

DONNINGTON GROVE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting; Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Present; Geoff Kells, Lynn Turner, Richard Lomax, John Rance, Mike Williams, Tim Brunsdon, Chris Strong, Ann MacDonald, Brenda Agutter, Sylvia Davis, Gareth Williams, Ray Ross.

Apologies; Sean Sargeant.

The Captain took the chair.

Richard stated that the February Minutes AOB should have stated that Gareth was to look into whether relief was allowed from the stone 150yd markers.

Brenda stated that the Treasurer's Report did not mention her comments regarding the Committee Golf Day.

The Committee agreed that these were discussed and the Minutes were corrected and signed off as correct by Geoff Kells

Matters Arising

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

0607/6 – Gareth stated that Dave Knight was currently awaiting dry weather before deploying the divot bag system and would like a divot party.

- **Gareth to monitor results when system deployed and liaise with Dave with suitable date for divot party.**

0607/7 – Chris stated that the new benches were now in situ on the 7th and 15th. This matter is now closed.

0508/12 – Geoff stated that he would see the acoustic engineer to look at the dining room and bar within the next month or so.

- **Geoff to report back progress.**

Sylvia stated that GK Curtains had given a rough estimate of £2,200 for 4 windows. These would be fully lined and fitted. They would be fire retardant as per fire regs.

She stated that they could come to measure up and present a full quote.

Chris asked that Sylvia passed on their details and he would contact them.

- **Sylvia and Chris to report back with any progress.**

0610/04 – Richard stated that Sean had given him the Draft Club Manual on a memory stick, which is now on the club computer.

- **Richard to report back on progress.**

0311/03 - Gareth stated that he was still waiting for all the new signs ordered to arrive.

- **Gareth to report back when signs arrive.**

0311/10 – Richard stated that he has spoken to John Heath regarding coverage in the local papers for the Club. John has been diligently sending in reports each week; however the paper has not been using them. John has contacted the editor regarding this and we need to wait and see if the situation improves.

- **Tim to monitor situation.**

0303/8- Gareth reported the results of the sub-committee which looked into the stroke indices. The new indices were now more in line with the CONGU recommendations, with the front nine being even indices and the back nine odd indices. He reminded the Committee that the stroke indices are for match play in order to ensure an even spread of shots throughout the course. It is not designed to show the relative difficulty or ease of each individual hole. The new indices are shown below and will be brought into play once the necessary signage is in situ.

- **Gareth to report when new indices will come into play.**

Hole	Hole Name	White	Yellow	Par	Current St/Index	New St/Index
1	Gothic Manor	381	373	4	12	10
2	Swampy's Copse	583	511	5	6	8
3	The Vineyard	411	389	4	10	12
4	The Carry	444	422	4	2	2
5	Gorse Bank	198	168	3	16	16
6	Snelsmore Rise	559	550	5	3	6
7	Member's Bounce	188	155	3	18	18
8	Skylarks	463	441	4	5	4
9	Halfway	329	317	4	14	14
10	Parasampia	624	567	5	1	1
11	Crooked Pine	423	382	4	7	3
12	The Road Hole	378	366	4	9	13
13	Lime walk	523	502	5	11	9
14	Beech Copse	368	310	4	15	17
15	Fly The Trap	179	161	3	17	15
16	A Long Draw	427	405	4	4	5
17	Shotoku's Prayer	210	186	3	8	7
18	Home	420	371	4	13	11

0112/01- Richard stated that he had researched the appropriate plaques required for the memorial bench on the 8th tee. He now required the years of birth and death, before ordering the engravings.

- **Richard to purchase plaques once he has all details.**

0112/11- John asked that all the old files be cleared out.

Tim stated that he, John and Richard needed to list their own files which were suitable for scrapping, as Richard would not necessarily know this himself.

- **John and Tim to provide Richard with list of obsolete files.**

0112/05 – Gareth stated that he had spoken to members not turning up for booked tee times. In all cases they were apologetic and Gareth warned them if it was repeated they would receive a written warning from the Committee. This matter is now closed.

0112/11 – The monitoring of the new marshals and starters will be carried forward to the May meeting.

- **Gareth to report progress at May meeting.**

0112.11 – Richard stated that Generate had quoted £1K per day to install any of the changes he was looking for. He said that he would speak to Kingsley Starling to see if he could be of help.

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

0208/04 – Chris reported that there had been no more problems with the half-way hut that he was aware of. He said that having a member of staff co-ordinate the hut has helped.

Geoff stated that everyone seemed happy with the pies.

This matter is now closed.

0802/08 – Gareth and Richard reported on the eligibility of ‘inactive’ handicaps in DG competitions.

They concluded that players with ‘inactive’ handicaps would not be allowed to enter board or trophy competitions (e.g. Members Memorial Comp). They would be able to enter Medal and Stableford competitions in order to get their qualifying scores, but would not be able to win them.

- **Richard to ensure members are informed of these facts.**

0802/12 – Gareth stated that the compressor for cleaning shoes only had a limited amount of air in when full. If it is used constantly to clean shoes and then trolleys, the air runs out and it need a while to replenish itself. He reminded the Committee that it is designed to clean shoes only. He also stated that it would be moved further back so that the mud was not by the entrance to the Club.

This matter is now closed.

AGM

i. Motions received

Richard reported that there had been no motions received from the members.

The following motion was proposed by the Committee

Motion ref 310310/1. That this meeting should approve an amendment to the Club constitution to allow at the invitation of the Committee, an outgoing Captain to remain on the Committee following his/hers resignation to fulfil any vacant role or office other than that of Vice-captain, Seniors captain, Seniors Vice-captain, ladies captain.

Proposed by: Ray Ross.

Seconded by: Ann MacDonald, Geoff Kells.

ii. Notices and Communication

Richard stated that the AGM notices had been published on the website and placed on the notice boards.

- **Richard to publish details of motions asap on website and notice boards.**

iii. Committee attendance

There were no apologies from any of the members present

iv. Rules Quiz

Tim stated that Dave Allen had agreed to run this after the meeting and that notices had been put up to that effect.

Tee Booking System

Richard stated that the recent questionnaire on the website regarding a change in the tee booking system had returned the following:

Q.	Are you happy with the current system of booking tees?		
A.	No	-	32
	Yes	-	8

Sylvia stated that she did not think that this was a sufficient amount of the membership to enable us to change the system.

John stated that we did not need to change the system, but to look at other methods. He also thought that members would not use the questionnaire if they thought it was not being considered.

Tim stated that he thought that Committee members needed to go to a similar club as ours and see for ourselves other booking systems and how effective they are before making any decisions.

Chris said that he and Gareth would research other clubs and their booking systems. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that more research was needed into the various options discussed and that further consultation with the membership was required before any firm decisions were made.

- **Chris to report back with details of clubs for Committee members to attend.**

Captain's report

Geoff stated that after several sub-committee meetings that the handicap review had now been completed and all members concerned had been notified of the changes. He thanked Richard, Tim, Sean and Gill lane for all their hard work on this.

He was sad to report that the Mail on Sunday Team lost away to Calcot Park 1½ - 2½. It is always difficult with the away draw and he gave his commiserations to Paul Bailes and his team. The Concorde Team start their campaign away to Studley Wood on Sunday 21st March.

Geoff thought that we should consider a shotgun start to next years' Members memorial if we are going to provide food, as although well supported by 60 members about ¾ had understandably left long before the presentation, many going without their lunch. It would also have been nice to make the presentation and say a few words about the competition to more than just the first and second teams.

Geoff wished to save his last few words as Captain for the Committee and gave them his sincere thanks for their tireless, enthusiastic support throughout the year.

Geoff's special memories include

- Finally seeing the Elfed memorial and trophy cabinet in place.
- Being able to present the very worthy John Rance with the first seniors Captains' jacket.
- The members website, thanks to Richard and his team.
- So many people at the Presentation Evening, together with 63 entries to the Champagne roll-up that night.
- Drawing Richard's number out in the final champagne Draw to win over £400.

There are of course many more memories Geoff will take with him and he ended with his sincere thanks to this Committee and his best wishes to Richard and Ann for 2010.

Lady Captains' Report

Lynn is certain that there will be at least two new lady members this year. One is returning from Newbury & Crookham, while the other has visited and played at all the clubs in the area and realised that the Grove is the best. Both think that the ladies are very welcoming and friendly, having both attended the latest ladies social evening.

Pat Connifray has accepted Lynn's invitation to attend the Presentation evening to receive the charity cheque for the Air ambulance.

Gill Lane and Jan King were knocked out of the Daily mail foursomes last week at Sandford Springs.

The Duncan trophy team are playing their first round away to Bearwood lakes on Monday 29th march.

Lynn wished to reiterate Geoff's thanks to the Committee for all their hard work and support through their Captaincy's and she wished Ann and Richard all the best for 2010.

Senior Captains' report

John stated that the 2011 calendar was presently being collated. And that the seniors' first match was on the 31st march against Wokefield Park.

He stated that the original idea for the seniors came from Elfed and he was sad that Elfed could not see how the section had progressed and grown.

John's low points of the year were mislaying the Elfed Trophy to West Berks, although he blamed the 'Captain of the day' for this. Another point worth mentioning was the fact that no one knew the result of the match against Badgemore Park!

Highs for John included receiving the full match fee and cost of team shirt from Keith Berry even though he didn't play having turned up 1 hour late!!

Another cherished memory was the 3 wins against the ladies.

Management report

Chris thanked Geoff, Lynn and John for all their efforts over the year. He said it had made his life easier.

The members' renewal letters have now been sent out, together with a positive letter from Richard.

At present there are 211 seven day members, 44 five day members, with 24 new members identified. Dave Allen is running a new members competition on Sunday and hopefully this will bring more in.

Chris is looking forward to a good year

Social report

Nothing to report

Professional/Course report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

Brenda stated that she would write to the member who still had money outstanding from the Christmas Ball 2009.

- **Brenda to report result at next meeting.**

Communications

Richard asked that any of the Committee who needed to update their profiles, or write new ones; send them to him for inclusion on the website.

The diaries have been ordered by Dave Allen.

Any other business

Sylvia commented that details of the Ladies Open and Coffee morning were not shown on the main DG home page. She suggested that we should be able to download entry forms from this page.

Richard replied that it was up to the Ladies section to provide the information to Sandtrend and then up to Sandtrend to agree to the request.

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

Lynn asked whether we would be running an Invitation Day this year.

Richard replied that as last year's competition had been cancelled due to lack of interest, he did not see the point of running one unless the situation changed significantly.

Ann wished to know what the agenda for the new members' day was.

Richard replied that he will contact Dave Allen who is organising it and pass on the details to Ann.

Gareth stated that in answer to Richard's question last month, relief was allowed from the stone 150 yd markers similar to that allowed for staked trees.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th April 2010 7.30pm

Tim Brunsdon
26th February 2010