

Minutes of Mens Section Committee Meeting 10th January 2023, Glen Lodge

Present: Justin Warr JK, Mark Cocker MC, Tony English TE, Greg Gladwell GG, David Bawden DB, Jake Keeley JK, Chris Goddard CG, and Alfie Gotts AG

1. Apologies; Graham Lock
2. Minutes of MSC meeting 8th November 2022 approved and signed by JW. AG to forward previous meeting minutes with agenda for next meeting
3. Matters arising from minutes 8th November 2022
 - 3.1 Feedback from office provided by members, no feedback received
 - 3.2 Members member of the year. AG to obtain nominations, and distribute to MS to agree a winner. Place on March agenda, to discuss the future format
 - 3.3 Honours Board. Now in place, with a few minor alterations required. Charity Stableford is the first competition to run out of room in 12 years time, but options exist on other boards. The committees thanks go to JK for all his work
 - 3.4 Annual Rules review. Agreed to amend entry level for trophy competitions to a minimum of 8, with 5 needing to be played at Bawburgh Golf Club. To accommodate new members transferring in, appeals will be heard by the MSC. The full comprehensive qualifying criteria, to be updated by AG and advised to the office. Agreed, rather than apply rules for every eventuality, a more catch all phrase will be incorporated, so that the MSC can hear appeals / requests .
 - 3.5 Turner trophy. As per captains report this is going ahead, with Eaton GC hosting this year, Barnham Broom next and Bawburgh 2025. JW to seek potential team player, ahead of 3rd September first match
 - 3.6 Plastic hole inserts. Now in place, good feedback already received. New hole cutter being employed and regular weekly reviews to ensure hole size meets requirements
4. Captains Report

Hi All and Happy New Year. Please see captain's report for Tuesday's meeting. Following a quiet AGM, although we had more members attend than we previously have seen and a successful Millennium Cup, we commence the 2023 season. The golfing programme has predominantly been set for the year, finalising 2 months in advance but still allowing us the option to discuss any concerns at committee meetings if needed, e.g., Team/Pair events. I have allocated different formats for the Team and Pairs during January/February and have requested that Chris documents all details of the competitions so members can access these in the diary. We will evaluate the response.

The Winter OOM is nearly halfway, although there have been a couple of date changes due to weather. Currently the feedback from members has been positive and it's good to see a variety of players on the leader board and the commitment from the members.

I have attached the Captain's new year statement which covers most of the information but would just like to represent some of the ongoing work that has started early in the year.

Following a concern from members about the circumference size of the holes, I proceeded to measure and photograph all of them. This was sent to Jamie who has

accepted that there clearly is some discrepancies involving the consistency of each hole.

This was Jamie's response:

"Thanks for the images. I have checked the hole cutting device and can confirm it measures at exactly 4 and a quarter inches to the regulations. I did however notice some movement in the hole cutting blades which is why we might be getting a slightly smaller cut following a hole change. I got straight on the case following a discussion with the head green keeper and the cutting device is being replaced. We placed the order prior to the Xmas break and we set up a repeat order every 6 months to ensure consistency with the hole size".

We have agreement from both Eaton and Barnham Broom Golf Club that we will join the Turner Trophy this year which will be played at Eaton on Sunday 3rd Sept 2023, Barnham Broom 2024 and Bawburgh in 2025. This consists of 16 players (2 pairs from each Handicap Division: Scratch – 7, 8 – 14, 15 – 21 and 22 – 28). The cost of the event will be requested from each player (£20 – 25).

This year we plan to increase the Teams for the Handicap League led by Gary Clarke and Chris Ingram. This will hopefully give more members an opportunity to represent Bawburgh Golf Club. The Myhill Team will be organised by myself and David Bawden (First match away to Wensum Valley 30th April). The Cullington Team organised by Mark Cocker and Jason Mudd (First match away to Dunston Hall 30th April). The Barnard Trophy organised by Steven Ansett and myself (Sheringham Away 31st May). Jake has kindly agreed to run the scratch League/Knockout (First match away to Wensum Valley 27th May).

Finally, you all will probably be aware that there have been a few additional rule changes for 2023 which have been placed on the notice board.

1. Modifications for Players with Disabilities: rule 25.
2. Ball Moved by Natural Forces.
3. Simplified Back-on-the-Line Relief.
4. Replacing Damaged Clubs.
5. Handicap on scorecard (Stroke Play Only).

Look forward to seeing you all for our first meeting in 2023.

Regards

Justin

5. Treasurers Report

Hi all and a happy new year.

The following is my report for the minutes

Treasurer reported on the financial position for the first 2 months as at 31st December 2022.

Gross income is up by £277 on a YOY basis, albeit it is early days. Winter OOM monies collected £765 although will be paid out in full when competition finishes.

Expenditure is mainly OOM and Eclectic from last year being £650. Engraving for 2022 cost a net £209.57 through our new provider Clements although the junior trophies still need to be done.

Closing bank balance stands at £7893.16.

Items to discuss

- 1) Approval for payment of annual service of trolley cleaner and increase budget to £312
- 2) Approval for payment of County team invoice and increase budget to £280
- 3) Mandate and bank security

Cheers
Tony

Approval was granted re the 2 items above, to amend the budget, plus increase Annodata entry fee from £100 to £105.

MC will be added to the mandate, joining the Treasurer and Secretary, and AG will be given full access to on line banking, as Treasurer cover if needed.

6. Junior Organiser report

Happy New Year to you all, hopefully we can have a successful season this year for the juniors, we have the first round of the Bass away to Dereham coming up along with the first round of the KK Smith at Home facing Dunston Hall, I will sort dates and a team in the coming weeks, but with very low numbers of juniors I really don't have much choice.

I did receive an email from a parent regarding their 14 year old son who is now a member, he is a very keen golfer, my plan is to get him together with some of the other juniors out on the course. He played in the millennium cup with Jill Gooch, she spoke with me about him saying he looks a promising golfer.

I have arranged with PFG to have a group session for the juniors with either Rob or Lewis, I will confirm dates with all the juniors. I have also spoke with Rob regarding the juniors in the Par Academy, I have asked him to push them my way to see if I can get them out playing more.

Sully Goddard is this years junior captain and is very much looking forward to his captain duties this coming year, he has picked a worthy charity Ambers Army. He has also spoke to me about organising a junior captains charity day if possible to raise money for his chosen charity, along with this he plans to do a 72 hole challenge this year to also raise money for the charity.

Many of the current playing juniors have been picked to play for the county this year, some of them playing in all age groups, Lewis Clarke has been given the job of U18's manager, Sully and Haydon have been picked to play in this age group. Toby has been picked to play in the U14's and I believe Archies name has been put forward to the new U16's manager, Lilia will be playing in the upcoming girls county events.

Not sure if there is any plan to bring Andy Marshall back this year for on course coaching or not, maybe it would be a good idea to look elsewhere this year if it goes ahead due to the issue I raised regarding Andy. Something to discuss.

CG also added he is trying to liaise with NFGC, re transition from juniors Saturday coaching to becoming Bawburgh members.

7. Handicap Secretary's Report

Due to no activity, there is no report for this meeting

8. Co-opted committee representatives for 2023. Agreed that committee numbers were at a good workable number currently. JW to seek a list of Off Peak members, to request their general feedback. If the response is positive, consideration will be given to an off peak member to be co-opted.
9. Race to Woodhall Spa. Agreed to decline to put forward a representative, on the basis of cost , and selection criteria.
10. Winter OOM. Sub committee of GG, TE, DB, and JW to meet to agree learnings to be employed with summer OOM, and report at March meeting, if not ahead of this.
11. Slow Play Policy. GG agreed to forward a message from MSC reminding members, of recent changes effecting slow play, plus good practice suggestions, such as ready golf, marking start and finish times on the score cards etc.
12. Any Other Business
 - 12.1 Agreed to enter 2 teams into the Annodata, Captain and Vice Captain to select both teams.
 - 12.2 MSC photo's to be updated. AG to take forward with the office
 - 12.3 TE advised that during December a competition took place with only 10 entrants which is below our agreed minimum of 18 and therefore should have been cancelled. He spoke to Chris Ingram about this and as a precedent had been set earlier in 2022 (conversation between office and Captain) the office paid out.

TE (and office) felt it timely to review whether we should amend the table down to say 3 entries. This was discussed but by a majority decision the minimum/cancellation would stand. TE would advise the office accordingly.
 - 12.4 Trophy winners photographs. JK to action
 - 12.5 Bawburgh Masters. TE agreed to commission a winners trophy, as currently there is no trophy to award. This will replace the clothing items currently in place
 - 12.6 Forthcoming MS competitions. JW to list these for the year on BRS
 - 12.7 Champion of champions. 8 of possible 12 entrants have confirmed the 9th April date, with 2 not responding, and 2 declines, and hence this date will go ahead.

Meeting closed at 8.13 PM