

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER 2021

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Captain/Comp Secretary
	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Vice Captain
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Roy Peach (RP)	Greens
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Charity Secretary
	Mariya Koleva (MK)	On Behalf of Management
	David McKibben (DM)	Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1 Apologies:

There were apologies from Peter Hunter (PH) and Di Fairbairn (DF).

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th October 2021 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- (GN) advised that there will shortly be a temporary arrangement to make more stable the pathway down to the 10th Tee Box.
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4 Competitions:

- (CduCC) confirmed that the 2022 Fixture List is now finished and has been passed onto Koulla to finalise with management on 10/11.
- (GN) advised that the St Andrew's Day competition on 30/11 will no longer be a sponsored, nor shot gun start competition but a 1st Tee start.
- (GN) will place the K/O 2022 Rules in the folder by the end of the year.
- (GN) has re-written the Interclub Rules in line with agreement with the other golf clubs and will be emailed to members later in the year.
- The shortage of bar staff following a shot gun start competition seems to be an ongoing problem. (GN/CduCC) to continue to ask the F&B Manager for more staff prior to these competitions.
- (PH) has requested that, should any member be interested in volunteering at any of the CGF organised open competitions, they should contact him direct. (GN) to issue details to members which apply to volunteers.
- (GN) to email members requesting additional sponsorship for "nearest the hole" and "fun competitions".
- The CGF Team competition is being played on 5/12. (GN) to allocate the team of 6 Men and 2 Ladies.
- (SP) asked about the results of the Mixed Groupings Survey that was carried out by members, gauging preferences when playing Medal and Stableford competitions. (GN) to forward (DM) the findings to help with making the draws.
- The Staff v Committee match has been arranged to take place on 28/11.

- (SP) highlighted that members start time in competitions does not always coincide with their request. Please, therefore ensure that when completing the entry sheets, names are added to the columns and not to the bottom of the sheet to help when the draw is carried out and also check that your name is only written once. (GN) to issue email.
- Discussion took place regarding the lack of lady entrants in Medals. (GN) proposed and was subsequently agreed to trial from 2022, alternate month Red and Blue tee positions to hoping to attract more lady entrants.
- (CF) advised that during the winter months, to protect the yellow tee position on the 10th hole, this will be moved down to the blue tee position. (DM/CF) are looking at how this affects the slope rating for Extra Day Cards.
- (CduCC) has received the replacement trophies for the Ladies 4BBB and Mixed Foursomes. Thanks goes to Graham Bailey for making the bases for both trophies.

5 Social Matters:

- (GN) reported that the Xmas Lunch is organised and sign-up sheets placed in the folder.
- (GN) advised that the “Kids Xmas” function at Minthis is now in the folder. (GN) to email nearer regarding Children’s Xmas Gifts.
- Discussion took place regarding the Annual Awards Presentation Evening. It was agreed the cost to members would be €42.50 and €55 for guests.

6 Golf Course:

(A) Course Report (CF)

OCTOBER:

- Two staff left for new employment. With annual leave we were short staffed this month so could only complete the basic maintenance.
- The golf course was sprayed with insecticide to prevent damage from cutworms.
- The greens were treated with pre-emergent herbicide and plant growth hormones to prevent cold season weed grasses from establishing.
- The golf course was sprayed with liquid fertiliser and bio-stimulants to promote growth.
- We began a program to hand weed the collars and surrounds to prevent weed-grass encroachment.
- An irrigation audit was carried out on 6th October which found 24 faulty sprinklers. A further 34 sprinklers were blocked with algae. These were corrected.
- An irrigation audit on 2nd November found 18 faulty sprinklers with a further 28 blocked with algae.

NOVEMBER Objectives:

- Fertilise the whole golf course with granular quick release fertiliser.
- Continue to hand-weed collars and surrounds.
- Begin the fairway aeration program of slicing the fairways with the earthquake machine.
- Correct the irrigation faults and conduct another audit.
- Top up the bunkers with fresh sand where required.
- Spray all the patches on the greens individually to eradicate the mole cricket infestation. Repair the small scars with turf plugged from the nursery.
- Re-seed fairway bare patches with winter grass in anticipation of the rainy season.
- Two new full time staff, Manolis and Chris commenced work today. We return to 11 full time green-staff.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- All committee members are required to go to the Bank of Cyprus for signature approval.

A.O.B.:

- (GN) to obtain an Events Schedule from Koulla/Gina.
- (DF) had highlighted the potential risk of fines with paying for drinks at the bar. (MK) said that this would continue as is and should a fine be accrued, payment would be the responsibility of Minthis.
- A reminder to members to continue to repair pitch marks and divots to help keep the greens in a good condition. (MK) advised that all guests are informed before they start and together with the Marshall on patrol hope that this situation will improve.
- Discussion took place regarding the current buggy situation especially during the busy season. To help guarantee that buggies will be allocated to members for competitions, could members please tick the “buggy box” on all entry sheets. This is looked at by the pro shop to assess how many are then available for guests. Due to the current accounting system, it is only possible to pay for buggies on the day of usage. (MK) also advised that guests are not usually able to reserve buggies on booking, this has to be done once in resort.
- (MK) mentioned an issue in a recent competition with a gap appearing at the back-end of the field. It was agreed that if and when this happens, visitors should be allowed to play through.
- (CP) mentioned there appeared to be a few single golfer visitors on the course during this busy period. (MK) advised that where possible they will try and pair up single players.
- (MK) advised that members tee times are currently 7.10-9.10 during this busy season. Members tee times are only used if these are not filled within 48 hours of the tee time. Please could members also ensure that should they decided not to play these are cancelled so these can be used by other members or guests.
- (GN) asked (MK) about the danger of non golfers walking on the course. (MK) advised that apartment guests are reminded that non golfers are NOT allowed on the course. (MK) and the Marshall are constantly chasing guests off the course.
- (SP) mentioned about the constant buggy drivers going the wrong way in areas on the course. (SP) suggested a printed sheet in each buggy showing the direction of the buggy paths. (CduCC) also mentioned about the 90% buggy rule and that he would expect that guests follow the same rule which they are clearly not doing. It is hoped that the Marshal on patrol can ensure the smooth running on the course and that guests are adhering to golfing etiquette.
- (MK) wants to remind members that allocated management bar credit should be used by 31/12 otherwise you will lose it. (GN) to issue email.
- (DM) mentioned that the grass area at the driving range will be available on Medal and Open Competition Days for a trial period to gauge how popular this is.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1455 hrs.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 6th December 2021 at 1.00pm.