

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 3rd AUGUST 2020

Present:	Colin du Cann-Crowther (CduCC)	Captain
	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Vice Captain/Comp Secretary
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Bev Mitchell (BM)	Treasurer
	Roy Peach (RP)	Greens
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Charity Secretary
	David McKibben (DM)	Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1 Apologies:

All were present

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th July 2020 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- The date for the Annual Charity Coffee Morning has been confirmed as 2nd October 2020. (SP) to liaise with Gabriele and further details will be posted later.
- After speaking with The Chairman of The Friends Hospice, Chris Jones, (RP) advised a house in Tala is to be converted into a replacement hospice. The cost will be around €50,000, therefore they are actively fund raising. Consideration is being given into helping support this charity.
- (BM) has reviewed the figures following the reduction in competitions during 2020. (GN) to issue email regarding a slight increase in entry fees for the opens/sponsored events later this year to try and help boost the club funds/charities monies.
- (GN) has updated parts of the members website, however still requires some assistance from Neil Storer regarding updating the news items.

4 Competitions:

- The October admin sheet has been reviewed and agreed. (GN) will place in folder and issue online to members.
- (BM) asked about the prize structure for the 2020 Club Championships. It was agreed to review nearer once entry levels are known.
- (GN) advised that it is good to see that there has been an increase in Extra Day Cards being entered into the system. It was highlighted that when verifying cards for playing partners online, it is not possible to check what has been entered. (GN) to raise this with Peter Bromley from CGF. It was also discussed about the possibility of having a computer at the club for members to input their card details on completion of rounds/competitions in future. (CduCC/GN) to raise with Stellios.
- (BM) questioned with the new WHS, the maximum handicap for entry of competitions/opens. (GN) to update the 'Competition Rules and Entry' and issue to members.

- There are currently 46 entrants for the Captains Charity Day, with two spaces left. (GN) to issue email to confirm the format of the Captains Scramble.
- (BM) asked for clarification of the Two's Ruling with NR cards. After discussion it was agreed, as mentioned in the 12/2019 minutes, that the two's is a separate competition, but should you end up 'no returning', to be eligible for the two's monies you are required to complete your card over 18 holes.

5 Social Events:

- (GN) confirmed there are currently 27 people attending the Gabriel's Music Night on August 12th.
- (SP) advised the date for the Poppadoms social evening is October 8th. More details nearer.

6 Golf Course Matters:

- (RP) asked (CF) what could be done to improve the current state of some of the fairways? (CF) advised that due to the heat, the over-seeded winter cold season grass has now burnt off. Unfortunately due to the water logging of some fairways on certain areas over the winter, this has resulted in rotting the warm season grass, leading to poor soil and bare patches. Going forward, (CF) confirmed that to improve the drainage on the current 3rd, 4th and 18th holes, extensive trenching work will be carried out at the end of August by 1st Golf. Re-seeding will also be carried out over the worst areas. More sprinkler heads are also needed over the course in certain areas to help prevent the dry patches.
- (CF) is hoping to be able to increase his fertiliser budget in the future to improve the condition of the fairways in Summer.
- (CF) explained the constant issue regarding balancing the water pressure throughout the sprinkler system in order to get the best results around the full course. One of his current problems, is with algae from the reservoir blocking sprinkler heads, which means they need to be removed and cleaned individually.
- (CF) confirmed he is addressing the old buggy path on the 7th hole, the area will be marked GUR until it has recovered.
- (CF) advised that the Golf Architect will be onsite from 11th August to approve the sand levels on the new greens. Once this has been carried out the greens can then be seeded. An excellent job is being done and 1st Golf are ahead of schedule.
- (CduCC) asked when the GUR lake area on hole 7 would be open, (CF) expects it to be ready by the beginning of September.
- (CduCC) talked about the bunker faces, (CF) mentioned he was dealing with problem areas which have mainly been caused by wash outs from blocked sprinklers.
- (GN) mentioned that the bunkers were improving, but highlighted his future concerns. (CF) confirmed he has the correct machinery to de-compact the sand if needed and they will be topped up over the next few years when required.
- (GN) mentioned that balls don't tend to stop on the green. (CF) said that it takes a year or two for greens to develop the thatch, sponge layer that leads to self bounces. He noted that the new par 3 hole built in 2017 and Island Hole, were also firm for the first year of opening but now it is receptive to a well struck shot.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- (BM) confirmed the competition numbers are increasing slightly.

8 A.O.B.:

- (BM) asked why the Sports Bar Menu could not be in the upstairs area on non competition days. (CduCC) has spoke with Gabriele who advised that they already have a restaurant menu and can not introduce a 2nd. It has been agreed to have the menu in the sports bar on all competition days, hoping in the future for non competition days as well.
- (BM) raised concern with the road surfaces approaching the club house. This will be fixed nearer completion of the resort.
- (SP) mentioned that the Poets competitions are not running at the moment and the Nine Wine and Dine are struggling to get enough players to go ahead with the competition. (SP) to speak with both Jackie and Linda to issue (GN) with details for him to promote these competitions with members in the near future to gauge whether these should continue or not.
- (DM) spoke about the annual Staff versus Members event which usually takes place in August. It was agreed it would be held on Sunday 30th August at 3 pm. Teams to be arranged nearer.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.45pm

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 7th September at 1.00pm.