

DONNINGTON GROVE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting; Monday 5th December 2011

Present: Tim Brunsdon, Sylvia Davis, TC, Bernie Parker, Sue Kingham, Gill Lane, Jon Hawkins, Steve Clark, Vince Haniffy and John Tonner.

Apologies: Gareth Williams and Andy Storer.

The Captain took the chair and went over the previous minutes and everyone was happy so minutes passed

Matters from previous meeting

0705/10 First Tee Improvements Gareth will update Committee when Dave Knight resumes work on this matter.

06a/2011 Action Open – Tim will report progress at next meeting.

09b/2011 Bunkers – Gareth stated that all bunkers receive a full rake every Monday and Friday. They are gradually weeding them all.

New Matters Arising.

- 1. EGU Handicap Seminar** – Attended by Jon Hawkins/Gill Lane and Steve Clark as Donnington Grove representatives. Steve gave a general overview of the events, explaining the new rules and how to implement them into the club. With specific emphasis being made on inactive handicaps, Cat 1 players still can use supplementary cards and 9 hole competitions for handicap reviews. He made notice that should obviously not affect social golf and advised that the EGU will be emailing a new brief to all clubs shortly. Gill Lane advised that with effect 1st January, the EGU wished to adopt a "Flagging System" for exceptional scores. Again they will pass details to each club. Any amendments to the new EGU Software will be authorised under the Handicap Secretary and obviously Club 2000 will automatically output the data as required. There is also an amendment to the Amateur Status – where no cash prizes are available apart from a Hole in One and that should be £500 maximum per event. Sandtrend and the Captain will advise
- 2. Junior Organiser** – Currently undergoing CRB checks Tim will advise and the next meeting
- 3. Reports** – All reports relevant for the month are listed on the web site
- 4. Slow Play Document** – John Tonner and Jon Hawkins delivered a "Slow Play Problem – Discussion Document" for the committee, discussions took place generally within the committee, with Gill Lane disagreeing with recommendation 2. Further Discussions will be held and the Committee for the Club Championships 2012 will take notice of the recommendations and invite Gill to have an input with regards to the proposals regarding Ladies Event within the Championships.
- 5. Open Competitions** – A great deal of discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of Donnington Grove Opens – As they were Sandtrend led, it was apparent that there were issues with prizes, costs, attendance and general marketing of the club. There was a perception that the Seniors open was a great success, however, again it was made apparent that the numbers playing were heavily influenced by Donnington Grove Seniors. The committee decided to continue to the discussions at future committee meetings
- 6. Bridge Repairs – Practice Nets** – Sandtrend have repaired the bridge and practice nets as requested by the committee, Tim thanked Chris for this quick response

Any other business.

BBO Alliance – Competition 14th December 2011 – TC gave a general overview of the BBO Alliance and how it all began

Night Golf and Race Night – Will be held in February 2012 with marketing going on web site and notice boards in January.

Staff V Members Golf Match – Imminent – details next committee meeting

Review of Past Events – All within the committee agreed that all past competitions had been a noted success, with a special thanks to Dave Knight and his team for the excellent condition of the course and his set up for the "Green Keepers Revenge" Competition

Nil Returns – General discussions took place regarding Nil Returns within Donnington Grove Golf Club competitions, the committee were concerned about the numbers and the effect on SSS as well as rationale of nil returns and how it affected "2's" competitions. It was decided that further discussions were required and this would occur at the next committee meeting.

Website Front Page. Generate still attempting to solve problem.

Next Committee Meeting – Monday 9th January 2012 @ 19:30
John Tonner Vice-Captain