

DONNINGTON GROVE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting; Monday 7th March 2011

Present; Richard Lomax, Ann MacDonald, Mike Williams, Brenda Agutter, Chris Strong, Gareth Williams, Sylvia Davis and John Tonner

Apologies; Tim Brunsdon

Also present; Jon Hawkins, Vince Hanniffy, Andy Storer, Bernie Parker, Gill Lane and Tony Coleman.

The Captain took the chair.

Richard began by welcoming Gill and TC to the Committee. They will be taking up their posts in the Committee in April

Matters Arising

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

0505/01 – Richard stated that he had looked at Gareth's office and the possibility of sharing it as a Committee Office. He suggested that the Committee should invest in a Committee computer to go in the office.

As this consisted on a possible outlay of funds, (Computer) this was left to the next committee meeting with Tim Brunsdon

1404/10 - Competition fees to be increased.

This will be kept under review for the foreseeable future.

0203/03 – Club Manual.

John Reported that he had the USB with the manual however due to redundancy issues was unable to print and was speaking with Dave Allen with a view to having it printed via Sandtrend and advised he would report back at the next meeting

0802/02 – Acoustic Curtains

Chris to report progress at the next committee meeting in April

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

0208/03 – Gareth had not yet met with the Marshals.

Chris stated that the meeting would be set up by 1st April.

0705/10 – First Tee Improvements.

Chris advised that there would be a possible six week delay in the tarmac to the tee as well as power to the starters hut, further updates will be made at the next committee meeting

0111/05 – Grass Tee on the practice range

Gareth to report any progress.

0111/07 – Divot Party following the restoration of the Divot Buggy.

Gareth and Tim will arrange a divot party for April

0612/03 – SSS for Ladies (Score Cards)

Gareth explained that this will already being dealt with - matter closed

0612/06 – Draft amendment (Gareth) to club rules has been completed

0612/07 – Junior Organiser

Details on report requirements will be advised to Jez Mann via Gareth and Tim for inclusion each months report

1001/03 – Year End Accounts - Action Completed

1001/06 – Club Championships

John advised that he held a meeting with Jon, Vince and Andy to formulate an action plan to improve the championships the results of that meeting had been sent to Tim. The action will plan will be presented to the new committee in April with a view of acting on the recommendations - John will send the report to the new committee members before the next committee meeting

1001/05 – Course upkeep and condition

Gareth advised of Dave Knight's progress explaining the rationale of hoops and ropes in certain areas

1001/07 – Tim advised that he had bought a new plinth for the New members Trophy

1001/08 – TT Trophy - Jon Hawkins advised that he had purchased the trophy (showed example)

Imminent and Future Golf Events

New Members Event 20th March (Tim, John, Sylvia and Gareth will assist with Dave Allen in this new Initiative)

Social

The return of Donnington Diners

Club President Proposal

At February's meeting, Tim had put forward a proposal, however Richard advised as Sylvia and John were on holiday it was decided that a vote and further discussions were to be held over to the March Committee

For completeness the entire proposal is stated again for this month's committee meeting

The proposal was for a Club President. This, if accepted would also mean a change in the Club Constitution.

The details of the proposal were as follows:

Club needs to be running for 15 years

Honorary role-to promote members and club, assist Captain and Management

Past Captains only to be considered.

Tenure 5 years

Run from 1st June

No President charity – President supports Captain's charities

Sit on Committee – no vote. Captain runs Committee

To be nominated by, and voted in by Committee.

As this would entail a change in the Club Constitution, it would need to be voted on at the AGM. The Committee had to decide whether to put this to the AGM and if so, vote on and agree a notice of motion.

Tim suggested the following notice of motion:

Motion 290311/2

The Committee and Management seek approval to introduce the position of Club President and associated changes to the wording of the Club Constitution.

Tim also suggested the following alterations to the Club Constitution with the changes

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Officers of the Club and Membership of the Committee

ii.

The Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Club, together with:

The company representative

The course manager

The club professional

The club secretary

The Club President

At least 2 elected members representatives

iv.

The Chairman of the Committee is the Club Captain. The Club Captain is also the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General meeting that may be called. The Club President is entitled to sit on the Committee, but has no vote.

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Club President

i.

The Club President shall be selected by the Committee for a term of 5 years, commencing on the 1st June of the relevant year.

ii.

In the event that the office of Club President falls vacant during the tenure, the Committee will select a suitable candidate to fill the role.

iii.

The Club President must be a full seven-day member who has previously served a full year as Captain.

iv.

The post of Club President is honorary. The role is to support the Club Captain and to promote the membership and Club.

v.

The Club President is entitled to a Presidents Day.

vi.

The closing date for nominations for Club President will be the January Committee meeting of the relevant year. The Committee will vote in a new Club President no later than the February Committee meeting of the relevant year.

As expected there were detailed and lengthy discussion on the merits and problems regarding this. The Committee voted in favour unanimously of the proposal. The appropriate constitution wording and notice of motion will be ready for the AGM

Captain's Report - My last month as Club Captain! How time flies when you are enjoying yourself! I chaired my last committee meeting on Monday 7th March. Here is my final report as presented to committee.

I feel it only right to reflect briefly on my year as Captain. I agreed, some 2.5 years ago, to come onto committee, initially with some reservations, but I realised that if one wanted to improve anything the best way to do so was from within, not without the committee.

I do not want to blow any trumpets and will leave it to others to judge whether or not things may be better now than before. However, I do wish to stress that the administration of any club is not down to any one person: it requires a committee of volunteers who willingly give up their free time to engage in club matters and without whom nothing would be done, let alone improved.

So, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who have served on committee during my year and supported me in carrying out the responsibilities of Club Captain on behalf of the members. I am also grateful to the co-operation Sandtrend has given to club activities and the many inter-club matches.

Gareth also continued to provide great assistance to the committee in setting up and closing competitions on our behalf, which he has always done, and dealing with numerous issues during the period. It would also be remiss of me not to mention Dave Knight and his green staff who work extremely hard maintaining the course and setting it up for competitions.

In particular, I wish to thank my Vice Captain, Tim Brunnsden, for his unfailing support during the year and wish him, Sylvia Davies, incoming Ladies Captain, and the new committee, well during the rest of 2011 into 2012. I know that they will be putting great energy into their year.

My chosen charity Help for Heroes will have benefited by the end of my year to the tune of about £4500, in all. I am very, very grateful to all the members, friends or sponsors, who have generously given either their money or time, or both, in helping me raise funds during my year. The Bonus Ball Sweepstake has also been a success and has raised nearly £450 so far. I understand that Tim and Sylvia will be continuing with the sweepstake during their year, with the proceeds going towards their charities.

On more general matters, the new competition season is about to commence and Jon Hawkins ran a very enjoyable and successful practice day for the DG Mens' squad at the end of February. The first match is against Magnolia Park on the 19th March and we hope for a winning start to the year.

The draw for the Hillman Trophy has been done and we have a home draw against The Buckinghamshire, to be played before the 9th May. I will be contacting my counterpart soon to arrange the match.

The AGM is due at the end of the month and I hope for another good turnout on the night. Dave Allen has kindly agreed to run a Rules of Golf quiz after the AGM in the bar, as he did last year.

Finally, I will be handing over responsibility for the administration of the members' website to Tim and John Tonner from the end of this month. I consider the launch of the website to be one of my biggest contributions to improving the members' experience and enjoyment of the club, and trust that it will continue to provide interesting and up to date news for all members for many years.

Richard Lomax
Club Captain 2010/11

Lady Captains' Report

This are still rather quite in the ladies section, However, there has been 2 golf events & of them both against the Valley, Sadly we lost in the Mail on Sunday by 4/1 Jan King being the only lady to win her game on the 18th

I do now realise the advantage of having a caddy if the other teams hare having one, as Lynn & I were the only 2 who didn't have a caddy, & I have to say that our valley ladies hardly spoke to us the whole way round, it felt at times that you we playing the 2 of them instead of just one

On March 27th Julie Davies & I met 2 more ladies from the valley in the Daily Mail knockout competition, Having been 2 down on the 14th we came back winning the 15th 16th 17th & 18th to beat them 2 up. It was sweet revenge from the Sunday before

Julie & I now await or next club

On Monday 28th Feb The match between our Ladies v The Seniors was played in very cold weather, but a great game was had by one & all, I was & still am very proud of my ladies that took part in this event as it is no mean feat with some of the Seniors who are total bandits, the result was another white wash to the seniors. Well done again Guys. It will now be up to Sylvia & Bernie to arrange the next meeting,

As this is my last report, & my time has been fulfilled on the committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish Tim & Sylvia and all the new committee members all the very best for the coming year,

Ann

Management report

Nothing to report.

Senior Captains' report

The first match of the 2011 season gets underway with our first match against Wokefield Park of the 30th March.

The match against the Ladies took place on Monday 28th February and once again finished in a resounding victory for the Old Boys with a win of 5-0

The date for the return match in September/October has yet to be agreed

The rescheduled match against Temple will take place on the 24th June not the 24th May as reported at the meeting in February.

The Senior's AGM takes place on Thursday 10th March and will be well supported with 26 members attending

We will be holding a raffle on the evening with all proceeds going to the Captains Charity

Professional/Course report

Any other business

Richard asked that any Committee members still to provide their biographies and photos for the website to do so asap.

Andy, Vince and Bernie to provide Richard with biographies and photos.
Richard said that a new communications officer was required for the coming year as he no longer wished to continue with the post. Richard was happy to act as a backup if required.
Tim replied that he would continue to do the role as he had last year and that John had agreed to do it with him.

Tim to get John as administrator on website.
Richard said that the Committee E mail address needed to be transferred from his account to Tim's and John's, although he was not too sure how this was done.

John to look at transferring address to his and Tim's account.

Vince asked that a password be set up for access to the members' link on the website.
Tim replied that this was looked at when the website was set up, but was considered too time consuming to administer. Other benefits were that prospective members could see what was going on at the club which might influence their decision to join.

Mike said he had some fixtures to book already for the 2012/13 season and asked when the diary would be set up.
Tim replied that the 2012/13 diary was John's responsibility.

Mike to speak to John regarding fixtures in 2012/13.
Ann said that on the last Saturday a member had parked a buggy directly in front of the restaurant doors at the halfway hut. It was not possible to get in or out by

those particular doors.
Andy said that it was parked in the door.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:15m

Next Meeting – Monday 4th April 2011 7.30pm

John Tonner
March 2011

