

Minutes of committee meeting held 25th February 2014

Items in red – Confidential matters - not to appear on copy of minutes posted in locker room or on website

Items in blue – Action points

PRESENT

Chris Wren (Chairman)	Nigel Armstrong (Captain)	Roger Parker (Secretary)
	Paul Barber (President)	Josie Wadsworth (Lady Captain)
Steve Kendrew (Vice Captain)		Martin Rhodes (Comp Secretary)
Mick Bush (Seniors)	Olivia Douglas (Social)	Paul Arthurs
Paul Carabine (Rabbits)	Peter Tomlinson (Tigers)	Terry Collins
	Danny Littlewood (Director & Professional)	(Junior Organiser)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Steve Reilly (Handicap Secretary), Ian Adams and Peter Thorpe (Treasurer)

Minutes of meeting held 21st January 2014

Proposed by Olivia Douglas

Seconded by Mick Bush

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Olivia asks what format the previous month's and AGM minutes were sent out in as it took her 15 minutes to download the committee minutes but the AGM minutes downloaded immediately. Secretary informs that both were sent in Word 2007 format. Future minutes etc will be sent in PDF. Secretary apologises for not updating committee members ie. Lady Captain and Rabbits Captain

Chairperson welcomes members to the new committee and reminds that confidentiality is of vital importance.

The committee is committed to working towards the good of the club whilst moving forward. We must work together and there must be no personal attacks.

Captain

Despite the relentless rain torrent we have witnessed over the last few weeks the team of outdoor staff have managed to keep the course open and we have managed to play most of the planned competitions including a fine victory in our first team event of the season.

Thanks to Paul Arthurs , Paul Barber, Ian Adams, Andy Rogers and Martin Britten who teamed up to overcome a strong team from Bradford Moor in the first round of the Mail on Sunday knockout. This resulted in a victory with the next round being away to Rawdon GC. Congratulations to the tea.

The first round of the Daily Mail foursomes has now been drawn and Calverley will play away at Horsforth which is provisionally booked for Sunday 23rd March. Players yet to be confirmed I look forward to the next few weeks as we map out our season and would like to ask for volunteers to formulate a special events committee to assist me with planning both golfing and social functions to celebrate this year's sporting calendar. This will be concluded by hosting our own version of the Ryder cup in September.

During March and April myself and Mr Vice will be looking to arrange a couple of evenings where potential scratch and 8-15 players can get together in order to identify the talent that will emulate last year's success.

Finally may I wish all members my best wishes for the 2014 golf season.

It is planned to hold special functions at the larger events due throughout the season.

Director

It still won't stop stop raining! We are doing all we can to keep the course open at the moment and in the most playable condition. You may notice in the near future Winter tees starting to move to different areas to help give certain parts of the course a rest. We will try make any teeing areas moved clear to locate.

The green keepers are starting to insert paths in certain problematic areas which will hopefully make your round more enjoyable and try keep you out of the mud! As you can imagine this is a costly process due to the rising cost of materials but we will do as much as we can (The 3rd tee area path put in today!). Wood chippings have been inserted round certain areas to try make getting to the Winter mats a little easier and I think you'll agree this has helped.

On Sunday 16th March we are having our Annual St Patricks Day Party. There will be a 9 Hole 4 man team shotgun start in the Morning followed by a Celebration back in the clubhouse. Guinness and Bulmers will be on special offer as well as the Chefs Irish Stew! (please note the course will be closed till 11am if you are not playing in the shotgun start)

50% reduction offer. As you know in December we did a special offer for current members to renew their Membership Early which gave them the 2013/2014 rate as well as £50 worth of membership incentives. People did take up the offer and thank you to those for their continued support.

We have decided to incentivise the remainder of the Membership to renew on time by offering a different incentive. In years gone by many people don't renew their membership until April/May of the new season. This makes it very hard for us to create a budget for running the club but more importantly THE COURSE!

Many tens of thousands of pounds are spent on the course each season to keep the course up to standard. We have seen in the last year a little more expenditure can create great results, especially on the greens.

With this in mind we have decided that any current member who renews their Membership before 28th February 2014 will get 50% reduction on the 2014 increase (Full Members £624, 5 Day members £474) on this deal you will receive the incentives as before, minus the £25 range card.

Don't forget under 12's Join free! All we ask is that one parent/guardian is a playing or social member.

Danny will provide the Competitions Secretary with a list of members who have not renewed their membership as they cannot enter competitions.

Mick Bush informs that a 7 member had complained about temporary greens being used on the previous Saturday whilst normal greens had been in play on the previous Thursday. Obviously this had been due to the weather conditions worsening during Thursday night and throughout Friday.

It was reported that many other local clubs were either closed or playing a lesser number of holes.

It was recognised that the green keepers had put in a tremendous amount of work to keep us playing on 16 holes. Danny also comments that the use of "winter wheels" had produced a beneficial effect.

Paul Barber asks Danny about the putting in of a speaker in the area around the bar. As these costs are shared it will be discussed with the Finance Committee.

Terry Collins comments that the new paths are very good but worries that the stones will "walk" off the paths. Green keepers will keep on top of this under the maintenance plan,

Greens report

Work carried out;

- * Planted all trees and hedging
- * Put paths on 3rd and on all bridges over ditch on 8,9,12th
- * Started to refurbish all tee markers ready for new season
- * Started to service all machinery ready for new season
- * Sprayed greens with fungicide and various water penitents and turf iron for colour
- * Fertilised greens and tees with a winter feed
- * repaired fencing down the 14th boundary

There is many other jobs which are carried out during the week.

Work to be carried out;

- * Edge bunkers and top up with sand
- * fertilise greens and tees
- * spray around all trees with round up weed killer
- * Slit all fairways and cut
- * spray greens for worms
- * Complete all servicing and tee markers

* Top up all red track pathways
Various other projects taking place during the next weeks.

Treasurer

No report - Treasurer on holiday

Secretary

Result of the ballot re the proposal for the issue of the County Card to all members was a unanimous agreement.

Handbook given to the printers following final checking by all sections.

Details relating to sections will be put on to the relevant page in the members area.

Attended the Bradford Union AGM at which Terry Collins was installed as Senior Vice President.

Union finances have been under pressure. To remedy this various cost saving measures have been put in place to ensure self sufficiency in the future along with a slight increase in subscriptions to £1.80 per member. (this being an increase of 30p).

Vouchers have been received for various officials to take 4 balls to Fulford and Strensall golf clubs at discounted rates. The suggestion is that one of these venues be used for the committee trip and the choice was made to use Strensall as the vouchers lasted until December. **Action point for Secretary - ascertain suitable date.**

Competitions and Handicaps.

Due to the inclement weather conditions over recent weeks the final knockout stages of the Winter League have been delayed with a suspension of play (26/01) and a competition cancellation of play (09/02). However we got there in the end and the semi - final was concluded on Sunday the 16th February with Captain Nigel Armstrong/Andy Coulson and Dave O'Donoghue/Paul Williamson going through to play the final Scheduled for Sunday the 23rd February. And the winners were Dave O'Donoghue/Paul Williamson

The Club has entered two National Competitions namely the Lombard Trophy Pro-Am and the Fullers Pride England Golf Gold Medal.

The Lombard Trophy is a Pro-Am Competition which involves a qualifier for the club members, the winner of which, plays with Danny Littlewood in a regional qualifier to be held at either Fulford GC York on 05/06 or Lindrick GC, Worksop on 07/07 (TBA by Lombard). Winners of the 16 various regional qualifiers go on to play the 36 hole Grand Final at Glen Eagles(2nd & 3rd September 2014), shortly before the Ryder Cup at Glen Eagles. There are fees involved which are £35.00 for the professional/club entry,(already paid)and a nominal £2 for each entrant in the Medal club qualifier. Calverley GC will contribute 50% of this entrance fee.

The Fullers Pride England Golf Gold Medal, as previous years, calls for two CGC Golfers to qualify, who then go on to play the final rounds at the Hotchkin Course, Woodall Spa, Scunthorpe on the 16th/17th August . Entry is Free

The Club qualifiers for these events are to be played on the following dates:-

Competition	Qualifier Format	Club Qualifying Date
Lombard Trophy	Calverley Cup Qualifier Medal	13 th April 2014
Fullers Pride England Golf Gold Medal	Club Medal	17 th May 2014

Chairperson welcomes Martin to the committee as the new Competitions Secretary.

Danny suggests that we look at additional competitions during the week. **Action point for Competitions Committee.**

Secretary has received correspondence from Hugo Boss Watches that they are continuing to provide a watch for anyone registered with HowDidIDo who scores a Hole in One.

8 – 15s (Vice Captain)

Attended the annual 8-15 AGM on Tuesday 18th Feb. My first official role as Vice Captain. Roger Parker attended in Nigel's absence.

Vice Captain informs that the retiring President of the 8-15's Association indicates that his club, Silsden, has gone into administration but will fulfill their obligations for the season.

Steve will seek information from Competitions Secretary re handicaps relating to selection for the 8-15's team.

Rabbits

Over the last month the Rabbits section have attended the Yorkshire Rabbits AGM.

The next area AGM is the Leeds Rabbits at Horsforth GC on 25/2/14 at 19.30.

We hope to have good selection of players representing the section in various external competitions. Chairperson passes on best wishes to the section.

Seniors

Despite the appalling weather during late January and February the Seniors have managed to play every Tuesday and Thursday during this period. A big "Thank you" to Paul Brown and his team for their efforts.

After considering the condition of the Union flag the Senior committee has decided to fund a replacement which has since been ordered. This was done by the Secretary before the Section Chairperson was able to discuss the matter with the Main committee. Thanks were conveyed to the section.

It was indicated that the putting up of the Union flag needed to be managed. From this a discussion was held as to whether we should, once again, purchase a Club Flag. This was agreed and the **Chairperson will carry out the action point**

Tigers

John Williamson announced that he had taken the decision not to re-join the Golf Club in 2014 and was taking a year out away from Golf. It was decided between the Committee that they were happy for John to carry on as Secretary for the rest of 2014.

It was decided by the members present not to subsidise the Tigers away day by such a large amount this year but to spread the money over several other areas as well such as the tree fund and the purchasing of T Shirts for members of the 8 -15 team to represent the Club in when playing matches. It was agreed that 10 shirts were to be purchased. The raffle will continue and discussions took place surrounding prizes on offer and possibilities of larger prizes from time to time to keep interest if required. The Tigers fee was agreed to be kept at £8 as last year although consultation would take place with the Rabbits Section to keep the fees harmonious between the two sections.

It was agreed to run an Away Day in 2014 venue to be confirmed later, but no Invitation Day would be arranged for 2014.

It was decided that the Committee would seek to strengthen the Committees numbers if possible moving forward

It was decided that signs would be displayed informing all members with a handicap of 15 or under that they can join the Section and would need to have joined the Section to be eligible to win any Tigers Competitions.

Following the adoption of two extra competitions (Top Tiger and 0-15's Cup) and the inclusion of the Club Vice Captain as an automatic member of the Tigers Committee Section Chairperson indicates that the section will be fully supportive of the Vice Captain.

We are also reminded of the reciprocal arrangement between the Tigers and Rabbits sections when players cross the 15/16 handicaps.

Ladies

The Ladies Committee are in the process of amending the Ladies Section Member Pack which we give to new members as some details in the previous pack are now incorrect.

Five of our low handicap ladies played in the first round of the Sunday Mail Matchplay Competition against five ladies from Rawdon Golf Club at home last Sunday 23rd February. I'm delighted to report that we won the match and now go forward to Round 2 of the competition.

Congratulations were passed to the Ladies team on the Daily Mail result.

Juniors

Awaiting an answer from a member interested in being Junior Organiser. Will keep you updated. Chairperson thanks the Junior Captain for his attendance throughout the meeting.

Disappointment was expressed with the previous Junior sub-committee members who left Steve and Danny in the mire last year. Golf welfare Officer (Chris Wren) has volunteered to sit on the new Junior CSub-Committee

Rules re Junior members playing in adult competitions are to be reviewed - **Action point for Competitions**

Social

60's Night on Sat 15th March - £5 including supper - Quiz for Mr C's charity – tell all your friends and do your best to support please.

Ladies Night Tues 8th April - £3 including drink – lots of stalls – please publicise where you can please.

Posters and tickets done .

Olivia informs the meeting that one of her staff had raised £100 by knitting scarves and given this to Olivia to donate to charities of her choice. Recipients of this are to be the Captain's Charity and the Lady Captain's Charity. Captain to write a letter of thanks

Website Committee

As you remember I indicated at the AGM that I would be putting Sections minutes on the website to provide information to section members. There has been some resistance to this as the minutes contain financial information and this is available to the whole of the internet as there is no password to enter our members area.

I therefore propose that the Section Secretaries still forward the full minutes but only the reports that form the minutes of this meeting appear on the website.

Any Other Business

Formation of Sub committees:

- Competitions and Handicaps Competition Secretary, Handicap Secretary, Captain, Professional and Ian Adam
- Finance Treasurer, Chairperson and Mick Bush
- Disciplinary Chairperson, Secretary and Captain
- Junior Junior Organiser, Chris Wren, Professional, Terry Collins and new assistant professional to be approached

As a reminder, the Management committee as shown in the Club Constitution, exists to monitor the day to day running of the club's affairs. This consists of the Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary, Handicap Secretary and Club Captain.

Danny informs that the annual competition for St Patrick's Day will be on Sunday 15th March. This will be a 4 person team competition over 9 holes with a shotgun start at 9 30am. details to be announced at the Wednesday draw.

This led to a discussion as to why we held a competition linked to St Patrick's day and not one for St George's Day. Danny and Competitions Secretary to look into. [Action point](#)

The intention was to discuss and vote on the nominations for the selection of future Life Members however there were so many differing views that it was decided to take a further look at the procedure and criteria for selection. A sub-committee of the Captain, Secretary and Paul Arthurs would to assess the situation.

The new members meeting will be held on 5th April when membership cards, bag tags and County cards will be issued.

Charities for this year will be:

- Captain Forget Me Not Children's Hospice
- There will also be a charitable event later in the year to mark the 100 year anniversary of World War 1
- Lady Captain St Gemmas/Wheatfields Hospice
- Seniors Captain Cancer Research UK
Children In Need
Sport Relief

The role of President was discussed and commencing in 2014 the date of the President's Putter (3rd August) will take on a similar look to Captain's day. Also the duties/job description of the President's role will be looked at. [Action point - President.](#)

Action Points

Secretary	Explore options for date of committee Trip to Strensall GC
Competitions Committee	Additional competitions during the week. St Georges Day Competition Rules re Junior members playing in adult competitions are to be reviewed
Chairperson	Flying of Union flag needed to be managed purchase a Club Flag
President	Role/job description of the President's role will be looked at.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING **TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2014 - 7 00pm**

Roger Parker – Honorary Secretary