

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 2nd AUGUST 2021

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

1 Apologies:

Apologies received from Peter Hunter (PH) and Sandra Pope (SP)

2 Previous Minutes:

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

3 Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4 Competitions:

- The Admin Sheets for September/October/November/December were reviewed and (GN) will update and place in members folder along with entry sheets.
- (GN) advised that the draw for the Sponsors Vase being held on 11th August has been completed and will be available shortly. (GN) to email details regarding team colours.
- It was confirmed that the Minthis Open which takes place on 20th November will be €2 to members, (DM) advised that a decision will be made nearer whether a lunch will take place following the competition.
- (CduCC) advised that the six ongoing trophies have been purchased from the UK and (PH) will bring back on his return.
- It was agreed that the Mixed Foursomes and Ladies 4bbb main cabinet trophies that need replacing will be purchased with the monies kept in reserve incase of fire damage. A maximum of €100 will be spent on each trophy.
- (CduCC) praised Minthis for their overall win against Elea of 10 1/2 to 9 1/2 in the Interclub matches. (CduCC) advised that the next Interclub taking place on 5th August has been finalised.
- (GN) advised that there is a proposal from Blevin Franks to introduce a new competition in October in support of St Michael's Hospice. If this goes ahead, it will replace the Jack/Queen/King/Ace competition on 13/10. St Michael's Hospice will choose the format and details will be finalised nearer, once this has been confirmed.

- Whilst (PH) is away it was decided that the following Safety Officer rota will take place: 7/10 - (DF), 11/10 - (RP), 21/10 (CduCC). (PH) will return as Safety Officer on his return, which is much appreciated.
- (DM) discussed the possibility of juniors taking part in members competitions. (GN) to produce some guideline rules which will be reviewed, then issued to members prior to implementation.
- (GN) to issue invites to the lowest 10 ladies and 10 men members for the Captains Invitational Shoot-out Competition.

5 Social Matters:

- It was agreed that the Captains BBQ evening was a good night with positive feedback.
- (GN) advised that the Xmas Lunch following the AM AM competition will take place on 8/12. There will be a table plan with tables of ten people. (GN) is finalising the menu with Gina and will be similar to last year and the cost will be €23.
- (GN) confirmed that the Dinner Dance will take place on 29/01/22 at Minthis. Further details to follow. Gina will be looking into accommodation prices for those wishing to stay overnight on resort.
- (CduCC) is busy finalising the details for the Wine Tasting evening at Makarounas Boutique Winery in Letymbou followed by a meal at Letymbou Tavern. This will take place on 20/10 and further information to follow.
- (SP) has organised a Poppadoms social evening taking place on 16/9. This will take place outside, tables of ten at a cost of €15. (SP) to issue flyer shortly.

6 Golf Course:

(a). Course Report (CF)

JULY:

- Tidied the bunkers, checked the sand depth, began topping up where needed. There were about ten bunker requiring extra sand.
- Continued spraying greens, tees and fairways with liquid fertiliser, insecticide, wetting agents and bio-stimulants, the spray program is up to date.
- Last week the entire course received granular fertiliser to promote growth.
- Two irrigation tests carried out in July with four faults and nine faults corrected. It is now clear that we need to improve the capacity of water use from 1,200m cubed to at least 1,500m cubed per night. Require two booster pumps at the high areas of the course.
- Began tree maintenance program, pruning suckers and spraying tree bases.
- Continued flower, shrub and bushes maintenance.
- Greens were vert-i-cut and spiked to promote health and growth.
- Tees and collars treated again for mole crickets.
- Staffing numbers were down due to COVID 19 and annual leave.

AUGUST Objectives:

- Tee renovation, scarify and top-dress from 16th August.
- Greens renovation from 30th August; spike, hollow core and top-dress.
- Continue flower and shrub maintenance.
- Continue tree maintenance.
- Continue bunker maintenance.
- Continue spray and fertilise program.
- Continue with irrigation testing.
- We aim to do a trial on hole 5 fairway to improve the grass coverage.

(b). Course Matters (RP)

- (GN) reminded members to repair their pitch marks on the green to ensure the greens are kept in the best condition possible.
- (CduCC) mentioned that the harvesting of grapes would take place very soon and was concerned about the extra people around the course. (CF) would ensure they are reminded of the safety issues.
- (GN) mentioned there were a few overhanging trees along the buggy paths, (CF) to address.
- Members are reminded that when planning knockouts, course renovation will be taking place soon and therefore only 9 holes will be open during the following: 31/8, 1/9, 6th - 10th Sept and 13th - 17th Sept.
- (GN) highlighted a concern regarding the chemical spraying around the course especially during windy conditions. (CF) advised that he would ensure that the sprayers stay away from the golfers.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.

8 A.O.B.:

- (GN) asked about the dress code of non golfers who are in buggies. (DM) advised that there is a strict dress code policy on the Minthis Website that should be adhered to at all times. There is a less informal dress code on the practice ground. It was stressed that under no circumstances should non golfers be wearing flip-flops whilst around the course in a buggy.
- (CduCC) confirmed that he had presented the charity cheques from his Captains years of €1500 to Paws, Cancer Patient Support and Alzheimer's. All charities were very grateful for the support from Minthis Golf Club.
- (DM) asked for support in assisting with the cards following the qualifiers. (GN) confirmed that will continue.
- (CF) mentioned that there is becoming an issue with foxes and stray dogs on the course throughout the night damaging the bunkers. He is currently trying to address this situation.
- After discussion it was agreed that when there is less than 7 ladies taking part in the medal competitions, the entrants money will be split evenly between the gross and net winning lady with €10 each and the voucher for the best net score.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1440hrs

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