions Secretary would be given

training and access to the CGF Datagolf software to ensure continuity of cover in the absence of the Club Professional. **(Action DM/NS)**

- e) Concern was raised about the need to ensure that rules produced are fit for purpose and are in line with R&A requirements. It was agreed that no rule would be implemented without it first being put before the committee and the Club Professional. In the case of any uncertainty the R&A would be approached for clarification. In particular it was pointed out that there was still not agreement amongst MH members on many rules issues which arise on a regular basis. The possibility of an event to clarify local rules was discussed.
- f) Problems have been experienced by members during knock out competitions due to slow play by visitors. Joke Alexandrou agreed to look into a recent occurrence where visitors were on the course in front of knock out flights. However, the Committee were assured that visitors are informed of any competition in progress and are asked to ensure that they call through following competition groups.
(Action JA)

5. Social Events

The Social Secretary reported that six hotels have been approached regarding the Annual Dinner to be held in January 2015. Four of the six, were closed during this period, the two who were available to host the event were Capital Coast and Alexander the Great, although to date only Alexander the Great had forwarded proposals and a quotation. The price at the Alexander has increased slightly over last year, but as it had proved to be a popular venue it was agreed that we should go ahead with a booking in late January 2015. Details to be confirmed. **(Action GC/SM)**

6. Golf Course Matters

- a) Some members had raised concerns regarding the slits recently made during ground work on the fairways. It was noted that some of the slits were opening up and divots created were deeper over the slits. The Head Greenkeeper along with the Greens Secretary agreed to review the situation prior to the May stableford, and if thought necessary at that time, would introduce a rule for that event. **(Action CF/PW)**
- b) The question of the forthcoming hollow tining of greens was raised, and whether this would be a problem for players in the May stableford. The Head Greenkeeper said he thought that the greens would be in good condition in time for the competition, but that he would review the situation with the Greens Secretary prior to the competition. **(Action CF/PW)**

7. Financial Matters

- a) The Treasurer reported that the budgeted reduction in members funds to €5300 by the end of the financial year was going to plan.

- b) The April accounts were presented by the Treasurer who pointed out that the bank balance had been boosted by funds raised at the recent Captain's Charity Day. The Captain said that he will allow the funds to accumulate in the bank and not make interim payments to his charity. It was also pointed out that fee income was down on budget due to Captain's Charity day competition fees not being included in club funds, and also a sponsored event only yielded one euro per player. However, there was a compensating saving on prize monies for these two events, making the overall impact on members' funds minimal. The question was raised as to whether entry fees should be maintained at €4.00 when a competition was sponsored, this to be decided on an event by event basis. It was also pointed out that due to sponsorship, the amount spent on prizes was under budget by €472.00. The Captain gave his assurance, however, that the budgeted 80% of entry fee income would be in proportion to ladies/mens' entries and paid out in prizes over the financial year, noting that this percentage was used for the first time in March following agreement of the 3 year strategic financial plan on 3 March 2014. The Treasurer also pointed out the fact that two's money was unavoidably often rounded, and the shortfall/excess albeit small amounts are carried forward each month. The monthly report had been enhanced to disclose two's money received and paid out for both the previous month and the year to date.

- c) It was agreed that due to the fact that monies held in the deposit account were subject to 90 days notice of withdrawal, and the fact that the interest gained in this account was minimal, no additional cash would be placed on deposit.

- d) The bank mandate will be expanded to include the Competitions Secretary as a signatory. Arrangements to visit the bank to facilitate the change will be made.
(Action SM)

8. Any Other Business

- a) A question was raised about the need to have differing knock out round completion dates for mens, mixed and ladies rounds. It was explained that the entry numbers dictated how soon rounds needed to be completed to ensure members could conform with the published completion dates.

- b) Elea Golf Club have introduced an invitation day event into their calendar. Members can invite friends/guests from other clubs at a cost of €100.00 per person which includes two rounds of golf and a buffet dinner. As some Minthis Hills members had played in this event, it was felt that they may wish to reciprocate along similar lines by having an invitational event. Management agreed to look into the possibility of holding an Invitation Day. **(Action JA)**

- c) The Management reported that due to various commitments, work was unlikely to commence on the refurbishment of the Sports Bar until June. However, it is anticipated that due to a general holiday in Cyprus on 15th August for two weeks, it is likely that all work will be completed by mid August. It is anticipated that an official opening of the refurbished bar will take place.

- d) It was reported that management were very disappointed at the low number of members who attended the recent Meet and Greet event. It was agreed that in future more careful consideration would be given to how best such events could be marketed to ensure better attendance. The Committee were advised that there are provisional plans to hold another event for members sometime in October.
- e) The Captain asked the Greens Secretary if he could obtain further medal prize vouchers for Jordon's restaurant.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2014.