

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 4th MARCH 2024

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Co-Captain and Competition Secretary
	Colin Davis (CD)	Vice Captain
	Neil Storer (NS)	Treasurer
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Adam Davidson (AD)	Golf General Manager
	David McKibben (DM)	Club Professional
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC).

2. Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th February 2024 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- (GN)/(NS) advised that there are currently 4 bank signatories. Going forward, a decision of the 2024 signatories needs to be confirmed. (GN) to obtain resignation letters from both Dianne Fairbairn (DF) and Peter Hunter (PH). (NS) to speak to (DF) for confirmation of the B.O.C. online pin requirement. (NS) to contact B.O.C. to check requirements prior to changing signatories, then date to be confirmed for visit.
- (NS) clarified the situation regarding 2's monies and rollovers. Unless otherwise advised with (NS), any 2's monies will be automatically added to a member's card. In the event of a 2's rollover, this will be rolled over to the next competition, i.e.
 - Yellow/Red tee Competition rolled over to the next Stableford.
 - White/Blue tee Competition rolled over to the next Medal.
 - Fun Competition rolled over to the next Fun Competition.
- The most improved player rules were discussed and the following confirmed:
 - Players, both ladies and men, must be 18 years of age or over on the date the competition starts.
 - Players must be a member of Minthis Golf Club and have Minthis Golf Club as their Home Club on the date the Competition starts and on the date that it ends and must have a valid World Handicap System (WHS) handicap index on those dates.
 - Players must have at least 20 scores qualifying for handicap purposes in their WHS handicap record on the day the Competition starts. Players may be asked to provide evidence of this.
 - Players who recently joined Minthis Golf Club who did not have a WHS handicap on joining, must have been a member of Minthis Golf Club and have had a valid WHS handicap index on 1st February prior to the date the Competition starts.
 - Players who recently joined Minthis Golf Club who had a WHS handicap on joining and who, prior to joining, were a member of an Official Golf Club (not a Society) must have at least 20 qualifying scores within the 9 months prior to becoming a member of Minthis Golf Club. Players may be asked to provide evidence of this.

- Players who satisfy the above requirements and whose WHS handicap index exceeds 36.0 when the Competition starts will be eligible for entry but will be deemed to have a 36.0 handicap index at that time.

4. Competitions:

- (GN) confirmed that the St Georges Day Competition (AM-AM) on Wednesday 10th April, will be an 8.00 am shotgun start and Blevins Franks will provide the following prizes:
 - 3 x 1st prize of €40 M&S vouchers (Team Prize)
 - 3 x 2nd prize of €20 M&S vouchers (Team Prize)
 - 2 x Best Score (1 men's and 1 ladies) of €30 M&S vouchers (Individual Prize)
 - 2 x nearest the pin prize of BF Golf Towels (1 men's and 1 ladies)
 - Luxury Gift for Prize Draw
 - A shot of whisky, North or Baileys at the halfway point.
 - A free drinks voucher for a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, or a cup of tea or coffee after the Competition.
- (CD) advised that the Interclub Match, Minthis v Secret Valley is on Wednesday, 13th March, and the full team has been confirmed. (GN) to place the team pairings on the website. (CD) awaits SV food choices. (GN)/(CD) have suggested rather than the Handicaps of M-28/L-28, this should be M-28/L-36. This will be confirmed with other clubs prior to the match.
- (GN) mentioned that the POETS Friday afternoon Fun 9-hole Competition has currently 13 players for the first Competition on Friday 29th March and is hoping for a good turnout.
- (NS) to review all the online Summary Sheets for each Competition.
- (GN)/(CF) to discuss ideas for the next Greenkeepers Revenge Competition. (GN) to email members asking for groups/individuals that are interested in organising a hole for this Competition.
- Peter Shepherd from Abbeygate Insurance has asked for a meeting to discuss some form of sponsorship. (GN) to arrange a convenient date, (AD) will also attend.

5. Social Matters:

- (GN) confirmed that the Darts Social Evening date has been changed from 30th May to 23rd May because this fell the day before the POETS Competition and Social Evening. (GN) confirming details with Mesogi Arms.

6. Golf Course:

Course Report – February

- Completed irrigation upgrades on 6 fairway, plus the medal tees of holes 5 and 8.
- Scrubland bordering holes 10, 14 green and 15 medal tee, has been pruned back to define the golf course boundary.
- Landscaped areas have all been treated for weeds.
- Selected bunkers on holes 2 and 5 have been topped up with sand, sand has been redistributed in the greenside bunkers of hole 4.
- 100 new vines have been planted between 9 and 18 tees.
- Greens and fairways sprayed with liquid fertilizer, and plant growth regulator.
- Greens also sprayed with Plant Growth Hormone to control Poa Annua.
- Tees have been fertilized and treated with granular insecticide to prevent Mole Crickets.
- The first irrigation test of the year revealed 32 faults, which are currently being corrected.
- Selected path entrances have been levelled with gravel to improve the aesthetics of the teeing grounds.

Course Report – March Objectives:

- Irrigation adjustments on approach to the green on Hole 12 LHS. 3 new sprinklers plus 3 to be moved.
- Irrigation installation of up to 3 sprinklers on approach to the green on Hole 17 RHS.
- To spray the fairways with herbicide for clover and insecticide for Mole Crickets.
- To continue to apply Plant Growth Hormone to prevent Poa in the greens.
- Edge all golf course sprinklers.
- Complete irrigation repairs and perform another test.
- Scarify and perform Earthquake slicing aeration to all fairways.
- Tree pruning of damaged and low hanging branches.
- Hand weed Collars for small patches of Kikuyu.

Course Discussion:

- The committee all agreed that the Golf Course looks in very good condition and thanked (CF) and his staff.
- (NS) mentioned the new Brick and Gravel approaches to some of the tee boxes. (NS) asked if this was permanent as some of the bricks had moved slightly, (CF) confirmed that this was short term to smarten these areas up until the long-term cobbles are in place.

7. Financial Matters:

- (NS) advised that he has created his own Financial System which seems to be working well. (NS) mentioned that there are a few more entrants in the competitions now, which is good.
- (NS) also stated that there remain a few outstanding K/O monies, however these are from members that are still overseas.

8. A.O.B:

- (GN)/(AD) advised that they are progressing with the Legal Registration paperwork for Minthis Golf Club.
- (CD) has been in discussion with the Ladies Vice Captain at Secret Valley regarding the CGF's interest in gaining more lady golfers. (CD) to discuss with the Minthis Ladies' section, for their thoughts on the introduction of more ladies' competitions across the Paphos Golf Clubs or a possible ladies section within the existing NOOM Competitions.
- (NS) discussed ideas of how to get to know any new members and make them feel more welcome. The Meet and Greet Evening was mentioned and suggestions of this Social taking place earlier in the year, along with friendly games with Committee Members who are keen to be involved.
- (AD) has received notification from the CGF of 2 online seminars taking place on 13th and 20th March covering Datagolf Topics. (GN) requires names of individuals that will attend. Information will be collected, and consideration made for any future changes.
- The High Commission has been in contact with (GN) who are looking to carry out presentations at all Golf Clubs. (GN)/(AD) to have a discussion with them.
- (GN) advised that a member has recently seen 'Guests' driving buggies over areas of the course where they are not allowed. (AD) suggested that (GN) issues an email regarding the procedure should members see this kind of behavior and also public who are walking around the course.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1405 hrs.
The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 8th April at 1.00 pm.