

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 8th July 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: David McKibben (DM)

2. Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd June 2024 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- (NS) advised that the 'Most Improved Player' eligibility has now been finalised and the 1st issue of the MIP status has been released.
- (NS) advised that he still has not received the final outstanding K/O monies. To be chased once the member is at Minthis.

4. Competitions:

- (GN) mentioned that he had been asked whether there should be a restriction on handicaps in Competitions. (GN) advised that the new World Handicap System allows any member to play in Competitions. Minthis wishes to continue to encourage all members to enter Competitions. The only current handicap restriction is for Interclub Matches which is an exact handicap of 36.
- (GN) advised that members are continuing to add other golfers' names on Competition entry sheets. In the event this happens, could members please ensure that they are available to play on the date of the Competition to prevent 'No Shows'.
- The Admin Sheets for Aug/Sept/Oct were reviewed and (GN) will place in the folder together with the entry sheets.
- The Christmas Cross Country 9 Hole Challenge has been moved forward from Wednesday 18/12 to Friday 13/12. This will allow several regular members who are heading off for the festive season to part-take in this fun competition. The Fixture List has been updated online. You will need to make the change manually within your calendars.
- (CD) advised that the Elea Interclub Match is all finalised to take place 10/7.
- It was discussed and confirmed that with effect from 2025, for eligibility into the 'MIP', it is proposed that members are required to play in a minimum of four qualifying Competitions within the year of eligibility. This is to be discussed with Bill Martin the provider of the MIP Trophy.

5. Social Matters:

- (GN) clarified the breakdown of the raffles taking place during Captains Charity Day. The raffle following the Competition will consist of 'golfing' prizes, whereas the raffle in the evening will be 'non-golfing' prizes. (GN) to issue an email regarding purchasing a raffle ticket for the evening raffle for non-attendees.

6. Golf Course:

Course Report – June

- The new greens mower was delivered to Minthis, now in use.
- Greens, tees and fairways sprayed for mole crickets.
- Wetting agent was applied to the whole golf course, to enable the grass plant to absorb more water.
- Continued to cut and repair exposed bunker liner.
- Two irrigation audits were completed, the first found 12 faults and 35 blocked sprinklers. The second completed last week found 8 faults and 44 blocked sprinklers. Repairs should be complete by the end of this week.
- Greens, tees and fairways spray programs are up to date.
- Greens were verticut, a light top-dress of sand was applied.
- Tees and bunker banks were flymo-ed and strimmed.
- Concrete ditches were cleared of scrub. Olive tree suckers were all pruned. Continued to prune low hanging branches.
- Greens are hand-watered daily to prevent Dry Patch damage.

Course Report – July Objectives:

- Now that the Winter cool season grasses have transitioned off the fairways, we will apply granular fertilizer to the fairways and rough to encourage the growth of the existing warm season grasses.
- To continue to spray the fairways, greens and tees with liquid fertilizer, insecticide and plant growth regulator.
- Spray greens, tees and fairways with wetting agent and bio-stimulants.
- To continue to repair greens and fairways damage from foxes and mole crickets.
- To top up bunker sand where required and continue to repair exposed liner. We are looking at the possibility of trialing a different bunker liner in two bunkers with a view to eventually replacing the existing geo synthetic clay membrane.
- Verti-cut greens and apply another light dressing of sand.
- Perform another irrigation test and make the subsequent repairs.
- We are currently consulting with irrigation design and construction specialists with a long-term view of upgrading our existing system.
- Hand weed collars for small patches of kikuyu.

Course Matters:

- It was agreed with (CF) to reinstate from 9/7, the Local Rule regarding free relief from the slicing of fairways which have opened due to the dry weather conditions.
- (CD) mentioned that he was happy to see the purchase of new machinery. (AD) said that they are doing what they can to gradually improve things for the long-term.

7. Financial Matters:

- The accounts have been reviewed and (NS) confirmed that we remain on target for what is expected at the end of 2024.
- (GN) asked if (NS) could work out the payment 'miles per litre' payable to the Minthis representative travelling to Nicosia for the CGF meeting.

8. A.O.B:

- A lot of discussion took place regarding the Minthis Website and Facebook Page. It was finally agreed that (NS) would change the Minthis Website to a 'Members Only Login'. (GN) will issue a regular email of Competition Results to those ex-members who still like to follow how the club Competitions are going. (AD) still to discuss the Minthis Facebook Page criteria with Peter Hunter.
- (GN) mentioned a 'very noisy' Minthis Event that took place recently early in the afternoon. This was obviously a distraction to members golf that afternoon and asked (AD) if it was possible to be issued with a monthly listing of any possible similar events so members are aware. (AD) apologized for this and will look into the request.
- (CduCC) confirmed that there will be a 'halfway house' at the back of the 11th tee box on Captains Charity Day. A 'beat the pro' will take place again on the 13th hole and was agreed to change the shotgun start time to 8.00am. (GN) will ensure that cards will be available in the Pro-Shop on 13/7.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1410 hrs.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 5th August 2024 at 1.00 pm.