

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 8th APRIL 2024

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Co-Captain and Competition Secretary
	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Co-Captain
	Colin Davis (CD)	Vice Captain
	Neil Storer (NS)	Treasurer
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Adam Davidson (AD)	Golf General Manager
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from David McKibben (DM).

2. Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th March 2024 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- (CD) advised that the Ladies Vice Captain at Secret Valley continues to liaise with the CGF, in relation to ideas to encourage more ladies golf interaction between the four clubs.

4. Competitions:

- (CduCC) confirmed that the Ladies Shootout, taking place on Sunday 14th April, has been finalised. 10 ladies will take part, (CduCC)/(CD)/(NS) will assist on the day.
- (NS) confirmed that he has reviewed the competition summaries. Three have been amended and the new versions uploaded onto the website.
- (CD) advised that following positive feedback, the food for the next home Interclub Match against Aphrodite Hills will remain the same. (CD) to liaise with Gina to ensure that tables are set up as required, that chips are hot, and the food is served per table. Team pairings will be finalised following the committee meeting.
- (AD) advised that the option of playing an Interclub Match with Korineum would unfortunately not be possible to arrange.
- (GN)/(NS) are to identify who is eligible for the Most Improved Player.
- (AD) to get confirmation that Minthis will once again sponsor the Minthis Open. The Summer Open will be sponsored by Abbeygate, (AD) and (GN) to co-ordinate and liaise with Abbeygate.
- Discussion took place regarding 'Order and Speed of Play'. It was acknowledged that there have been recent issues regarding Speed of Play with Flights losing holes. (AD) highlighted the problems caused through a backlog within the Competition field later in the day with Guest tee time delays. Ready Golf should always be followed and if loss of holes through slow play is noticed then the Marshall or Pro Shop should be contacted. This will be monitored over the next few Competitions.
- (GN)/(CF) to co-ordinate ideas for the Greenkeepers Revenge Day.
- (GN) confirmed that the St Georges Day Competition is a 7.30am shotgun start with 42 members playing. (GN) will speak with Costas to ensure enough bar staff and tables/seating are in place within the Sports Bar area.

5. Social Matters:

- (GN) confirmed that the Darts Social Evening date has once again been changed and is now taking place on 6th June at Mesogi Arms.

6. Golf Course:

Course Report – March

- Completed irrigation upgrades on 12th fairway.
- Greens, Tees and Fairways treated for Mole Crickets.
- Landscaped areas have all been treated for weeds.
- Exposed bunker liner has been cut and repaired.
- Clover has been sprayed in tees, fairways and rough.
- Greens and fairways sprayed with liquid fertilizer, plant growth regulator.
- Extra shrubs have been planted around the border of 9th lake.
- Fairways, tees and surrounds have all been aerated.
- Sprinklers, tee stones and fairway disc were all edged.
- Vineyards have been cultivated; fruit trees have been sprayed.
- Pruned low branches surrounding the tees on holes 15 and 17 plus 11 green for the grass to receive more sunlight.
- 4 trees were removed between the avenues of Cypress trees on hole 11 to meet recommendations from the golf course architect.
- A new top-dresser machine has arrived for the purpose of additional light dustings of sand to the greens each month, to improve the trueness of the playing surface.

Course Report – April Objectives:

- Irrigation installation of up to 3 sprinklers on Hole 17 approach to the green right hand side.
- To spray the fairways, greens, tees with liquid fertilizer, insecticide, plant growth regulator.
- Spray greens with wetting agent and bio-stimulants.
- To continue to apply Plant Growth Hormone to prevent Poa in the greens.
- Continue to monitor and repair exposed bunker liner.
- Perform an irrigation test and make the subsequent repairs.
- Verti-cut the greens and perform a light top-dress.
- Re-seed the turf nursery green.
- Tree pruning of damaged and low hanging branches.
- Hand weed Collars for small patches of Kikuyu.

Course Matters:

- (NS) asked (CF) whether there are plans to fix the current exposed linings within a few bunkers? (CF) is currently trying to deal with this issue. Discussion then took place about introducing a temporary 'Local Rule' regarding the 'exposed lining as an Abnormal Course Condition and relief taken'. (NS) to review the ruling, (GN) will then issue notice to members of any changes.
- (CD) mentioned the ongoing confusion with guests playing up the 16th fairway following the 3rd green. After discussion, (CF) will identify bigger and better signage to direct guests from the 3rd green to the 4th tee box.
- (NS) highlighted that the Wooden Benches alongside both the 8th and 15th Tee Boxes need replacing. (CF) acknowledged that.
- (CD) asked (CF) if the 'GUR' area on the left-hand side of the fairway on hole 12 could be roped off. (CF) to deal with this.

7. Financial Matters:

- (NS) advised that we have had about 40 more members entering Competitions in March than predicted from last year's numbers. Given this, Club Funds increased by about €195, rather than predicted €161.
- (NS) mentioned that he has sent a letter to the Bank of Cyprus asking for them to provide him, in writing, a list of requirements to remove Peter Hunter and Di Fairbairn from the list of bank signatories and replace with himself and (CD). Awaiting response.
- (NS) confirmed that all the Entrants Fees for the K/O Competitions have now been paid other than that of a husband and wife who are new members. They will be contacted to remind them that they need to pay the €15 entry fee.

8. A.O.B:

- (NS) is in the process of producing some 'operational manuals' to assist in performing the duties of the Competitions Secretary and the Treasurer.
- (CD) asked about the ruling when a ball lands by the back wall of the 13th. (NS) to see whether this ruling is explained on the website and back of score card. (GN) will then email clarification of ruling to members.
- (GN) talked about holding another 'Rule's Session'. (CF) suggested a 'Rule's Quiz' to help members. (NS) will look into this further.
- (GN)/(AD) have heard nothing more from The Cyprus High Commission regards their request for a local Informative Seminar to be held at Minthis. (AD) to ask Gina if anymore has been mentioned.
- It was confirmed that a 'No Show' at a Competition without notification to the Competition Secretary or Proshop, will receive a '2 Competition Ban' (over the following 2 Competitions).
- (GN) mentioned the ruling with regards members jumping in partners buggies in certain areas of the course, i.e. 17th green to 18th tee. (NS) looking into this, (GN) to issue email confirmation of way forward.
- It was agreed that Caddies in Competitions are allowed, however they should not give advice.
- (GN) advised that the CGF are producing a Contact List of all the Clubs Committee Members. (CduCC) to provide the CGF with this information for the Minthis Committee Members.
- (GN) has received a complaint about the Pin Positions during the Stableford Competition held on Saturday. (CF) said that he has a Pin Position Map and tries to make this as 'Random' as possible. (GN) to email this map to members for reference. (CF) also confirmed that the Pin Positions are changed every Tuesday and Friday.
- (CF) has asked members to refrain from approaching him with Golf Club Matters outside of working hours if possible, i.e.: when he is playing Competitions.
- (AD) talked about a Minthis Members APP which has been produced. This will be trialed next week with the Committee Members who will then provide feedback before the APP is finalised and launched to all Full-time Members.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1440 hrs.

The date of the next Meeting is on Tuesday 7th May at 1.00 pm.