

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 1st AUGUST 2022

Present:	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Captain
	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Comp Secretary
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Roy Peach (RP)	Greens
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Committee
	David McGibbon (DM)	Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received from (PH), (MK) and (DF)

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th July 2022 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- (CduCC) advised that both (SP) and himself will be discussing further with Mr Stelios, the idea of introducing a 'Country Membership' package. Meeting to be arranged.
- Following a meeting between (CduCC) and Mr Stelios from Minthis Resort, a proposed menu for the "Spike" Bar was reviewed by the committee. (CduCC) to approve with Mr Stelios.
- (CduCC) also advised that from 8th August the "Spike" Bar will open Monday through to Saturday between the hours of 11.30am to 5.00pm. For a trial period, there will not be a member of staff in situ, however, there will be a telephone and phone number available to members to call upstairs and they will then come down to the bar and serve drinks. The committee would welcome feedback on this service, given this is for an initial trial period. Service will be "as normal" on competition days.
- (DM) advised that there has been a total of 1,175 Cards entered since January. Out of 105 active federated club golfers, 715 cards were from qualifying competitions and a further 460 from extra day cards.

4 Competitions:

- (GN) confirmed that Neil Storer will be taking over the position of Competition Secretary from (GN) after the next AGM. However the committee still hope to find 2 members to get trained up in this role to cover emergencies.
- (GN) advised that following the Competition Entrants Survey carried out by (DF) the results are as follows:-

- 2018 - 2021: There has been a reduction of 29% in both Medal and Fun competitions and 19% in Stableford competitions.
- 2022 to date: There has been no change in Fun competitions, an increase of 9% in Medal competitions and a reduction of 4% in Stableford competitions.
- (GN) asks if members could forward any thoughts on ways to increase numbers in competitions. (GN) to issue email.
- Discussion took place regarding slow play and ways to try and improve the speed of play. (GN) to issue email to ensure all members are aware of their choice of tees in medal competitions and also to play a provisional ball if in doubt of where the ball is.
- (CduCC) to issue email invitations shortly to those members eligible to play in the Mens Captains Shootout competition being held on 4th September.
- (CduCC) confirmed the overall result of the Elea Interclub match was Minthis 11 - Elea 9. A good win by Minthis and all of those members who played. Well Done.
- (CduCC) advised that he has spoken to Gina who is putting together a small bbq menu which will follow the Sue l'Anson competition on 28th September. (CduCC) to confirm details.

5 Social Matters:

- (CduCC) confirmed that a sponsored evening meal has been arranged to take place at Letymbou Tavern on 14th September. Flyer and details to follow shortly.
- (SP) to arrange a Poppadoms social early November.

6 Golf Course:

(A) Course Report (CF)

JULY REPORT:-

- 1 x irrigation audit revealed 20 faults, all now corrected.
- The greens received a light aeration and were scarified.
- New sprinklers on hole 1 are making a positive difference and the bare patches are filling in.
- Still planning to install new sprinklers on fairways 5 and 7 and will adjust sprinkler locations on hole 6 when time allows.
- Treated greens, tees, collars and surrounds for mole crickets.
- Continued with the golf course spray program.
- A sand order has been made. We understand the deliver of 150 x tonnes of sand for top-dressing, plus 270 x tonnes of sand for the new village green should be shipped on 4th August and to arrive on site from 8th August.
- Construction of the new family putting green has gone well. Unfortunately, progress has been held up awaiting the delivery of sand. The golf course architect is now booked to visit and will check the green at the end of August.
- Green Keeping staff numbers are now down by 3 as there are better work opportunities elsewhere. We are struggling to find good replacement staff but will bring in 3 temporary workers from construction to help out until the end of August.
- Daily repairs made to bunkers and fairways due to the continual damage caused by foxes and dogs overnight.

AUGUST OBJECTIVES:-

- Complete construction and seed new white tee hole 10. Complete turfing the back of 10th yellow tee.
- Complete construction and seed the new resort family putting green.
- Perform another full golf course irrigation audit.
- Repair and seed the turf nursery.
- From 8th August, complete the tees renovation, including a heavy sand top-dress.
- From 29th August, perform a full greens renovation including a heavy scarify plus top-dress.
- Continue weeding and pruning of the landscaped shrub areas.
- Fertilise the golf course with granular fertiliser.
- Continue to treat mole cricket infestation in greens tees and collars.
- The sprayer is currently undergoing repairs, but we aim to continue the spray program once the machine is up and running again.

(B) Course Report

- (RP) mentioned once again that members continue not to fill divots made on the tee boxes with sand.
- (GN) asked (CF) if the walkway up to the 16th mens tee box could be tidied up. (CF) to address this coming week.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Financial Accounts were reviewed and approved.

8 A.O.B:

- (RP) mentioned that members continue to add their names underneath the bottom line on the competition sheet. Could members PLEASE NOT continue to do this.
- It was mentioned that some members have concerns on the details concerning the presentation taking place at the end of the 2022 golf season. (CduCC) to issue email regarding this situation.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1430 hrs

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 5th September 2022 at 1.00pm.