

# Kilworth Springs Golf Club

## Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 7.00pm

**Present:** Paul Blyth (PB) Tony Miles (TM) Sheila Major (SM) Craig White (CW) Stuart Glover (SG) Claire Harris (CH) Terry Redmond (TR) Sean Clarke (SC) Dave Storey (DS) Brian Tuckley (BT) Mark Phillips (MP)  
(Tina Morley (TM), Brian Wells (BW) and Suzie Burgess (SB) attended for Handicap sub-committee only)

**Apologies:** Liz Scribbins (LS) Stuart Edwards (SE)

### Minutes of last meeting- Matters arising and suggestions book

- Feedback from the greenkeepers re changing of hole position in Seniors comp requiring decision to make non-qualifying. Confirmation from MP that this was not the case, the hole was not moved until the last payers had played the hole.
- Proposed meeting dates for next year have been circulated and agreed.
- Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union dinner, nobody will attend this year.
- Information flow; MP suggested that he responds if only a straightforward management issue. Suggestions into office → out to committee & holding E-mail from Club saying received and to be reviewed at next meeting → discussed at next meeting → chair of appropriate committee or MP to respond if straight forward management issue.
- Clarification was asked re dropping in the rough - Scrambles  
It was confirmed that a ball should be dropped within one club length of where the selected previous shot lay, **but must remain in the rough and not on the fairway after dropping.**  
It was again confirmed that the taking of the first putt on the green is taken by the player of the ball selected.  
Players balls on the fairway may be placed a full scorecard length from the previously marked ball, no nearer the hole.
- A suggestion was made to reintroduce an order of merits for players competing in the monthly Stableford and Medal competitions throughout the year. CW to discuss with Paul Kenyon and confirm thoughts at next competitions sub-committee meeting.

### Management report

- December was a busy month on the golf course. With much improved weather from December 2017. Members, Guests, Visitors and Society rounds all increased. It was great to see so many members enjoying their meal after the Christmas Stableford and celebrating the 2018 winners.
- On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Decembers around 92 seniors from around the area joined us for our annual 'Christmas Caper Seniors Open'. This again was a huge success with only positive comments on how the course is playing.
- I am pleased to say that the new tee boards have been placed on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Tees. 'Carrs Welding Services' will be sponsoring the first tee and their sponsor's plate should be on the tee board by next week.
- We are at the final stages of launching a new menu in the clubhouse bar. Since joining Kilworth Springs I have listened to the positives and negatives with the current menu and have kept those in mind while designing the new menu. I hope to launch this in the next couple of weeks.
- Our 'Gin Tasting' evening with *Warner Edwards* on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January is almost sold out with only a limited number of tickets available.

- We will be hosting our first quiz night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February in the bar area and hope to do this on a monthly basis. This will be a general knowledge quiz. I hope this will be well supported by the Kilworth members.
- It was pointed out by TR that the new potential tee position on the 13<sup>th</sup> cannot be used for competitions until the course is reassessed by the L&RGU.
- MP gave an update on halfway house vending machine upgrading and the new coffee machine will be fitted shortly.
- Hot food was no longer being served from the halfway house, as it proved to be uneconomical, but it was hoped to provide a snacks vending facility next year. MP was also looking at the possibility of a hot grill provision with a 'walkie talkie' order facility on the course. It was suggested by the Committee that MP provides feedback to members on these points.

## Competitions

Start sheets have been displayed for the 'Captains Drive-In' and the 'February Monthly Stableford'. The start sheets for the next few competitions need an extra note reminding members of the *New Rules of Golf* introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

The 'Christmas Scramble' ran very smoothly with 25 teams playing, followed by Christmas lunch and the presentation. The winning team scored nett 59.8 P Blyth, T Pegg, M Edwards and S Edwards with the runners up scoring nett 60.9, G Stretton, P Leaver, I Taylor and A Parker.

Winter League R4 winners: Saturday League - S Clarke/G Sharman scoring nett 64.8

Winter League R4 Winners: Sunday League – A Smith/G Maloy scoring nett 63.6.

### • Upcoming competitions

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan Stableford – Starter PB.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Captains Drive in – draw 14/01/19 by CW, DS & SB – Starter DL (SM to tell Pro shop who attended AGM for free entry)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Stableford display 19/01/19, draw 27/01/19 by DS, CW & SB, starter TR

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Winter League – Starter DL

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Winter League – Starter TR

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar Winter League Knock Out Top 16 – Results TR

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar Winter League Quarter Final deadline – Starter DL

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April Summer Knock-Out start date – Display signup sheets mid Feb – Draw 10/03/19 (Approx. 3 weekends prior to start date) TR to forward templates – TR/DS/SB to perform draw on ClubV1.

### • Other issues

PB, CW and MP gave feedback on their meeting with two members regarding the issue of playing out of turn in the Winter League 'Pairs Scramble'. The local rules have now been clarified and the issue settled. It was not felt that any further action was now needed.

### • Captains Drive-In

Free entry would be given to those who attend the AGM.

It was clarified that for 2019 the Club Captain and Lady Captain photographs should be the only ones displayed in the reception area. These would also be the Captains playing first in the Captains Drive-In.

SB will organise the sweepstake for the combined yards of the Captains' drives.

- **Competition Withdrawals**

In light of the multiple problems caused by last minute withdrawals from competitions, it was agreed after much discussion to take a proposal to the AGM, for the following; The entry fee for the competition will be taken from the members card at the time of the draw taking place. The competitions committee will give the Pro shop a list of entries and if members do not have enough money in their accounts, then their names would not go forward to the final draw.

Members withdrawing after the draw is published will not receive any refund of entry fees. If agreed this will be on trial for a period of 3 months and then reviewed.

Sign up sheets will be modified to include this information and will be implemented at the end of Feb 2019.

Any additional funds from cancelled entries would be added to the prize pot.

SG agreed to present this recommendation at the AGM.

- Winter League feedback;

Two options would be presented at the AGM for members consideration;

1) All results would be converted to Stableford points (Incl. Pairs Scramble).

2) Continue with the current points system (25pts 1<sup>st</sup> place, 22pts 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc.).

SG to present to members at AGM.

- Competitions Sub-Committee for 2019: Dave Storey, Paul Dean, Suzie Burgess, Craig White

- It was agreed that the remaining January Nine-hole competitors will be able to go out in groups of **Two**, changing from the previous ruling on minimum groups of Three.

- New Rules and 'World Handicapping System' briefing will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. TR to arrange & publicize.

- The committee have decreed they will not be adopting the new local rule as an alternative to Stroke and Distance regarding taking a drop at the point of entry with a two shot penalty where a ball is out of bounds members or visitors playing in non-qualifying or social play may of course implement the rule for their round if they wish for speed of play.

- TR has updated and circulated the '*Terms of the Competition*' terminology document

## Social

MP would welcome someone to help him produce ideas for social events for members in addition to the ideas already presented, i.e. gin tasting and pub quiz.

## Handicaps

- During 2018 we processed 89 new handicaps, this was down from the previous year (119).

- The 'Annual Review' of all Kilworth Springs members' handicaps took place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, all those affected have been provided with a letter outlining changes to their handicap and an appeal procedure should they wish to follow up. I would like to thank Tina Morley and Brian Wells for their assistance during the review.

- The handicap 'End of Year Routine' was carried out on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. This resulted in 77 members becoming 'non-competitive'. We accepted two requests for

members to remain competitive due to medical exemption. Three players in the Winter League were notified they had become 'non-competitive', they did not play in round four. A notice has been posted on the website and notice board showing those members affected by the end of year report. They will need to submit at least three qualifying scores played at Kilworth Springs, these can be nine-holes if they wish. If they are 'Supplementary Cards' the scorecards should be stamped by the Pro Shop before their round and titled 'For Handicap Purposes'. All cards should be posted in the 'Competitions Box' in the clubhouse foyer.

- Gabe Corbett, Ken Macdonald, Chris Orman and Alan Vickers have had their handicaps increased by 1 shot.
- It is intended to hold a presentation of the current status of the 'World Handicapping System' as soon as possible. We will couple this with a presentation of the new R&A Rules of Golf and take time to go through the updated 'Local Rules' specific to Kilworth Springs golf club.
- As we are now into 2019 and the new 'World Handicapping System' is looming on the 2020 horizon, we need to encourage all CONGU registered members to submit **as many 'Supplementary Score Cards' as possible throughout the year**. We must emphasise to all members that when the new handicap system is introduced it will be calculated on the average of their 'best' eight cards from their last twenty qualifying scores. More information will be provided at the upcoming presentation.

## Juniors

No update

## Finance

- The end of year accounts shows that there is a balance of £3021.19 in 2018 c.f. £3255.21 in 2017
- The deficit had been reduced from £926.40 in 2017 to £234.02 in 2018.
- A reduction in income was caused by donation of all entries for the Captains Day 'On Course Foundation' charity.
- There was an unexpected increase in expenditure associated with the success of two teams in qualifying for Turnberry and also for engraving and mementos.
- In future it was proposed that prize winners would be asked whether they wanted a memento or cash deposited on their club accounts. £15 approx. for each memento!
- £483 was still in the accounts arising from the prepayment scheme despite SG's attempts to track down members who had left the club. SG will have a final push to contact these members prior to releasing the funds in the members accounts.
- Following discussion it was proposed that Entry fees for weekend comps would be increased to £5 from March to maintain a healthy balance in advance of the predicted expenditure on computer screen for the new handicapping system in 2020. SG to advise at AGM

## Seniors' Report

The month started with the December Stableford in pouring rain which was won by Chris Dix with 38 points, second was Alan Jacques on countback from Phil Jenkins both with 35 points.

The Christmas Scramble and presentation dinner was a great success. The Scramble was won by the team of Alan Vickers, Bob Goodacre, John Batten and Graham Stewart with a score of 58.9. Second were Neil Cunniffe, Paul Ransom, Keith Manning and Keith Finney with a score of 60.7 and third were the team of Alan Jacques, Bob Morley, Clive Howe and Harry Bartlet.

After an excellent year golfing we came to the last competition which was the third round of the Seniors' Winter League in which 49 players competed. It was won by David Storey with a super score of 40 Stableford points which was 3 shots ahead of 3 players with a score of 37 points. Andy Allden was 2nd on count back from Al Harvey in 3rd place and Phil Alcock in 4th. Six players followed with 36 points.

### **Seniors' Schedule for January 2019**

7th	January Stableford
14th	Winter League R4
21st	Winter League R5

### **LADIES REPORT**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Ladies medal. This was won by Sheila Major in tough weather conditions she achieved a gross 104/net 85.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - We had our Christmas scramble, followed by the AGM. 37 ladies attended the Christmas scramble and made up 10 teams. In first place with 31.84 team 'more balls than ears' made up of Dorothy, Sylvia and Jane. Second place with 31.95 was team 'RSLJ' made up of Lorna, Rita, Susan & Julie (obviously very committed to their golf as they didn't waste any time on a team name!). Finishing in third with 32.97 saw team 'Rudolph' made up of Ann, Angela, Nicky & Martine.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Ladies stableford. 10 ladies entered, which was won by Tina Morley with 31 points.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Ladies social. We had a great turnout of ladies, for the first general play of the year, some taking part in the club 9-hole competition.

### **What's happening in January 2019**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Medal, this will be qualifying unless the club decides otherwise.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Winter League round 4.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Stableford competition, again this will be qualifying unless the club decides otherwise.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> – Ladies general play.

### **A & B TEAM REPORT**

Grant Sharman will continue as 'A' team Captain-

The new 'B' team captain is Sean Clarke.

### **L&RGU**

The L&RGU is now a limited company.

TR invited MP to join him at future meetings.

The AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and the next Council meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **AGM preparations**

The following nominations have been received and the closing date has now passed;

Captain; Craig White.

Vice-Captain; Sean Clarke.

Competitions Secretary; Dave Storey.

Minutes Secretary; Sheila Major.

Committee Members; Ken Macdonald and Grant Sharman.

In the absence of nominations for Treasurer and Handicap Secretary, TM asked if SG and TR would stand again and they both agreed.

Names would be published to the notice board and SM would prepare a sign in sheet for the meeting.

**Fixtures and Club Diary for 2019-2020**

TR confirmed to MP that the proof copy of the club diary for 2019/2020 can be published and asked if these could be ready for distribution at the forthcoming AGM.

**Captains Comments**

PB closed the meeting thanking the committee for its support during the year and with particularly thanks to the retiring captains for their hard work throughout the year. He regretted he would be unable to attend the majority of this year's meetings on a Tuesday, as he would be working, but hoped that TM and LS would be able to attend more frequently as it no longer clashed with their prior commitments.

**Date of next meeting**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 @ 7pm SM to circulate papers, TR to take notes, CH to type up minutes

Signed by ..... Club Captain

Date .....