

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 5th August 2024

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Co-Captain and Competition Secretary
	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Co-Captain
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	David McKibben (DM)	Club Professional
	Adam Davidson (AD)	Golf General Manager
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper
	Maren Studtmann (MS)	Committee

1. Apologies: Colin Davis (CD), Neil Storer (NS)

2. Previous Minutes:

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

3. Matters Arising:

- (GN) advised that following discussions with Bill Martin regarding the 'Most Improved Player' award, it was agreed to qualify for this award, members are required to play in a minimum of six qualifying competitions. (GN) to update the rules within the members folder.
- (GN) asked (AD) about the listing on the resort monthly events. (AD) to chase.

4. Competitions:

- (CduCC) mentioned that the Men's Shootout taking place on 8th September, will start on the 10th Hole at 8.00am. (GN) to issue invitation emails to the ten lowest handicap players as of 5th August.
- (GN) confirmed that the Sue & Gwen's Memorial Trophy Competition taking place on 18th September will be sponsored by Linda Jones, Sheelagh Talbot and Gwen's niece. It was agreed with Linda Jones that the entry fee will be €4, €2 going to the club and €2 to the Captains Charity. (GN) to issue email reminder to try to gain more entrants.
- (GN) advised that the POETS Friday afternoon Competition will restart in September once temperatures have dropped. The evening meal will be organised by Chrissie and Roy Peach and will take place at Melitzia Taverna in Tala.
- (GN)/(CduCC)/(CF) to get together to confirm the layout of the Cross-Country Competition taking place on 13th December.
- (CduCC) has received an email from Secret Valley inviting members to play in their Captain's Day Invitation Competition. (CduCC) to issue email to members in case they are interested in playing. Unfortunately, this clashes with the September Stableford Competition.

5. Social Matters:

- (CduCC) has organised a Sponsors evening taking place on Friday 30th August at Letymbou Tavern. (CduCC) will place a flyer in the members folder and issue email with details.
- (CP) to organize a Bowling evening followed by food hopefully at Gino's Italian Restaurant. This will take place in early November. Date and details to follow once confirmed.
- (CduCC) to look at organising another Sponsors evening at Poppadom's Indian Restaurant. Date and details to follow.

6. Golf Course:

Course Report – July

- Very hot for the past two months with many heat warnings. The golf course has deteriorated but not as much as in previous years. Within the next few weeks, once temperatures drop the grass coverage will significantly improve in the fairways and rough.
- Greens have been verti-cut weekly and were top-dressed with a light sand dusting.
- The spraying program involving the application of fertilizer, wetting agent, growth regulator, bio-stimulants and insecticide is up to date in all areas.
- Continued to cut and repair exposed bunker liner. Tried to redistribute sand where possible and continued hand weeding. The bunker slopes have been mowed and treated with growth regulators.
- Regarding bunker liner solutions, we have spoken with Eco Bunker, we will also be visited in October by the sales rep from Capillary Concrete.
- Two irrigation audits again completed. The first found 14 sprinkler faults, the second found 19 faults. We are still having issues with blocked sprinklers although the problem has not been as bad as it has been for the previous two summers.
- We spent €4,000 on a granular fertilizer application for the whole golf course.
- Continued to prune low branches and flower areas whenever possible.
- Begun to spray greens and collars for mole crickets as they have now begun their second annual life cycle.
- Continued daily hand watering of greens.
- One greenkeeper has left to start his own business. We are currently searching for a replacement.

Course Report – August Objectives:

- Tees renovation involving hollow coring, scarifying and a heavy top-dress is scheduled this month to improve playability of the tees.
- At the end of this month to perform a light greens renovation involving, light scarifying, solid tine aeration and a light top-dressing of sand.
- To continue with the spray treatment programs for greens, tees and fairways.
- Prepare the turf nursery for fresh turf to be used in areas where weed grass is encroaching into the Collars.
- To continue to repair greens and fairways damage from foxes and mole crickets.
- To overseed and top-dress bare patches in the fairways and surrounds.
- Perform another irrigation test and make the subsequent repairs.
- To improve the health of the grass at the driving range.

Course Matters:

- (GN) mentioned that there was an issue with the sprinklers coming on the second tee box at the start of the Competition on 3rd August. (CF) apologised for the irrigation system timer error.
- (GN) highlighted the amount of bad lies on the fairways now, due to the lack of new grass where winter grass has died. (CF) advised this should naturally recover from August and is applying lots of fertilizer to help. (AD) mentioned that they are arranging an audit on the water pumps and pressure to try and improve the long-term situation.
- (GN) asked (CF) if it is possible to fill Mole Cricket holes on the green with bunker sand if they are on putting lines during play. (DM) confirmed that it is not possible to improve the green whilst playing, however the holes can be repaired with a pitch repair.
- (MS) asked (CF) about the Orange Bird Deterrents amongst the vines around the course. (CF) advised that they should be turned off after the harvesting of the grapes, which should take place very soon.

7. Financial Matters:

- The accounts have been reviewed and approved.

8. A.O.B:

- (GN) confirmed that (NS) has been working on the members secure login to the Minthis Website. This will be tested on the Committee shortly and should be up and running within the next month.
- (CduCC) suggested that following recent incidents on the course, members Next of Kin details should be held in the Pro Shop. (AD) agreed that going forward with membership renewal forms, there will be a N.O.K. section to be completed which will be voluntary. (AD) also to check the contents of the first aid boxes. After discussion (AD) wishes to remind all members to be more aware and careful during the high temperatures.
- (CduCC) has received another email regarding the Club Registration Process. (AD) had further paperwork for Committee members to sign.
- (GN)/(CduCC) gave a big thanks to everyone who supported the Captains Charity Day.
- (GN)/(CduCC) are currently tidying the Trophy Cabinet.
- It was agreed to ask (MS) to join the Committee. (GN) proposed and (CduCC) seconded. (AD) agreed with the decision. (MS) happily, agreed to join the Committee.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1415 hrs.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 1.00 pm.