

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON : MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Present	Neil Storer (NS)	Captain & Competitions Secretary
	Bob Windsor (BW)	Vice Captain
	Peter Taylor (PT)	Socials Secretary
	Bev Mitchell (BM)	Treasurer
	Gill Cackett (GC)	Committee Secretary
In Attendance	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenkeeper

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Roy Peach (RP), Joke Alexandrou (JA) and David McKibben (DM).

2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 9th January were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

(a) NS confirmed that members had been e mailed regarding the new local rule recommended by the R & A concerning an accidentally moved ball on the green.

(b) NS confirmed that the cheque from the Captain's Charity funds will be officially presented after the AGM on 20th February.

(c) The information and entry sheets for the 2017 KO competitions have been placed in the competitions folder. The closing date is the 20th February.

(d) CF confirmed that the access pathway to the 12th fairway had been improved and that extra sprinklers will be placed in the area around the 7th green approaching the 8th tee to improve this area. When the soil temperature has increased this area will be overseeded.

(e) The Committee also agreed that a sign near the 3rd green warning players that for their own safety they must exit this area using the path behind the 4th tee was urgently needed. CF agreed to arrange for a temporary sign to be placed in this area until a permanent one can be arranged.

4. Committee Matters

(a) It was noted that the number of KO entries so far is fewer than last year . Members will be e mailed with a reminder of the closing date. (Action GC)

(b) The AGM is due to be held on 20th February. BM requested that the end of year accounts be circulated to members prior to this and requesting any questions regarding the Accounts be received before the 16th February. (Action GC)

(c) The situation regarding abandoned competitions was discussed. The Committee agreed that in the event of an abandoned competition when players were unable to complete all 18 holes there would be no awards for '2s' or nearest the pin. The entry money and 2's money would be refunded.

(d) The noise from some players on the 1st tee distracting players on the 9th green was discussed by the Committee. It was felt that this situation would be very difficult to monitor and prevent. It was hoped that common sense and golf etiquette would be sufficient.

(e) The rules and etiquette of continuing to play after marking NR on your card was discussed by the Committee. It was agreed that a player should continue their round if possible and mark their partner's card. If a player continues to play after an NR they should only play each hole to a net double bogey score. The Committee agreed that further clarification was needed regarding the use of NR cards for handicap purposes. (Action DM)

5. Competitions

(a) The Committee reviewed the March and April competitions.

6. Social Events

(a) PT reported to the Committee the positive responses received following the Annual Dinner Dance. The hotel management had expressed willingness for the club to return to the venue next year.

(b) PT reported that the planning for the 2017 social events was progressing well and should be confirmed by the AGM.

7. Golf Course Matters

(a) RP requested clarification on the scheduling of work on the path and steps to the 4th tees. CF confirmed the work was scheduled but that it was not a priority.

The safety of players on the 4th tee was discussed and the Committee agreed that in mixed flights ladies should wait by the white or yellow tee until the men have played their tee shot.

(b) A request for a bell close to the 7th green had been received. It was felt that 2 bells in close proximity could be confusing so CF agreed to place a warning sign on the 7th tee requesting that players ensure that the 7th green is clear before playing their 2nd shots.

(c) The muddy area in the dip of the 5th fairway was discussed. CF explained that there was an underground spring in this area and therefore there was no easy solution. The area is marked with blue stakes when very muddy and wet.

(d) The definition of the greens was discussed and CF confirmed that the broken white lines around the greens do mark the edge. The white lines assist the greenkeepers but when the grass is slow growing they can also assist players in deciding whether a ball is on the green or not. CF also confirmed that the patchy areas on some of the approaches to the greens will be improved as the soil temperature increases.

8. Financial Matters

(a) The January and End of Year Accounts were presented and approved.

9. Any Other Business

(a) NS explained that following queries from members the rules concerning eligibility for the Most Improved Player Award need to be clarified. Further discussion with the sponsor is needed.

(b) Following a discussion the Committee agreed that players with a lapsed handicap should not be eligible for prizes and should not pay an entry fee.

(c) NS thanked the Committee for their work and support during the year.

10. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th March at 2.00pm