

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 7th May 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
	Maren Studtmann (MS)	Observer

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from David McKibben (DM). (CduCC) welcomed (MS) to the Committee.

2. Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th April 2024 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- (GN)/(NS) have discussed the MIP eligibility and identified missing members who should be eligible for consideration. (NS) will review a final listing with (DM) and advise.
- (AD) confirmed that Minthis will be once again sponsoring the Minthis Open. (GN)/(AD) also confirmed that Abbeygate are willing to sponsor the Summer Open and assist with the sponsorship of the Lachlan Gilchrist Open.
- (NS) advised that he still had not received the final outstanding K/O monies. (GN) to issue final email reminder for payment.
- (CduCC) still to create contact list for the CGF of the Minthis Committee Members.

4. Competitions:

- (GN)/(CF) have confirmed that the Greenkeepers Revenge Competition has now been organised and will finalise nearer.
- (GN) advised that the Captains Charity Day has been finalised and will be a 7.30am shotgun start.
- (GN) will place the July Admin Sheets into the folder now that (AD) has confirmed the entry fee of €5 to members for the Open Competitions.
- (CD) has finalised the Aphrodite Interclub home match taking place on 8/5.
- (GN) will place the POETS Competition Entry Sheet into the folder. This will be a Texas Scramble with a maximum of 24 entrants, taking place on 31/5.

5. Social Matters:

- (GN) confirmed that the Darts Social Evening has now been organised, taking place on 6/6. This will be a pairs K/O fun Competition with a choice of food options. (GN) is hoping for a good turnout.
- The committee discussed the remaining Social Calendar options for 2024. A rough plan as follows:
 - Darts 6/6
 - Captains BBQ/Summer Party 17/7
 - Gabriels Night – September
 - Golf Quiz Night – October
 - Bowling Night followed by Gustoso Meal - November
 - 2024 Annual Awards Presentation and Dinner Dance at Alexander the Great Hotel – 14/12

- (NS) to arrange a Golf Quiz Night, (NS) will source questions and date to be confirmed nearer. There will be a section on Rules.
- (CduCC) advised that the Captains Charity Day on 17/7 is now all organised with a presentation following the competition. A BBQ/Summer Party will take place in the evening at The Kamaras Club.

6. Golf Course:

Course Report – April

- Completed irrigation upgrades on 17 greenside rough and 9 tee.
- Greens, tees, and fairways treated for any Mole Crickets.
- Turf nursery green re-seeded.
- Continued to cut and repair exposed bunker liner.
- Two irrigation audits were completed, the first found 35 faults, the second revealed 10 faults. All have now been repaired.
- Greens, tees, and fairways spray programs are up to date.
- Granular calcium fertiliser has been applied to greens, tees, and fairways to improve the soil structure of the golf course.
- Greens were verticut.
- Pruned low branches on holes 5, 6 and 7.
- Small ant hills forming in the greens have been treated.

Course Report – May Objectives:

- Greens renovations involving hollow coring and a heavy sand top-dress.
- To continue to spray the fairways, greens and tees with liquid fertiliser, 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. Bunker bases to be topped up with sand where it is low.
- Perform another irrigation test and make the subsequent repairs.
- To service the reservoir pump and install a replacement electric control panel.
- Spray fairways again for clover.
- Continue to spray for mole crickets.
- Hand weed Collars for small patches of Kikuyu.

Course Matters:

- (CD) asked (CF) about the over-hanging plants in front of the Men's Yellow Tee Box on the 14th and lack of a rubbish bin. (CF) will address these issues.
- (CF) confirmed that the missing/damaged benches beside both the 8th and 15th Tee Box will be replaced shortly.
- (CduCC) was concerned about the signage trying to stop families from walking around the course. (AD) said this is very frustrating and is trying to stay on top of this issue.
- (GN) asked (CF) why the fairways looked fantastic 2 weeks ago and had worsened recently. (CF) advised that every year in May and September the Mole Crickets continue to make a mess of the fairways. (CF) continues to spray the areas to try and help. (AD)/(CF) are doing what they can to find a long-term solution following the banning of chemicals that were being used to deal with the problem.
- (GN) asked about the heavy sanding of the greens. (AD) confirmed that twice a year this is required in-between the light sand dressings.

7. Financial Matters:

- (NS) confirmed that we are on target for what is expected at the end of 2024.
- (NS) will visit the Bank of Cyprus shortly to try and arrange for the 'Changing of Bank Signatories'.

8. A.O.B:

- (GN) asked (AD) about the ability for members to use the 3rd Academy Hole putting green for practice. The Academy Course will officially be opening very soon and (AD) is looking into ways of improving the situation regarding practicing arrangements for members. If members would like to practice, they should check with the proshop to see if the facilities are available.
- (GN) highlighted that recently there have been members demanding to push through flights when playing K/O's. It was confirmed that there is no ruling to allow K/Os to push through flights, however, members are reminded to use normal etiquette rather than upsetting people.
- (CduCC) asked (AD) if there would be a special rate for buggies during the hot summer months of July and August. (AD) will review to see if a cost reduction is possible, even though members are already given a discounted rate of €11 per seat in competitions.
- (NS) to clarify the ruling of walls next to hazards around the course.
- (GN) again mentioned that there are no members interested in the job of updating the Minthis Members Facebook Page. Anyone willing to take on this job please contact the Committee.
- (GN) advised that monies going onto a proshop card following a competition, will be processed a couple of days later to ensure if any mistakes are made, they are then corrected.
- (CD) mentioned that a lot of members are surprised by the recent increase in the cost of drinks. (AD) to discuss these concerns but is out of his hands, however he will carry out a price comparison with other similar resorts.
- (CD) showed concern about the danger in balls crossing over the fairways on holes 5/6/7 and 11/12. (AD) said that it is unfortunate with the design of the course but remind members to shout to try and prevent accidents and be more vigilant.
- (CduCC) announced that Andria, Proshop Supervisor will be leaving 26/5. (AD) confirmed that they are currently looking for a replacement.
- (AD) spent time showing the Committee the new Minthis App, looking for constructive feedback before being available to members.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1500 hrs.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 1.00 pm.