

**DONNINGTON GROVE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting; Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**Present;** Richard Lomax, Tim Brunsden, Ann MacDonald, John Tonner, Sylvia Davis, Mike Williams, Brenda Agutter, Gareth Williams.

**Apologies;** Chris Strong.

**Also present;** Dave Allen

The Captain took the chair.

**Matters Arising**

The Committee reviewed the Actions List carried forward from November as shown below.

**1404/10-** Competition fees to be increased.

This will be kept under review for the foreseeable future.

**0706/03** – Gareth stated that Dave Knight was due to jet wash and steam clean the wooden bridge which will take a lot of the grime off.

- **Gareth to update as necessary.**

**0203/03** – John reported that he was hoping to have the draft out by February.

Tim is due to send him the 3 missing trophy photos.

- **John to report progress at next meeting**
- **Tim to provide photos to John.**

**0802/02** – Gareth stated that Chris had received the quote regarding the curtains for the restaurant from Sylvia. Chris was now awaiting an opportunity to speak to the owners.

- **Chris to report result when known.**

**1504/10** – The question of running Sunday competitions is to be held over until February 2011.

**0208/03** – Gareth had not yet met with the Marshalls. He was awaiting a reply from Yamaha who supply the buggies into their thoughts on software that tells the driver that he shouldn't be on a part of the course.

- **Gareth to report result of meeting when completed.**

**0705/10** – Tim stated that the enlarging of the tee area would commence in January when the weather permitted.

Gareth said that the tarmacing of the path to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee from the car park was due to be completed in December. The electricity would be laid to the starters hut in March/April when it would be combined with another electrical job.

- **Tim to report progress at next meeting.**

**0410/06** – Gareth reported that he had not been able to properly assess the winter 2 tee start booking system as due to the weather restricting play. He was aware of the problems experienced by some members in November and had spoken to them. It appears that a ‘rogue’ golf break had started on the 1<sup>st</sup> when they should have been off the 10<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that as the front 9 holes took 20 – 25 minutes longer to play, he introduced a buffer zone within the booking procedure. Hopefully this will help relieve the pressure on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee.

- **Gareth to report results at next meeting.**

**0111/05** – Gareth said that Dave Knight was against a grass tee area on the practice range. The range area was due for a revamp during 2011.

Chris stated that he would keep this matter open at present.

- **Gareth/Chris to report any progress.**

**0111/06** – Sylvia reported that the Lady Vice Captain post would be vacant during 2011 as there had been no one prepared to commit to the position. Having met with the Ladies it was decided to split the post’s responsibilities between 3 ladies who would not be members of the Committee and would report to Sylvia as shown below:-

Ladies Interclub Team	-	Helen Huish
Bronze League	-	Sue Kingham
Mixed Interclub Team	-	Maija Myres

**0111/07** – Gareth said that the divot buggy had been vandalised and was awaiting repairs. He said that this was a particular problem for the holes bounding Grove Road.

- **Gareth to report when buggy repaired.**

### **Sandtrend Proposal regarding club match arrangements**

Dave Allen on behalf of Sandtrend wished to sharpen up procedures surrounding the booking of matches and refreshments. At present the various team captains ‘did their own thing’ and Sandtrend wished this to be standardised.

After discussion it was agreed that the following should apply to all club matches:-

1. **Dave Allen to deal with all match related matters for Sandtrend.**
2. **All money from matches to be paid into Pro Shop and receipt obtained.**
3. **Receipt to be given to Treasurer by team captain.**
4. **Santrend to issue invoice and send to Treasurer.**
5. **Some flexibility if some members of teams do not turn up.**

Dave has completed a Match Menu Order Form and a captain’s check list which he circulated. All agreed that this was a good idea although the pricing needed to be agreed in the New Year.

### **Imminent and Future Golf Events**

Texas Scramble (Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec)

John and Sylvia away. Prizes similar to winter warmer with vouchers as winnings through the prize matrix.

### **2011 Committee – Nomination of new Committee members**

Tim stated that the closing date for nominations for the 2011 Committee was midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

There were less than sufficient nominations to fill all the vacancies.

The Constitution states that in this case those nominated will be considered elected subject to the approval by the members of the existing Committee, and no ballot will take place.

#### **Treasurer**

Brenda Agutter had agreed to put herself up for re-election as Treasurer as she will have held the post for 2 years at the AGM. There had been no other nominations for the post of treasurer.

Proposed by: Tim Brunsdén.

Seconded by: Gill Lane.

Seconded by: Derek Moody

Brenda was elected unanimously.

#### **Competition Secretary**

Jonathan Hawkins

Proposed by: Tim Brunsdén.

Seconded by: Colin MacDougall.

Seconded by: John Tonner.

Jon was elected unanimously.

#### **Handicap Secretary**

Tony Coleman (TC)

Proposed by: Tim Brunsdén.

Seconded by: Geoff Kells.

Seconded by: Richard Lomax.

TC was elected unanimously.

#### **Members Representative**

Vince Hanniffy

Proposed by: Tony Coleman.

Seconded by: Steve Clark.

Seconded by: Lester Hunt.

Vince was elected unanimously.

#### **Members Representative**

Andy Storer

Proposed by: Vince Hanniffy.

Seconded by: Luis Iglesias.

Seconded by: Kevin Beasley.

Andy was elected unanimously.

#### **Social Secretary**

There were no nominations and the post remains vacant at present.

All those elected will take up their posts from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, but are welcome to sit in on all Committee meetings from today.

### **Captain's Report**

November has been a quiet month, which is a pleasant experience after October's busy month.

Richard has been chasing up all the outstanding money due from the Charity day. With just a few pounds to collect, the club has raised a few pence under £7,200. Richard thanked all who supported him and Ann on the Day.

A re-arranged match against Castle Royle took place and DG came out 3-1 winners. Well done to Tim Brunsdon for his season as inter-club captain. Next year Jonathon Hawkins will take over this role.

Another reciprocal course down in Devon has been added during the month and, whilst some distance away will, no doubt, feature on some member's wish list to play.

The weather came along to disrupt our play late in November but as at the time of writing this report the snow has cleared and the course is open again.

The charity bunker for the month of December will be the left hand greenside bunker On the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lady Captains' Report**

Everything has gone very quite in the ladies section. They have now finished all their Bronze League matches, which are just as well considering the weather at present. The final mixed interclub match was against Newbury & Crookham where sadly DG lost 6 - 0, but the company and meal afterwards made up for the loss.

Gill Lane, Maija Myers, Sylvia Davis, Jan King and Ann attended the County dinner held at Royal Ascot in November. The event was well attended with over 100 ladies present.

Gill, Sylvia Ann also attended the BCLA AGM held at Reading Golf Club which was very informative. Also Gill and Sylvia were presented with the Angelia Uzielli trophy.

Ann congratulated Tim for laying on a wonderful Xmas Ball on Saturday night which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The ladies Christmas lunch which includes 9 holes of golf in the morning (weather permitting) is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The Lunch will be well attended with 28 ladies coming which will include Father Christmas and his helpers.

Ann finished by wishing all the Committee a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

### **Management report**

Nothing to report

## Competition Secretary Report

Nothing to report.

## Professional/Course report

With the weather the way it is at the moment the jobs are mainly tidying up, with the gorse and low branches on trees are being cut back. The gorse is an essential job that needs doing every couple of years ideally. It will not look nice for a while but will grow back pretty quickly once we are into the growing season again.

It is unfortunate but the frost is still deep in the ground. At the moment it is frozen to the depth of at least a foot. This means that the holes will not be able to be changed before the weekend.

The disease fusarium can be seen on the greens. These are the brown patches which have appeared. The greens are sprayed with a preventative every 6 weeks or so, weather permitting. Fungicides must not be sprayed however if the wind is too great or it is raining. The disease hit us in that period between spraying when the weather was inclement causing the disease to take hold. The greens have been sprayed and with some warmer weather the patches will grow back.

The bridge across the river will be jet steamed shortly to remove the grime. This should improve the traction; we will then assess what we need to do to make it safer.

The power to the starters hut will be put in some time over the next few weeks in conjunction with another job on the site. This will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April. It is a similar story with the tarmac for the new path to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. We are hearing that this could be done around Christmas time.

## Treasurer's report

Brenda handed out copies of the balance sheet and income and expenditure account.

At present there is £4,300 in the current account with £8,200 in the deposit account. The Charity account which is held separate contained just over £6,000.

Current Liabilities stand at £9,700 which leaves net current assets at £2,800.

The Liabilities are mainly made up of the provision for each year's prize giving of £3,000 which includes engraving, trophies and vouchers. The other main Liability is the outstanding Prize vouchers which total £3,700.

The income and expenditure shows a net income of £1,000 with expenditure running at £2,700. This includes £720 for the Starters hut, £400 for team shirts still to be sold, £350 for updating competition boards and £270 subsidy for the Past Captains Dinner.

This led to a loss of £1,600 so far this year.

Richard asked Brenda to look at the previous subsidies for the Past Captains Dinners.

- **Brenda to give details at next meeting.**

### **Senior Captains' report**

Nothing to report.

### **Social report**

No report

### **Any other business**

**Sylvia** asked if we needed to have the course re-measured due to the alterations that were being proposed and had taken place.

**Gareth** replied that we had some leeway and that the course would need to be lengthened or shortened by at least 100yards before this became necessary.

**Sylvia** said that at the Berks Ladies AGM there were 3 ladies who assess courses for Standard Scratch Scores etc.

**Gareth** said it would be a good idea to get them to assess the front and back nines separately for a SSS. This would allow us to hold 9 hole qualifying competitions

- **Sylvia to contact Berks Ladies and arrange.**

**Tim** said that the Committee needed to decide upon any Notice of Motions required for the AGM at the next meeting as they needed to be agreed and published in time.

- **All members to consider any notices required for next meeting.**

**Richard** asked that the contractors be asked to clean the new buggy path round the rear of the hut by the 10<sup>th</sup> tee.

- **Gareth to speak to contractors.**

**Richard** asked Gareth to look at the Club Rules as it needs modifying regarding members tee times up to 11am as this is not possible in winter especially with the 2 tee starts now.

- **Gareth to report back at next meeting.**

**Gareth** said that it was possible that the club would get a Golf Mark accreditation through Matt Woods as Jez Mann was now working with Matt with the juniors in order to get his coaching qualifications.

**Tim** asked who was responsible for Jez's actions i.e. the Committee or Sandtrend, as this was the first he had heard of Jez doing anything and hadn't even met him!

- **Gareth to speak with Chris, Matt and Jez and report back at next meeting.**

**Dave** asked Richard if he could have an electronic copy of the Club Rules.

- **Richard to provide Dave with electronic copy.**

**Dave** said that the letter Chris had sent out to members with the new fees had 2 mistakes, for which he apologised. Most members had realised that the 2010 and 2011 prices were the wrong way round and that the E Mail address should be .com at the end.

Richard stated that there had been no requests so far for any extensions in the winter knockouts. However due to the extreme weather conditions, the Committee needed to agree an action plan.

After a short discussion it was agreed to allow an extension similar in length to the time the course was closed.

Any players granted extensions should be urged to play their next rounds ASAP if they won in order to bring the dates back in line if possible.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm

**Next Meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011                      7.30pm**

Tim Brunsden  
30<sup>th</sup> December 2010