

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

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

1. Previous Minutes

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

2. Matters Arising

- a) Discussions regarding an official photographer for the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation concluded that we would appoint a professional photographer who will produce and sell photographs on the condition that he will provide some pictures separately for use on the club website. **(Action MS)**
- b) The issue of a socket and hanging rail in the ladies locker room is still outstanding, JA told the committee that the work was in hand but a date for completion cannot yet be given. **(Action JA)**
- c) It was agreed that handicap groupings for medal and stableford competitions would be reviewed in December/January.
- d) Following discussions with management about non members eligibility to win prizes in club (not "Open") competitions, it was agreed that casual visitors who play in competitions would not be required to pay an entry fee, and therefore would not be eligible to win prizes. Casual visitors would however, be allowed to enter the twos competition. All other members including full; weekend; seasonal; VIP; and associate members are eligible to enter competitions and win prizes.
- e) A draft 2015 fixture list is currently with management and will be checked against the CGF 2015 fixtures to ensure that, wherever possible, Minthis Hills events do not clash with those

organised by the CGF. It was pointed out that we could be asked to host the 2015 European Golf Association Amateur competition, and whilst we do not have an official request for dates, CF advised that it may be held on the second week in October 2015.

3. Committee Matters

- a) It was suggested that a formula for awarding 2015 Knock Out prizes should be pre-agreed. The Treasurer had prepared three alternative strategies based on a prize fund of 150% of total knock out fees received. After discussion it was decided that the calculation which added €75.00 to the existing budget would ensure a fair and equitable division of prizes and would provide winners and runners up with a trophy plus a voucher of varying value. It was pointed out that the 150% had only been put in place for three years, following which there would need to be a total review of Knock Out prizes.
- b) A question was raised about use of the Minthis Hills website for club matters. DM pointed out that medal and stableford results are now being published on the website. NS said he would speak with the IT Manager regarding extending the scope of the site to include other matters of interest to MH members **(Action NS)**
- c) SM put forward to the Committee his intention to reinstate engraved trophies for 2015 medal winners at a cost of €10 to £15 per trophy. Suitable trophies to be sourced. He also suggested that the medal prizes might be subsidised from the “general bonus” fund. The Committee approved this suggestion in principle, and agreed that there would be Best Gross and Best Net prizes for men and ladies in 2015. SM to enquire about continuing sponsorship of medals by Jordan’s restaurant. **(Action SM)**
- d) The Captain has been given a Pinehurst Golf Club cap and it was agreed that this be raffled and proceeds given to the Captain’s Charity. **(Action MS)**

4. Competition Matters

- a) In order to provide clarity to members and management, it was suggested that forthcoming competitions would be reviewed at monthly committee meetings and would consider and approve such things as entry fees, format, rules, draws, handicaps, prizes etc.
- b) For the November medal the committee agreed that item 4c of October 2014 minutes covering handicaps would be utilised.
- c) For the Waltz competition the Captain recommended that this should be on a full handicap basis with the draw being done on the basis of one low, one middle and one high handicap member of each team. DM pointed out that this will be done as far as is possible, but last minute drop outs sometimes create an imbalance in the teams.
- d) The Firecracker event on Wednesday 5th November will have a set fee of €1 per entrant with prizes for the winning and runner up teams. Full handicaps will apply.

- e) The St. Andrew's competition on 30th November will be per the "fun event" description with prizes for the first four pairs. Entry fee €4.00 but no twos competition.
- f) Monthly Stableford as per minute 4 b) of October minutes.
- g) 3D Global have requested us to once again let members know about the seminar they are planning to hold. The Captain reported that we have twice publicised the event, and there has been very little interest expressed by MH members. 3D Global have suggested that they may visit the club on competition days to handout their literature. It is not certain whether they will go ahead with sponsoring the club competition, MS to make enquiries. **(Action MS)**
- h) The Christmas competition to be held on 6th December will be an individual stableford with prize value equal to 80% of total fee income plus €400 from the bonus fund. The Captain reported that he would purchase Christmas prizes and vouchers.
- i) In view of the difficulties of knowing exact fee income because of cancellations/drop outs, it was agreed that it would be preferable for pre-printed prize vouchers to be available in order that we had more flexibility than we currently have with pre-ordering vouchers **(Action MS/JA)**
- j) JA asked if it would be possible for the pro shop could have individual notices on committee decisions concerning competition fees, prizes, rules etc. **(Action MS/JAL)**
- k) As the Celts v English competition was considered a great success, similar events may be held in the future but over a one round competition as opposed to the two rounds of this event.

5. Social Events

- a) The Captain reported that the next Management Welcome Night is likely to be the last week in November. This to be confirmed within the next week.

6. Golf Course Matters

- a) CF was asked about the size of current greens and in particular the 15th green which seems to have become smaller. CF confirmed that a 20 inch collar which was introduced over six years ago has made the 15th green slightly smaller at approximately 250 square metres.
- b) The question of drainage in bunkers was raised. CF reported that the 9th and 16th greenside bunkers were still causing problems, although recent work to improve bunker drainage and replacing sand has generally been successful.
- c) CF reported that within the next few weeks the fairways would once again be slashed. Discussions regarding relief from such work concluded that the ball must be played as it lies.
- d) The Head Greenkeeper was asked about the progress on re-laying the 11th white tee area. He reported that the right side of the 11th teeing area is sinking and a decision will have to be

taken on re-levelling the whole are before re-seeding can take place. CF reported that the 12th yellow tee also needs attention.

7. Financial Matters

- a) The Treasurer presented his financial report, which was accepted by the Committee.

8. Any Other Business

- a) In a recent competition, when the bunkers were GUR, certain members were unsure where they should drop their ball when taking relief. Members to be reminded that the nearest point of relief, not nearer the pin should be taken when the ball lies towards the side of a bunker. However, if the ball is lying in the centre of a bunker, it should be moved backwards. **(Action JAL)**
- b) A request was made to management for the provision of a compressed air line as a aid to the cleaning of shoes, trollies etc. **(Action Mgnt)**
- c) JA referred to the recent closure of the course to members due to hosting a large group of Italian visitors. Whilst it was appreciated that members had been inconvenienced by this, the income generated gave the club a financial boost which indirectly benefits members. It was reported that the majority of our members did not have a problem with this closure, and appreciated the fact that the club is a commercial undertaking.
- d) DM informed the committee that Steve Powis has won the 2014 National Order of Merit and our congratulations go to him on his impressive performance. It was also noted that seven of the top ten in this CGF organised annual competition were Minthis Hills players. The top eight players in the NOOM will be invited to play against the Cyprus Club Professionals in February 2015.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Committee meeting will be Monday 8th December.