

Minutes of Meeting Held 10th January 2019

Present – A Race, K McCormick, K Jackson, S Howarth, M Clough, P Shaw, M Foster, T Armstrong & J Jackson

Apologies – A Mayo I Noble D Hutchinson D Hanlon

Chairman's Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

Minutes of the meeting dated 8th November Accepted and signed as a true record

Matters Arising –it was agreed to go ahead with the building of bays for top dressing

Secretary's Report – TA read a letter from Sean Cowell an interview regarding the opening for a new professional.

The following timetable for appointment of a new Pro was agreed:-

- Closing date for applications 14th February
- Applications to be discussed at Management meeting to be held 21st February 2019
- Interviews to be held first week in March

TLA is already contacting is Gordon Cattrell, who is on the NE PGA Board, about another issue on 11th January and agreed to ask him for advice on where best to publish adverts.

It was agreed that the Secretary contact Sean Cowell to advise him of the timetable and that we would be looking to have an interview with him in March

Treasurers Report – We are still spending very freely the bar alone will have cost around £30000 when furnishings are completed .Alan needs around £6000 for his drainage as per his report. Whilst I think we are spending our money wisely we still need to be prudent. The ex professional has made a claim of around £4800 against the golf club which we refute ,we also have counter claimed £1300 he owes the golf club ,this is in the hands of our solicitors along with what details we have of what he owes members .We are now Free to negotiate with other brewery's without penalty. We are discussing better deals plus ways of reducing waste when cleaning lines a new system called smart dispenser could save around £3000,we need to move on this as our present brewery have increased prices by around 4% .

The claim by the Pro and the issue of the members money held by him is in the hands of the Club Solicitor.

It was agreed that in future a different approach will be adopted for the payment of prizes for Club organised competitions, such as Opens, i.e. the Club to issue vouchers to prize winners and the Pro to be paid for these once redeemed.

Negotiation of the new bar contract was delegated to the House Committee in conjunction with the Treasurer and Secretary

Lady Captain – No Report

Captains Report –and it was a great success with most winners turning up.

Looking forward to the centenary year I have been working on the following:

1. Pro am set up and date confirmed as Sat 21st Sept aim is to have more teams than last year, so now looking for sponsored teams.

2. Centenary ball date set as Sat 30th March. 3 course meal, disco, singer and free £100 draw.....all for £25 per head
3. Northern echo contact made and look to put article in for April
4. Northern golfer contact made and looking at article being in for April
5. Centenary book well underway and research going well
6. Club badge to include founded 1919.
7. Tommy n I to plan additional competition into dairy for Centenary opens

Moving forward this month and next I will be looking at:

1. Ball markers n pitch repairs
2. Plan captains drive in for Sat 30th March
3. Look at original 9 hole course and possible competition
4. Longest day challenge to get going for Fri 21st June.

Work on Centenary Booklets is continuing and hoped to be ready for issue on night of the Centenary Ball.

The Pro am has been confirmed for 25th September with Mr T Flowers who has requested a meeting with club Captain and TLA representatives to discuss the details. Captain to arrange and let TLA date and time. Management Committee agreed that Mr Flowers be informed that Darren Crowle is not welcome at the Club and is not permitted to participate. It is hoped that up to 25 teams will play and if the cost of this is not met from the Pro am raffle Management Committee confirmed that any deficit will be covered by the club.

Captain has been trying to unsuccessfully to source a company that can produce Centenary items e.g. ball markers, pitch repairers etc. TLA to discuss with Gordon Cattrell for help identifying a supplier.

Games and Handicap – No report but TLA advised that the new rules of golf became effective on 1st January 2019 and G&H Committee were looking at hold a 'Rules Night' prior to the start of the season to explain the changes to members if we can get some documentation from EGU.

Greens – Posted

Morris Foster, Kevin McCormick and to discuss the following with Alan Miller with a view to bringing further details / information to the next meeting:-

New tee markers - options

New hazard posts – need to review hazards in light of the new rules

Action being taken to address fusarium on and around 2nd green

Action required to the area re-turfed adjacent to the 8th green

Committee members compliment the work done in laying the new paths which has improved the course and the condition of the green which are superior to the condition of greens at other local courses played in recent weeks.

House – New furniture explained in Treasurer’s report is expected to be delivered by end of January

2 private functions have been held since the start of January 2019 which is a good start to the year.

3 weddings have been booked for 2019/20

Dress code for Centenary Ball on 30th March is to be shirt and tie. Function will have 12 tables of 10 at £25 per head.

AOB – Michael Clough explained that Mr J Hodgson had requested authority to run a raffle in an attempt to fund centenary jumpers and polo shirts for all team members. Michael was asked to ask Mr Hodgson to provide further details / expected costs in writing to the next meeting. In relation to this it was suggested that the club should arrange for a supply of Centenary jumpers to be made available for sale to members and perhaps these could be offered to team members at half price.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2018