

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 31st OCTOBER 2022

Present:	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Captain
	Peter Hunter (PH)	Vice Captain
	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Comp Secretary
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Roy Peach (RP)	Greens
	Di Fairbairn (DF))	Treasurer
	Sandra Pope (SP)	Committee
	David McGibben (DM)	Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1 Apologies: There were no apologies received

2 Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd October were read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

- CduCC/SP still awaits response from Mr Stelios regarding the Country Membership following their previous meeting.
- CduCC advised that following discussions with Mr Stelios, the Keo Open will be played alongside the December Stableford on 3/12 as dates are very tight as both competitions are Stableford format.
- (SP) confirmed that Poppadoms will continue as a sponsor during 2023 with a voucher expiry date of 3 months. (PH) will chase the sponsorship for Aphrodite Hills Brewery.

4 Competitions:

- (PH) confirmed that the Interclubs for 2023 have been arranged, (GN) will place the entry sheet within the folder once fixture lists have been approved.
- (PH) advised that he awaits Mr Stelios to confirm the 2023 fixture list.
- (CduCC) advised that free golf for the two sponsors of the St Andrews Day Competition has been approved.
- It was agreed after (CduCC) proposed, that the team for the CGF Cup this year will be chosen by (CduCC), (GN) and (PH).
- (GN) mentioned that there are only 27 entrants in the Waltz competition taking place on Wednesday 16/11 (not 10/11 as stated in the "I cal" calendar). (GN) to email asking for more entrants.
- It was agreed that the same sources from last year will be used for the K/O prize vouchers and prize monies were confirmed. (GN) has prepared the K/O rules for 2023 and are ready for circulation in 12/22.
- (GN) discussed the 2023 Monthly Medal Division Categories and will email members with the proposed format.

5 Social Matters:

- (GN) confirmed that Masonic Lodge - Children's Christmas Gift Collection Event at Kamares will be taking place on 9/12. (GN) will place flyer in folder.

6 Golf Course:

(A) Course Report (CF)

OCTOBER REPORT:-

- Three new staff joined last month, unfortunately one of them did not work out and left. He will be replaced next week.
- Irrigation technician has had a back operation and is on sick leave until December. Subsequently, no irrigation audit was carried out this month.
- Fairways were aerated and scarified, they have now fully recovered.
- The greens are verti-cut to remove excess growth. They were also lightly spiked to remove excess moisture.
- After the recent heavy rain the bunker sand was re-distributed in each bunker to allow for greater consistency.
- Greens and collars were treated for mole crickets.
- Continued concentrating on tidying up the golf course last month. Detailed work involved leaf collection, bunker bank and tee bank mowing, plus repairing the scars in the greens caused by mole crickets.
- Grass establishment of the new village green and turf nursery green is still progressing well. We aim to open the new white tee on hole 10 as soon as the tee entrance has been completed.
- Sprayer failed it's MOT due to a faulty electro-valve, we are currently waiting for a replacement part to arrive.

NOVEMBER OBJECTIVES:-

- Due to the recent high staff turnover, again this month we will continue to dedicate time to staff training and golf course presentation work.
- To recommence the spray program so that the course is in the best of health possible.
- To over-seed the fairways with winter grass seed.
- To fertilize the golf course with granular fertiliser.
- To spike tees, light top-dress and over-seed.
- To spike green surrounds and over-seed any bare patches.
- To treat greens and tees for mole crickets.
- To repair a small irrigation leak behind 17 green.
- To top-dress the village green and turf the nursery heavily with sand.
- To continue collecting fallen leaves.

(B) Course Report

- (GN) asked (CF) about the mole crickets. (CF) advised that it is very seasonal and they lay eggs twice a year. April/May/June and Oct/Nov.

7 Financial Matters:

- The Financial Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- (DF) confirmed that she continues to work on the 2023 budget and awaits confirmation of the 2023 competitions, and also the Dinner Dance figures.

8 A.O.B:

- (PH) requested that the current committee members confirm whether they are intending to remain on the committee for 2023.
- (CduCC) awaits confirmation from Gina of the pricing for the Christmas Buffet Lunch and will advise nearer.
- (CduCC) advised that (CP) will be transporting the new trophies on her return from the UK.
- (CduCC) would like to thank all members for their generosity in raising €369 for charity at the Dukes Cup Competition. Thanks also goes to both Emma and Sandra for the half-way house.
- (DF) asked (CF) whether removable signs could be used on buggies to indicate in bad weather where the buggies are allowed on the course. It was agreed it was a good idea and (CF) will look at implementing.
- (DF) asked again about the pathway down to the ladies 3rd tee box. Especially after the recent rain, it continues to be unsafe. (CF) agreed to put in place a temporary measure to make safe.
- (CF) asked about a date for the Staff v Committee annual match. (CduCC) to discuss with Mr Stelios.
- (GN) asked (DM) whether within the new handicap system there is a Handicap Review. (DM) will look into this situation.
- (DM) advised that from 5/11 it will not be possible to enter extra day cards into the system due to the new course rating taking place by Data Golf. This should take up to 5 days.
- (CduCC) asked (DM) whether the grass area at the driving range could be opened more regularly other than before qualifying competitions. (DM) advised that this would remain the same for the time being.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1415 hrs

The date of the next Meeting is on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 1.00pm.