

Kilworth Springs Golf Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 @ 7.00pm

Present: Chris Dix (CD), Bob Palmer (BP), Stuart Glover (SG), Elaine Holloway (EH) Tony Miles (TM), Sheila Major (SM), Peter Dennis (PD) Stuart Mance (SMa), , Pam Webb (PW)

Apologies

Liz Scribbins (LS), Vaughan Allington (VA), Bob Goodacre (BG) Terry Redmond (TR). Mark Phillips (MP), Peter Bell (PB)

Minutes of Last Meeting and Action Points

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

- Baskets of balls will be made available for £1 for warm up purposes in competitions.
- Weekend reserved tee times. There will be no changes until at least Autumn 2022 – a management decision. However, it was suggested that new members should be informed that these are available to allow them to get to know other players and to get to know the club etc! Also unused tee times should be given back to the club to allow others to book them.
- There are no plans to install safety netting between the range and the first fairway and members were concerned that this was a safety issue that was not being actioned. The limit to the first four bays restricting use of drivers does not seem to be working.

Suggestion Book.

Could the existing flag sticks be replaced with thinner alternatives as there is damage to the holes as balls are retrieved ? CD to discuss with MP.

Managers' Report. Mark Phillips

In January we finally completed the install of the Trackman System on the Driving Range. This has gone down very well with Members and Visitors. We still have a few jobs to do down there like tables etc.

Function room is getting there. We have completed the painting and the carpet will hopefully be completed by the time of the Committee meeting. We have also replaced all lighting and got new tablecloths. We still need to arrange for the curtains to be done and paint the table legs.

Greenkeepers have done a great job on 14th Bunker and just need the turf to be laid and sand added. The bunker will be out of play until the Spring while we wait for the turf to root.

The Tee box on 7th has been re-laid due to rabbit damage over time. This is also waiting to be Turfed and will be back in use in the Spring.

We have ordered another 6 of the Tee Boards. These will be installed once we receive delivery, and we will order the remaining 6 in the coming months. These will have the Sponsors Plate empty and can be sold at any time.

Jack and I are currently working together to upgrade some of our Greenkeeping equipment, but I'm sure you can understand it is difficult to get hold of things right now. There are very long waiting on Brand New equipment and due to this no part exchange equipment is available. A new machine is arriving on Monday to be trialed!

We have now reviewed our opening hours for the Range and Clubhouse. This will be monitored and amended as required over time. We will be changing our food menu on Friday 18th February; this will offer much more choice than the current menu.

EH raised a concern about the non availability of meals following scratch team competitions. CD to follow up to see if this also applies to the men's games !

As you may have seen we have a QR code in each bay of the Driving Range to order Food and Drink directly to you. This menu will also be updated in line with the new bar food menu.

The new website is moving forward and content for the site is now being created. The website will still have a member's area so in time I will work with the sections of the club to get the content required. On the site we will also have a Click & Collect ordering option for Food. This is for locals and businesses to order food as a takeaway option from the club.

I have had some positive conversations with our EPOS supplier regarding online top-ups and seeing your statement online. I don't have a timescale for this but will be working to have this in operation ASAP.

Competitions Report. Bob Palmer

The following competitions have been held in January

2 nd January - January Stableford D1	- G. Vaughan
2 nd January - January Stableford D2	- S. Johnston
8 th January - Winter League Round 5 (Saturday)	- A. Ashenden & J. Waters
9 th January - Winter League Round 5 (Sunday)	- A. Rutter & S. O'Connor
15 th January - Winter League Round 3 (Saturday)	- A. Ford & L. Sandham
24 th January - All Day 9 Hole Competition	- G. Stretton
30 th January – All Day Stableford	- A Taylor

The upcoming February Stableford has 13 entries from non-qualifiers. One responded by mail and all but one of them are still in the competition on Sunday 6th. Hopefully, once this group are qualified it will become more manageable. Qualification status is now shown on the Competition Draw Sheet. Q0 = 0 qualifying scores, Q2 = 2 qualifying scores etc!

The Winter League has progressed to the KO Stages. It's been impacted by Covid, people being unavailable, not reading the rules etc and, consequently, we had two teams withdraw at the last 16 stage. Substitutes were quickly found from the next pairs in line, but we chose not to change the draw to reflect revised seedings.

The ¼ finals were even worse, with three teams immediately saying they couldn't play on Saturday and two of their opponents (who knew the rules) unable to play on Sunday, but for good reasons. The end result was two matches remained on Saturday, one moved to Sunday by agreement, and one awarded to the pair who could play on Saturday by default, after a long-drawn-out exchange where every attempt was made to get the game played. This is not an ideal situation, and we should consider if there is a better way of doing this next year. The Club Captain has suggested, next year, playing Saturday and Sunday to a conclusion with each competition being regarded as separate competitions. This was agreed by the committee.

Although we don't need this agreed for another few months the issue of how to resolve the ongoing debate regarding format also needs addressing. As mentioned previously, BP favour a poll of regular weekend competition players, giving them a choice of format and whether its 5 or 4 rounds to count. This would involve a significant number of members, be genuinely democratic and resolve this issue for the foreseeable future.

Members could choose between 5 Better Ball Stablefords (2021/22) , 3 BB and 2 Scrambles (2020 / 21) or an entirely different format Stableford, Medal, Bogey, Scramble and Blind Pairs for example, but this would complicate matters by having to revert to a Grand Prix type points system).

After much discussion , the committee agreed to the option of 5 Better Ball Stablefords with 4 out of 5 rounds to count.

It was decided to increase the number of winter competitions and a winter series of 5 rounds of singles stablefords were proposed, one per month with all rounds to count and a new trophy to be purchased.

I am in the (slow) process of setting up a group email for all the regular weekend competition members anyway to help communication, so this would not be difficult to administer, I believe it would be a proactive and a well-received initiative by The Competitions Committee. There is merit in getting this sorted out now, ahead of the AGM.

The Winter League Bond has been repaid in full to all but 7 members. Whilst this didn't totally dissuade people from not playing, at least the Captains Charity benefited. Mick Mason was the only entrant not to pay his bond. I suggest we minute that and, next year, assuming we adopt the same approach, that he is barred from entering if he doesn't pay the bond, as requested, in advance.

Entries for Kilworth Open on Saturday May 14th is standing at 16 at present. A BRS reminder will be sent out to members to enter (its only £2.50 more than a regular comp, so we should expect a good turnout) and ask for hole sponsorship. MP to action.

Ladies and seniors were asked to help with the organisation of the event, and it was suggested that the date should be blocked out for 2022-2023 as societies are currently booked in for 2022!

The summer trophy date proposed for 2022 (Sat July 9th) falls within the first week of the school summer holidays therefore it was proposed and accepted that this date would be switched with that of the preceding medal competition (Sunday 3rd July)

The captains drive in scheduled for Sat 26th March will again attract free entries for members attending the AGM. It was proposed and accepted that each captain would enter with their own 3 team members on early tee times starting at 8.04am

It was suggested that entry fees for the summer knockouts should be paid into the committee accounts.

Finance. Stuart Glover

Income	£476.20
Expenditure	£896.29
Surplus c.f.	£5038.46

Discussion followed on whether some reserves should be given back to members through increased prizes and reduced competition fees as has happened in the past.

SG requested single page copies of the Ladies and Seniors accounts for presentation at the AGM

Handicaps Report. Terry Redmond

New Handicaps

Since the last meeting in January, we have processed 7 new handicap applications. 5 members have resigned, not re-joined, or transferred their handicaps to other golf clubs. We have a total of **606** Members, **76 Women** and **530 Men** currently holding handicaps at the golf club.

HowDidiDo and My England Golf score entry

I'm still seeing a number of 'non-qualifying' scores entered mistakenly and have re-entered these as 'qualifying'. I corrected 17 of these this month!

HowDidiDo have now changed 'Casual Round' to 'General Play' after being told by England Golf to do so! Members should always select 'Qualifying' when entering scores on the system unless otherwise instructed. HDID has now implemented a 'geo-location' feature similar to the England Golf feature. This means you must be within two miles of the golf club when registering for a round, and within two miles when entering your score, no earlier than 90 minutes after registering. Many members are complaining about not being able to enter scores after their rounds due to several reasons, poor reception of signal or internet amongst the most popular.

'Unsatisfied Score Intents' and 'Penalty Scores'

England Golf have introduced an automatic 'Penalty Score' to those players who do not enter a score after registering to do so (see previous paragraph). This is where members had registered to play a round of golf but did not return a score on HowDidiDo or England Golf. Going forward I'm expecting a number of enquiries regarding 'Penalty Scores' appearing on members playing records! I will attend to these as best I can.

Handicaps and Competition details on Scorecards

We continue to print labels for the weekend competitions and feedback has indicated this is a great help.

Annual Handicap Review

I did not carry out an Annual Handicap Review of handicaps by the end of the year. There are advisory documents available and a report on the England Golf platform to use when considering any adjustments. The first of these reviews will be difficult but we will work our way through the report and see what needs to be addressed. My personal feeling is the system has been running for just over 12 months and should be 'bedded in' now. However, we still see anomalies with new members when they enter competitions for the first time. These should be addressed with the new local rule of three competition qualification. Hopefully, we will set a date for the Handicap Review in the next month.

Handicap Issues for the month

I've received many queries regarding 'Penalty Scores' being applied to individual playing records on England Golf. I've resolved all of these, the ones I know about anyway! Should you hear of any frustration with this new England Golf feature, please forward members to me and I will look into each individual case. Similar frustration has been noted with HowDidiDo changing their system to 'geo-location' and applying a two-mile limit for score entry. I will continue to monitor this and report back to the Committee.

The pro shop will help anyone who is unable to put their scores in for whatever reason.

Social Report.

The previously suggested proposed par 3 competition was not now thought to be a good idea especially taking place on a Friday and Saturday. A cross country type of 18 holes played was considered a better option.

Juniors. Chris Dix/Mark Phillips

Once Byron gains his full coaching qualifications it is hoped that more juniors could be encouraged to take up the game.

Seniors. Pete Dennis

Not a great deal to report since the previous meeting was only a couple of weeks ago. However, we held two competitions in January, the combined Monthly Stableford and Winter League round 4 and the Winter League round 5. The former was won by a certain Chris Dix with 40 points, (the weight of relinquishing the Seniors Captain role clearly having the desired effect). The latter was won by Tony Foster also with 40 points.

We had 2 holes in one in January, Nick Gould on the toenail during the Winter league round 4 and David Janssens during a casual 9 holes. Well done to both.

We have had to make a couple of changes to the diary because of the maintenance weeks and these changes will be published accordingly.

It was previously my responsibility to organise the Seniors roll ups but at the beginning of February I have handed this responsibly to Bernard Croft. His first roll up event this Monday he had 27 Seniors wishing to play with only 6 tee times available. This is the only time that I can recall since the advent

of Covid that the allocation was exceeded. This is to me a good indication that people are happy once again to get out and play.

We had two new members join us in January.

On a sadder note, Colin Jeffs wife passed away during January. Four members and one past member attended the funeral on behalf of the club and of course as friends of Colin.

All in all I think it fair to say that the Seniors section is healthier than ever and I'm looking forward to making it an enjoyable year ahead. My chosen charity is CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and in particular to support the fund for Matt Gore, a young friend of my son and as it turns out, of Chris Dix's son, who sadly passed away a few years ago of a sudden heart attack. I'm hoping to raise enough money to support or help support a screening program in Leicester.

Captains Report. Chris Dix

I wanted to acknowledge the great condition of the course and the excellent work completed by Jack and the team.

I have received a great amount of really positive feedback from both members, visitors, and societies. I have discussed the possible provision of temporary tees on some holes because of animal damage and excessive wear.

Ladies Report. Elaine Holloway

January proved to be a good month for golfing. The weather, although at times very cold and sometimes damp, didn't keep us off the course for any length of time, although there were some very interesting bounces during the icier spells which certainly kept me off the greens!!

Our competitions went ahead as planned, with Lynne Smale winning Round 3 of the Winter League, and Elaine Holloway winning the January Stableford. Congratulations to both players. Virtually all of the ladies who played on 24th January entered the All Day 9-hole Stableford, which was great to see.

February Competitions

Thursday 3rd Winter League Round 4

Thursday 10th 4BBB 9-hole competition (Drawn pairs) Club 9 hole All Day Stableford

Thursday 17th General Play

Saturday 19th Club All Day 9-hole Stableford

Thursday 24th February Stableford

Saturday 26th Club All Day Stableford

Monday 28th Social golf

Forthcoming events

As we get nearer to Spring, so the time for our various matches and competitions approaches. You will see on our noticeboard the sign-up sheets for

- Handicap League matches
- Ladies' friendlies
- Mixed friendlies
- Australian Spoons competition

Kilworth Springs Ladies' Open: Raffle prizes

April 1st will soon be upon us, and this means our Open!

As always on this occasion, we would like to hold a raffle in aid of the Lady Captain's charity. This year we would like to do it slightly differently.

At the end of last year, several of us played at an Open, where their raffle prizes were a selection of "hampers", put together using donations from their ladies. The hampers contained things such as boxes of chocolates, biscuits, wine, cordial etc., together with things such as vouchers, candles, and toiletries. These hampers were numbered, and we were able to select which we would like to win by either dividing our tickets between several numbers or putting "all our eggs in one basket" and trying for one of them! We would like to try this at Kilworth this year.

We are, therefore, asking for donations of any of those things listed above...or anything which you think would work well in such a hamper. Easter eggs would fit very well too!
Once donations have been received, we will package them beautifully (hopefully!) and display them at our Open. Ladies will then be able to see what they are trying to win.

I hope that you will feel able to contribute towards the hampers, and thus towards my charity, AMEND. If you can contribute, please pass your donation to Elaine Holloway, any of the Ladies' Committee or leave it at the Pro Shop to be passed on.
Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union. Terry Redmond

Next meeting Thursday 24th Feb 7pm, CD to contact TR to see who needs to attend.

Any Other Business.

AGM preparation TM will publish eligibility for re election and invite nominations for the posts. In the event of no nominations for the captain's role an amendment to the club rules has been made.

In the aftermath of the Pandemic and the difficulties in filling vacancies on the Committee and following discussions between the Committee and the Management, the following amendment to the Rules has been agreed and adopted by the Management.

Election for the Members Committee

Clause 7 shall be amended as follows:

7.1 All elected Officers and members will retire at the next AGM and will be eligible for re-election subject to clauses 7.2 and 7.3 below and subject to the provisions of the "Maximum Duration of Service on the Committee" clause below.

7.2 The Captain and Vice-Captain will be eligible for re-election only once with the intent that no person may be elected to serve more than two successive years in either office.

7.3 The Immediate Past Captain shall serve for one year only in that office save in the event of the captain being re-elected for a second year in which event the Immediate Past Captain may serve for a further year.

NB This amendment does not apply to the Seniors and Ladies sections as they sit as ex officio members of the committee.

SM expressed her intention not to stand for re election to secretary at the AGM and also to give her apologies for her absence at the AGM.

Date of next Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 6th April at 7.00pm in the clubhouse. (BP sends apologies)

Competitions & Handicaps Sub Committee Meeting at 6.00pm

SignedClub Captain