

Minutes of a meeting of the Gentlemen's Committee of Aldwickbury Park Golf Club held at the Golf Club at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd April 2007

Present: **P Hayward**
 R Landau
 S Crosby
 J Hunter
 C Roberts
 P Spiers
 M Taylor
 I Waltham

Present (for item 2) E Wyllie

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were required or received. It was noted that two members who had shown interest in joining- Eric Diment and Colin Robinson had not been able to attend, but are welcome in the future.

2. Juniors section- CLUBMARK accreditation

The Captain welcomed Eric Wyllie, who presented to the committee on how APGC Juniors section would go about achieving CLUBMARK accreditation by 09/07.

Achieving accreditation means being assessed on the following:-

- * Coaching and playing - EW felt that adequate standards were in place
- * Environment - EW was also happy that this would represent no problems
- * Child protection and Duty of Care

EW explained that this was a difficult area and covered the following sub-sections

- Abuse and physical
- Reporting
- Adult behaviour
- Medical

EW asked the committee to support achievement wherever possible, including reporting any issues or events noticed on the course involving members and juniors.

Eric also said he would be happy to attend this forum regularly to represent the Juniors

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th January 2007 were approved

4. Matters Arising

Electric Trolley Bans; Following the recent good weather, no further bans have been in place- however, this is always under review. All trolleys are allowable with 'hedgehogs' fitted

Winter Rules: it was unclear whether they had ceased or not. Clear notices needed to be posted.

5. Change in Qualification Rules

Notices had been placed announcing the 12 month ruling. No adverse feedback had been received. PH agreed to ensure that competition rule definitions are updated accordingly.

6. Course Matters

- PS mentioned that the bunker on the right of the 13th hole had turfing problems
- IW asked if there had been any focussed work planned for the 'soggy' areas such as in front of the 2nd, rough area before the 4th fairway and the walkway between the 10th and 11th.
- MT mentioned that the Par 3 course was in a poor condition.
- All agreed that that the main course was looking splendid overall

All matters will be raised at the Captain's Committee meeting

7. PSI System

All had seen the proposal and quotation for a replacement system from Club Systems International. This in turn had raised a number of questions:- was the price acceptable?; was the solution the right one?; did Burhill's other sites use a different or standard system(perhaps we could look at that)

MT had researched hardware prices and found that most touch screens he found were cheaper than the CSI quote of £999

The requirement for a touch screen versus an ordinary screen was also discussed.

MT and JH agreed to meet with management after Easter to look into some of these items and specifically look into the technical aspects of the PSI system, and if it could be integrated with the new club card system(for access and bar payments etc)

The matter is increasing in urgency, since with no system at all, we are missing key data such as who has entered competitions, how much money is on their float, entering of new competitions etc.

SR mentioned that when a decision was made about purchasing a new system, we might look to use the 'excess' funds available and held as 'PSI balance'

8 .CBL

IW informed us that 23 players were now on the list of available players, 30 would be preferred and a team was selected and available for the first match on 21st April. The committee were asked to spread the word to get more people enlisted.

9. Scratch team

CR mentioned that since a number of key members left last summer, he is struggling to get enough players to commit to playing. The first matches are not until May, but he is having to look to Juniors to build up player numbers.

10. Handicaps

PS informed the committee that the first meeting of the new Handicap committee had been held. He provided the notes from the meeting describing the general policies suggested to be used. These were all accepted as being fine by the committee with the exception of the one-shot automatic cut for knock-out competition finalists. The debate concluded that this should NOT be automatic, but always be up for review on a case- by- case basis. This itself should be reviewed regularly. PS to update the guidelines.

11. Any Other Business

Honours Board- had not been updated with 2006 results yet

Friday Fun Night- it was suggested that this used to be popular- could it be planned?

Course Rangers- What is the policy for these and their role definition?

Captain's Ball- RL asked about numbers of non members 'allowed'

Wooden Posts- the speculation was that they were for tee guides. Proven to be correct.

Country membership- it has been observed that this might not be being monitored properly

12 Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 5th June at 7pm

