

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2014

Present:	Maurice Stephenson (MS)	Captain
	Steve Mitchell (SM)	Vice Captain/Treasurer
	Jackie Lee (JAL)	Secretary
	Gill Cackett (GC)	Social Secretary
	Neil Storer (NS)	Competitions Secretary
	Paul Williams (PW)	Greens Secretary
In attendance:	Chris Furneaux	Head Greenkeeper

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Mckibben and Joke Alexandrou.

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 3rd March 2014 meeting were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) The First and Last Restaurant have offered sponsorship for the 4BBB on 23rd April, to include prizes for the first and second teams and four nearest the pins (two for ladies and two for men)
- b) The question of non golfing visitors being on the course will be left in abeyance until notices are erected advising that non golfers are not allowed.
- c) The replacement/renovation of trophies will begin with purchasing three new trophies and the refurbishment of the Dave Armstrong trophy.
Estimated total cost €300.00
- d) The receipts for members' spending on the Minthis Hills card will in future show opening and closing balances.
- e) A request for a suggestion book was rejected by Management on the basis that members' issues should be raised with the Committee or Management.

- f) The Captain apologised for the necessity to change the Meet and Greet evening from the 4th to the 11th of April. He also explained that Members will be issued with a drink voucher on arrival.
- g) Entries for the Charity Quiz Night are low, and the Secretary was asked to send out a reminder about the event. It was also suggested that food should be optional, and a price of €5.00 entry fee should be set for those wishing to attend but not eat. Members to be reminded that this event is in aid of charity and their support would be appreciated. **(Action JAL)**

4. Committee Matters

- a) The Secretary pointed out that in the past surplus money from the Nine Dine and Wine had been put into Members funds. However, now that all social events are to be, as far as possible, self funding, it was agreed that in future the surplus monies would be used to enhance Nine Dine and Wine prizes.
- b) It had been noted that the Club Constitution only allows full members to attend the Annual General Meeting. In view of the fact that we now have different levels of membership it was suggested that this be reviewed, as it was felt the best interests of membership would not be served by excluding Seasonal, Off-peak or Weekend members. The suggestion that all members should be allowed to attend the AGM but with voting rights restricted to full members was put forward, and this will be explored with Management. **(Action JAL)**
- c) The Secretary gave details of requests she had received for charitable support from the Members Club. It was agreed that it was not appropriate to use members funds for ad-hoc donations, and that charitable funds donated by members should always be given to the Captain's appointed charity. However, one of the requests was for a €250 donation to assist a Minthis Junior Member who travels to various golfing events both in Cyprus and overseas to raise funds for the charity Our Children Matter. It was agreed that this cause would be supported. It was also suggested that management would be approached with a view to them making a 50% contribution to this amount. **(Action SM)**
- d) The Captain pointed out that the prizes for Stableford and Medal Competitions would continue to be credited to Members Bar/Restaurant accounts and prizes for other competitions would be Pro Shop vouchers. This was agreed, however, it was suggested that consideration should be given to presenting Debenhams vouchers.

- e) Presentation of prizes was considered, and it was felt that it would be preferable if this could be done when more members were present. The Captain will explore the possibility of some shot gun starts for future events, which will ensure more people will be in attendance for presentations. **(Action MS)**
- f) It has been pointed out that the playing of a provisional ball on the 13th when it is not certain whether the ball has run through the green into the water is a breach of the rules of golf. However, the Committee felt that in order to ensure that speed of play is not unduly hampered, a local rule to enable such a provisional ball to be played is needed. A further issue was raised concerning a ball which comes to rest on the rocks or rubber liner below the 13th green and it was felt that a local rule should also be provided to cover this. The Competition Secretary and Greens Secretary to draft the necessary local rule(s) to cover these two points. These will then be discussed with the Club Professional and Head Greenkeeper and then presented to the Committee before implementation. **(Action NS/PW)**
- g) The Committee were advised by the Greens Secretary that the EGA rules specify that a Handicap Committee must be appointed. The specific rule will be sent to the Committee for their consideration and consultation with the Club Professional. **(Action PW)**
- h) A request was put forward for a dedicated area for Minthis Hills members on the Club's website. Management will be asked if this will be possible and to include competition results, forthcoming events etc. The Committee were also reminded of an earlier request to have a facility to book tee times online. **(Action MS)**

5. Competition Matters

- a) It was agreed that a standard set of rules for each type of competition should be drafted and distributed to members along with the draws. Copies would also be placed in the competitions folder. The draft rules to be approved by the Committee. The Captain will supply the Competitions Secretary with copies of rules which currently exist. **(Action MS/NS/JAL)**
- b) A suggestion for a par 3 driving competition against the Club Professional was considered to raise funds for Charity. The Captain requested the Competition Secretary to float this idea with David. **(Action NS)**

- c) A request was made for the actual scores to be announced when prizes are being presented. **(Action MS)**
- d) Clarification was sought on the listing on the Hole In One Honours Board. It was confirmed that only HIO's achieved during qualifying competitions would be eligible for listing.

6. Social Events

It was agreed that we should now be planning for the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation for 2015. The Treasurer and Social Secretary will visit potentially suitable venues and report back on facilities, menus, costs etc. The timing would be for a Friday in late January 2015.

7. Golf Course Matters

- a) The marking out by white stakes to indicate out of bounds had been questioned. The Head Greenkeeper reported that it is a requirement that all OB areas should be defined by either white stakes or course boundary walls/fences. The work on creating such walls or fences is planned but will take some time, so OB's for the foreseeable future will continue to be white stakes.
- b) Attention was drawn to the dangers of slipping or falling on the gravel path which is between the 12th teeing areas and the fairway. The Head Greenkeeper agreed to level and firm the walkway.
- c) It was pointed out that some bunkers were compacted in the middle making play difficult. The Head Greenkeeper outlined a programme of topping up certain bunkers and others to be turned over utilising Sand Pro machine.

8. Financial Matters

- a) Confirmation was sought from the Committee that the prize fund for Knock Out competition prizes was set at 150% of total fees. This was confirmed. The Captain said that he proposed to purchase some kind of mini trophy for all winners to be paid for out of the total KO fund.
- b) The Treasurer presented his budget for the 2014 golfing year. This was unanimously accepted by the Committee.
- c) Additional prize monies for the Christmas Competition have been set aside. Management to be approached with suggestion that this event be moved to early December **(Action MS)**

- d) Accounts for month ended March 2014 were presented by the Treasurer.
- e) The signatories on our bank mandate need updating to ensure business can be conducted in a timely manner. It was agreed that the Competitions Secretary should be added to the mandate. **(Action SM)**

9. Any Other Business

- a) Local rules prohibit the use of mobile phones on the course, however some members use the GPS app facility on their phones as measuring devices. It was felt that provided the telephone itself could be turned off, whilst still facilitating the use of the GPS app, and providing this does not contravene the R&A advice on the use of measuring devices, then this would be allowed. A local rule will be drafted by the Greens and Competitions Secretary to cover this. **(Action NS/PW)**
- b) The award of a Sponsor's meal voucher at monthly medals has been the cause of concern, over prize allocation. In future there will be two gross prizes (Ladies and Mens) and two net prizes one of which will be a Bar/Restaurant voucher the other being a voucher value €40.00 for Jordon's Restaurant. The Jordon's voucher will be awarded on alternate months to the Men's Net Winner, and the Ladies Net Winner.
- c) It has come to light that the Management did not take minutes at the Annual General Meeting held in February. It was suggested that a note of apology for this omission be posted on local notice board(s). **(Action Management)**
- d) It was pointed out that the minutes of the January 2014 meeting were not in the minutes folder. **(Action JAL)**

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 5th May 2014.