

MINTHIS GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 2nd September 2024

Present:	Graeme Nichol (GN)	Co-Captain and Competition Secretary
	Colin du Cann Crowther (CduCC)	Co-Captain
	Colin Davis (CD)	Vice-Captain
	Carol Powell (CP)	Secretary
	Neil Storer (NS)	Treasurer
	Maren Studtmann (MS)	Committee
	David McKibben (DM)	Club Professional
	Adam Davidson (AD)	Golf General Manager
	Chris Furneaux (CF)	Head Greenskeeper
	Mike Etherington (ME)	Observer

1. Apologies:

2. Previous Minutes:

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

3. Matters Arising:

- (CduCC) welcomed (ME) as an observer at the Committee Meeting.
- (AD) advised that he still awaits the Resort Monthly Events schedule from Property Management. Once he has these details they will be discussed during a Committee Meeting.
- (NS) provided an update on the members only Website Access. (GN) has tested the members access to the website and is happy how this works. After (NS) returns from his holiday, a single password will be issued to members to view the website. Once this has been set up, (GN) to identify those past members who would still like to receive Competition Results.
- (CduCC) and other Committee Members highlighted that after testing the Minthis App that it is very easy to use and functional and will encourage more members to access the App more frequently. With effect from 1st November, entry to Minthis Opens, Medals and Stablefords will also be on the Minthis App.
- (CduCC), (GN) and (CF) have nearly confirmed the layout for the Cross-Country Course Competition. To be confirmed shortly.

4. Competitions:

- (CduCC) confirmed that the Captains Men's Shootout Competition is organised, taking place on Sunday 8th September. (CduCC) and (GN) will co-ordinate on the day.
- Discussion took place about the proposed Fixture List that (CD) has produced. Further discussion to take place.

5. Social Matters:

- (CP)(MS) confirmed that after visiting Gino's Italian Restaurant, it is not an option for an after-Bowling Venue. It was then decided that the Bowling evening will be re-arranged in spring 2025. (CduCC) and (CP) to organise a Poppadom's Social Evening early November. Details to follow.

6. Golf Course:

Course Report – August

- Light greens renovation successfully completed.
- Tees renovation completed.
- Bunkers were edged, banks fly-moed, sand redistributed.
- The spraying program involving the application of fertilizer, wetting agent, growth regulator, bio-stimulants, is up to date in all areas.
- Many irrigation problems this month, namely with pump station filter blockages and irrigation leaks. Due to staff holidays, sickness and renovation's work we were unable to complete a full irrigation audit in August.
- We spent another €4,000 on a granular fertilizer application to be used for the whole golf course.
- Completed pruning of the shrub areas on holes 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 16.
- The 15th green suffered a great deal of damage from foxes, dogs and mole crickets. The worst areas have been re-seeding and plugged.
- Continued daily hand watering of greens.

Course Report – September Objectives:

- Following a seasonal Cutworm outbreak, the full golf course will be sprayed 3 times with insecticide over a period of 9 weeks.
- To repair the worst of the summer scar patches in the greens.
- To continue with the spray treatment programs for greens, tees and fairways.
- To again fertilize the entire golf course with quick release granular fertilizer to improve turf recovery.
- 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.
- To monitor the worst of the wet and dry areas on the course and adjust the irrigation system accordingly.
- Perform another irrigation test and make the subsequent repairs.
- To hand weed the Crabgrass greens infestation whenever possible.

Course Matters:

- CduCC mentioned that on some of the fairways the green patches are spasmodic. (CF), (AD) highlighted the issue with the irrigation pressure within the current system in that it is not powerful enough. (AD) advised that they are in the process of arranging an audit date to assess what is required to upgrade the system going forward, to improve this ongoing problem
- (MS) asked if there was any backlash from the water department during the current water shortage. (AD) said that they are always aware of the situation and water conscious and use 1/3rd of the water compared with other courses.
- (MS) highlighted that not all the ladies Tee Boxes have sand boxes and often find large divots on particular Tee Boxes. (AD) is continuing to monitor the divot situation and if sand boxes are required, they will be in place.

7. Financial Matters:

- The accounts have been reviewed and approved.

8. A.O.B:

- (CduCC) asked (AD) the update on obtaining Next of Kin Details. (AD) explained there is no issue with this, however needs to speak to the legal department prior to being formalised.
- (GN) mentioned that prior to (AD) joining Minthis, it was agreed to replace the Honours Boards. (AD) advised that once the changes to the clubhouse have been finalised and an area identified where they would be placed, they will be purchased.
- (GN) asked if it was an option to have any Practice Nets for use, (AD) said that this was not an option.

- After discussion (AD) confirmed that All Members should always check-in at the Proshop when they come to play golf. (GN) to issue email reminder.
- (GN) asked (AD) about 'Hole in 1' recognition. (AD) advised that there are Minthis Flags with 'Hole in 1' for this recognition. Anybody who has had a Hole in 1 during 2024, should contact (AD).
- (GN) asked for clarification, whether members golf clubs are covered under the Minthis Golf Club Insurance, in the event of theft whilst stored at the clubhouse. (AD) advised that they are not covered. Caddy Masters are now storing golf bags further away from the 'drinks dispenser' so they are more out of sight.
- (AD) advised that he has not been able to discuss the Bar Prices with Stellios due to sickness. However, in the meantime (AD) has compared prices with Aphrodite Hills. (AD) found the only real difference was the water and tea. Minthis prices were €1 more expensive. (AD) to discuss with Stellios at a convenient time and report back to the Committee.
- (MS) highlighted how busy the Minthis Car Park often is, especially later in the morning. (AD) mentioned that the car park is not just for golfers but for the clubhouse as well. (AD) will instruct the builders NOT to use the car park and advised that members can also park in the underground car park. This car park is accessed by the open entrance to Resort Reception, drive past reception and turn right down ramp to underground car park. It is free to park in this area.
- (NS) asked for confirmation whether golf vouchers are able to be used to purchase golf bags. (AD) advised that they could but as they are currently a consignment item, they will not be eligible for the member's discount.
- (GN) mentioned that sometimes there is concern about the quality of the water in the dispenser. (AD) will check.
- (GN) to order and bring back after Xmas, 1 x new Captains Badge and 2 x Past Captains Badges that will be required.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1425 hrs.

The date of the next Meeting is on Monday 7th October 2024 at 2.00 pm.