

# MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON : FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY

<b>Present</b>	Neil Storer ( NS )	Captain & Competitions Secretary
	Bob Windsor ( BW )	Vice Captain
	Peter Taylor ( PT )	Social Secretary
	Roy Peach ( RP )	Greens' Secretary
	Gill Cackett ( GC )	Committee Secretary
<b>In Attendance</b>	Chris Furneaux ( CF )	Head Greenkeeper

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from David McKibben ( DM )

### **2. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June were read and approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- ( a ) BW reported that the rules questionnaire that had been attached to recent scorecards had revealed very different answers from members and that a brief set of guidelines for the most common misconceptions of the rules had been attached to the following competition scorecards.
- ( b ) NS has spoken to Management regarding the possibility of tables and chairs on the grass area outside the sports bar and is waiting for a response.
- ( c ) The KO sheets have now been posted on the Caddy masters board.
- ( d ) NS reported that the date for the Captain's Shootout has now been changed to 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **4. Committee Matters**

- ( a ) The Committee discussed the recently published R & A manual with 'pace of play' guidelines and the CGF suggestion that a 'Pace of Play' committee should be appointed. It was agreed that the current guidelines posted on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee notice board would be replaced with a 'bullet point' sheet which would also be e mailed to all members. ( Action NS & GC )

It was also agreed that future competitions would have the expected time of play on the scorecards . It was felt that the need for a 'Pace of Play' committee would be reviewed at a future date

- ( b ) NS reported that Beverley Mitchell had offered to fulfill the position of Treasurer. This was unanimously agreed by the Committee.
- ( c ) PT reported that the Club registration forms had been taken to the Council Offices.
- ( d ) The Committee discussed various ways in which the members funds could continue to be reduced to previously agreed levels.
- ( e ) NS proposed the prize allocation for the KO competitions. It was agreed that all winners would receive an engraved trophy and voucher and that the runners up in the mens and mixed competitions would receive a voucher. The runners up in the ladies competitions would not receive a voucher because of the fewer numbers of entrants.

NS also proposed that the winners of the Captain's Shootout competition should receive an engraved trophy.

#### 5. Competitions

- ( a ) The committee reviewed the August competitions.

#### 6. Social Events

- ( a ) PT confirmed that the Annual dinner dance deposit had been paid to the Alexander the Great hotel. Full information will be put in the Social folder during October.  
( Action PT & GC )
- ( b ) PT reported that the Rules evening held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June was very well received by those members who attended. PT has thanked Peter Greenwood-Jones and Minthis management on behalf of the members. A second rules evening will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October which will emphasise rules specific to Minthis and explain the handicap system in particular the computer review of an individual's handicap, in addition to suggesting ways of avoiding slow play. Members will be encouraged to attend this informative evening.  
( Action GC )
- ( c ) PT confirmed 2 additional dates for the events diary : Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - social evening and buffet at Palia iLektriki

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November –Casino Night at

Minthis Hills arranged jointly with Minthis Management.

- ( d ) PT reported on successfully obtaining sponsorship from ' First Line Response' who have agreed to sponsor St Andrew's day, The Sponsors' Vase and Xmas competitions in addition to nearest the pin for Captain v Vice Captain and Nordic v rest of the World competitions.

NS thanked PT for obtaining the sponsorship.

## 7. Golf Course Matters

- ( a ) CF agreed that a path to the Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> tee avoiding the buggy path which is in line with the yellow tee could be created. This may be possible during the Autumn or Winter period.
- ( b ) The pruning of lower branches of various trees on the course has been completed.
- ( c ) CF also reported that the shingle area in between the 17<sup>th</sup> green and 18<sup>th</sup> yellow tee is due to be landscaped. It was also explained that although the area behind the 11<sup>th</sup> green required additional sprinklers, CF was reluctant to do this work with the construction of the 2 new holes imminent.
- ( d ) RP requested that the grass at the back of the 13<sup>th</sup> green be left longer. CF explained that in the present climatic conditions grass growth was very restricted especially in this area due to the hot winds blowing from the valley across the 13<sup>th</sup> green.

PT reminded the committee that from the Rules night discussion, the 13<sup>th</sup> green should have a yellow stake to designate the water hazard.

- ( e ) RP requested that the GUR area around the vines in front of the 8<sup>th</sup> tee be increased. Presently the 'nearest point of relief' for a ball entering the area from the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway is unplayable. CF agreed to do this. ( Action CF )
- ( f ) The condition of some of the bunkers continues to cause some concern amongst members. CF explained that this is a matter of irrigation balance and in the interests of maintaining the grass areas some of the bunkers are also affected by the irrigation.
- ( g ) CF reported that the tee boxes are currently undergoing maintenance work which should be completed next week. This work included scarifying and reseeding with Bermuda grass which has greater tolerance levels for the conditions.
- ( h ) RP reported that members are unhappy about the sight and smell of the water surrounding the 13<sup>th</sup> green which despite the addition of chemicals to inhibit the algae growth and the use of the single aerator continues to detract from the presentation of the signature hole of Minthis Hills golf course.
- ( i ) CF thanked BW for the additional white stakes which have been placed around the course and explained that additional watering of the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway will be taking place at intervals during the daytime. There will be a sign on the 5<sup>th</sup> tee to warn players of these approximate times.

## 8. Financial Matters

- ( a ) NS explained the simplified accounting system to the committee. This had been undertaken following comments concerning the resignation of the Treasurer. The re designed system should make it easier when entering data and simplify the monthly reports making them easier to understand.
- ( b ) The June accounts were approved.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- ( a ) NS reported that when new members had completed 8 scorecards these were entered into the computer for handicap review. The handicap committee will then review the individual results.
- ( b ) GC apologised for being unable to attend the next committee meeting.

## **10. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00 pm.