

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 5th October 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
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Charity Secretary
	Mariya Koleva (MK)	On Behalf of Management
	David McKibben (DM)	Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper
	Mr Stelios Patsalides	Minthis Manager

1 Apologies:

There were apologies from Peter Hunter (PH).

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th September 2021 were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4 Mr Stelios Patsalides Update

- Mr Stelios wanted to thank those members that volunteered at the two Opens held in September. Having the two Opens in one week was an experiment and Mr Stelios is looking for feedback, both positive and negative to forward to the CGF to help going forward.
- It was announced on 4th October that Gabriele Feroula has resigned. For the time being until a replacement is in position, hopefully by 1/11, Mr Stelios will deal with things accordingly.

Golf Course

- (GN) stated that the greens are in excellent condition and there has been good work on the tees carried out. However, the condition of the fairways is poor and asked about a longterm plan.

- Mr Stelios confirmed that the condition of the fairways has led to some negative feedback from other clubs, which resulted in fewer entrants in the recent Open competitions at Minthis which was not good.
- Feedback in general on the greens has been very positive and are currently the best on the island.
- Major work has been carried out on the tee boxes during the year and the improvement will gradually be seen over time.
- It is the aim in 2022 onwards to improve the level of the fairways. Following their lush condition in May the fairways have deteriorated during the summer months. The main cause for this was as a result of receiving only half the quantity of water supply from the Government during the months of July and August.
- Further issues arose due to irrigation blockages caused by sediment in the “grey” water clogging up the filters. This led to less pressure throughout the irrigation system.
- To solve these issues longterm and to prevent a reoccurrence of the problems, the following needs to happen:
 - A new pipe line in the lake between the 9th/18th hole which has already taken place.
 - The filter system needs to be upgraded and thoroughly cleaned throughout.
 - The sprinklers and pipes flushed and cleaned.
- In order to address the above, a new filter system has been ordered which costs €25,000+ but takes two months for delivery. This will be inside the pump room, between the pump and irrigation system feeding the golf course.
- Regarding the fairway grass situation, the main problems occur during the winter/summer and summer/winter transition periods. Over the next two years, the fairways will be top dressed with both sand and seed and together with the new filter system in place, there should be a considerable improvement visible over the next year.
- (GN) asked whether there is a plan to purchase a booster pump to improve water pressure in the higher areas of the course, Mr Stelios advised that he is in discussion with irrigation engineers to try and come up with a plan to solve the problem.
- Mr Stelios advised that he would like to welcome Peter Hunter within his new position of Marshall on the course.
- There is currently a two person shuttle service during the busier period. The bookings will be reviewed in December to assess whether this is still required, but with effect from February 2022 bookings are looking good.
- (SP) mentioned that over the last week, two trolleys have fallen off the buggy shuttle. Mr Stelios is dealing with this to make it safer.
- (SP) was concerned with the condition of the approach road to the mens 10th tee box as it is becoming very slippery. Mr Stelios will speak with the construction team to ensure this is improved. The permanent finish to the road down to the driving range will be completed by January 2022.
- Mr Stelios confirmed that the locker rooms will be open from tomorrow 6th October. The showers will be closed and the locker rooms will be limited to a maximum of four people. (GN) confirmed that this is very good news.
- (GN) has had a request for a vending machine to be located by the toilets on hole number 3. Mr Stelios advised that the issue was the lack of electricity, however the possibility of having solar powered vending machines/fridges are currently being looked into for early 2022 to ensure there is a water supply on the course.
- Mr Stelios also advised that they are looking at a mobile half-way house option for sometime in 2022.
- Discussion took place regarding the requirement of a Safety Officer. It was agreed to that the track and trace system would be adequate.
- Mr Stelios mentioned that Minthis continue to work on longterm projects and advised that the master landscaping plan by the Architects will be followed and worked on within the Minthis.
- (RP) asked whether it was still the plan to replace the green on hole number 1 to make the hole longer. It has been decided to wait and gain feedback over the next year, to see if this is really necessary or whether the money would be best used elsewhere in the future.
- It is still the intention to replace the liner on hole 15 when funds allow and proposed for 2022.

- (SP) asked if extra chairs could be placed outside the sports bar when weather permits, to prevent crowding during COVID times.
- Mr Stelios is proposing to offer a members free “social evening” following the Minthis Open. Details and flyer to follow shortly.
- (CduCC) asked if there is any longterm plan to purchase more buggies. Mr Stelios confirmed that this was being considered.
- (SP) acknowledged that Minthis has an ageing membership and asked whether it would be possible during the quiet summer months to purchase a 2-3 month buggy package, either an 18 hole package or a back 9 only package. Mr Stelios to review.

5 Competitions:

- (CduCC) advised the Interclub match against Aphrodite is arranged for 6th October. Aphrodite currently lead 51/2 - 41/2.
- (GN) mentioned that following a meeting with all Captains/Vice-Captains from the local clubs, new standard rules have been agreed and will be put in place to make the matches fairer and hopefully more enjoyable.
- (GN) confirmed that there are 47 members playing in the Blevin Franks competition being held on 13th October. This is now a qualifying stableford competition.
- (GN) advised there are currently five Captains playing in the Past Captains competition which will no-longer be a shot-gun start. The first tee time will be 0800 hrs.
- Discussion took place regarding Caddies in competitions. It was agreed that Caddies are allowed in competitions, however they can only help ball spot, score and talk to the players. They must not give advice on club selection or course management. They can help with clarification of Rules.
- (SP) asked whether there should be a maximum handicap set for the Club Championships in 2022 and whether this competition should be played over a 3 day period. A lot of discussion took place but handicap levels and the ability of entrants will be reviewed before the next Club Championships.
- (SP) wanted to remind members that when playing a 4BBB competition, to prevent delay, players should pick up their ball at the time they are unable to score higher than their playing partner.
- (SP) asked about the possibility to split the medal competitions and make them alternate month White/Yellow for the men and Blue/Red for the ladies to try and gain more entrants from those members not wanting to play off the White/Blue tees. (GN) was concerned about the effect on the NOOM criteria. (CF) also asked if the Club Championships could be included within the NOOM. Discussion took place and will continue to be reviewed.

6 Social Matters:

- (CduCC) advised that the Mediterranean evening is now organised for 20th October. (GN) to issue a reminder to members about the social.
- (GN) advised that the flyer for the Xmas Lunch will be placed in the folder by the end of October. (GN) is looking for further donations for raffle prizes by November.
- (GN)/(DF) to look into costings for the Award Presentation Evening. Flyer will be in folder by the end of November.

7 Golf Course:

(a). Course Report (CF)

SEPTEMBER:

- Completed the winter over-seeding program for fairways and tees.
- Re-seeded the bare patches in the surrounds.

- Began a program to manually remove weed-grass encroachment in the greens and collars.
- Completed the fine detail work involved in tidying up the course ready for the Cyprus Opens and Club Championship.
- One irrigation audit revealed 10 sprinkler faults, all have been corrected.

OCTOBER Objectives:

- Continue removing weed-grass from greens and collars.
- Begin the aeration program for slicing the fairways in order to relieve soil compaction.
- To continue with irrigation audits and subsequent repairs.
- To continue to spray the golf course with fertilisers and insecticide.
- To spray greens with a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent poa annua weed establishment in the spring.

(b). Course Matters (RP)

- Following the agreement by the CGF to have preferred lies during the recent Open Competitions, (RP) asked if it would be beneficial to continue with this during club competitions. (GN) also said that he had noticed more muddy areas from excess water around the course this last week. (CF) agreed preferred lies would help, (GN) to check regarding the WHS, as to whether extra day cards and qualifying cards would still apply and a decision will be made shortly.
- A reminder to all members to replace their pitch marks.

8 Financial Matters:

- The Monthly Accounts were reviewed and approved.

9 A.O.B.:

- (GN) has received from (DM) the 10th Drop-Zone re-wording for the ruling and will be emailed to members shortly.
- (GN) will shortly be re-writing the K/O rules for 2022 and present to members before sign-up. Ideas were put forward and agreed regarding the issue of ensuring that matches are played before the cut-off date.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1515 hrs

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 8th November 2021 at 1.00pm.