

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee held at 2 Burre Close Bakewell on Mon 28 May 24

Chair David Wilde

Secretary: Phil Buckley

Present:

Maureen Birds, Michelle Haynes, Steve Hudson, Paul Outram, Steve Rawlings, Nigel Trend, Andy Williamson, Peter Wright, Jean Goodwin, John McGough.

Apologies:

Val Cousin, Paul Chadwick, Mike Bright.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record.

1. Matters Arising

A list of non payers to be passed to Paul C to send reminders. **Nigel** Complete

House tasks and work schedule	Paul O	Ongoing
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Some tidying up done. Rubbish moved to greens shed area. Skip to be ordered when ready. Ladies changing room should be cleaned up and decorated. Gents changing room needs new hand dryer and toilet tissue dispenser.

John See FE&H

A tree close to the garage in the car park was giving cause for concern as it grows up into some cabling. An assessment would be carried out to see what we needed to do. **Paul O, John**
No further action required.

With reference to par 5 project Rob Birds had previously suggested that (a visit of a golf course architect) could take place in conjunction with representation of the committee. **Maureen Complete**

2. Secretary

Covered under other sections.

3. Finance

- a. Financial reports for Mar and Apr were presented and are available on page 8.
- b. Overall summary was that the finances are in good shape overall.

4. Membership

NTR

5. Greens

a. Report at page 7.

b. A course walk this month was not considered practical as it was not possible to hold the meeting in the clubhouse on this occasion. However, actions identified on the previous course walk had been addressed by Ed with a significant exception. The badger damage around some of the greens borders had not been repaired as requested. It was felt that simply putting sand in the deep scars was not effective and that they should be properly filled in with soil and grass seed. It was not felt that having to chip over damage at the edge of greens or having balls fall into them rather than run off as a result of a poor shot was acceptable.

Greens staff to be informed that repair of the badger damage around the greens edges needed to be carried out as a priority.

Paul O

6. Fixtures Events and House

a. New outside furniture had been delivered.

b. Quote for fencing the bins off was being obtained.

c. Visiting teams had been asked to pay for food before being served. This was a policy the committee thought was not in keeping with the way people expect to pay. If such a policy could not be changed it was proposed that a bank account to be used to hold a pre payment fund for pre paying team meal charges.

Options: Ask Tom & Claire to serve food and take payment from visitors in the same way as non-golfers are treated or instigate pre-payment fund. It was felt unfair to demand advance payment from visitors when invoices owing to the club were outstanding.

Action: Discuss with Tom - John, Nigel.

d. Concerns were raised about the clubhouse being closed to members during normal opening hours to allow preparation for private events. It was strongly felt that opening hours for members should be respected and access privileges kept sacrosanct. Concerns were also raised about the ladies football team seeming to use the clubhouse as theirs outwith normal opening times. Should such use be regarded as commercial and a room charge be levied?

Action: Discuss with Tom - John, Nigel.

e. Private social events were conflicting with club events due to a lack of information on the planning diary from catering. It would be helpful to all if social events were properly inserted in advance on the planning diary. In addition, the number of covers should be included to assist in calculating the attendance levy.

Action: Discuss with Tom - Phil

e. There was no update on replacing the boiler but a survey had been done on clubhouse insulation.

f. The club landline is rarely answered and voicemails made to it are not dealt with in a timely manner. Phil had suggested that the Secretary could hold a mobile phone and take calls made to the club, or at least deal with voicemails made to it. Phil will investigate the most cost effective way of doing that when the new broadband installation is complete after Jun 11th.

g. Discussion on replacing the hand dryer in the Men's toilets had gone from replace it now to include it in an update to the toilets to be looked at by Andy Elliott. It was decided to carry out the hand dryer replacement separately and to remove the hand towel dispenser as it was rarely refilled and, in any case, reduce the risk of hand towels being put down the toilet.

Action: Paul O

7. 125th Anniversary Celebrations

a. The raffle for the 125th Anniversary evening celebration raised £820 and after prize money and expenses resulted in £450 coming back to the club.

b. In addition to the club celebration it was thought that a 125th anniversary dinner would be a good way to include past captains and others who had contributed to the running of the club and may no longer be members. The traditional committee dinner date could be used to accommodate this which would tie in more closely with the actual anniversary of the club's inception.

c. Sadly, there had been many negative comments on the quality and amount of food at the celebration buffet for the amount it cost. It was thought that if the event had been for a private, non-club event the catering arrangements would have been different. Those who attended both John McGough's wedding celebration and the anniversary celebration reported a marked difference in quality, quantity and presentation. Although a difficult subject it was felt necessary to address this with Tom.

John, Nigel

8. Competitions

Men

a. Club Competitions

Centenary Plate

The Orme Trophy

May Par

May Medal

Bakewell Sports Trophy

1st Midweek stableford had no entries because of the weather.

b. Derbyshire competitions – Drabble Cup

4th James Duckett

5th Brian Nevins

8th Derek Northin

Unfortunately, not on the same team!

b. Interclub Events

Taskers Plate

Bakewell A v Matlock 26.4.2024 (Away) Won 5.5-1.5. Next Rotherham away.

Bakewell B v Birley Wood Won 5-2 Next Hallamshire away

Handicap League

Shirland (home) 5-5

Ormonde Fields (away) 5-5

Playing Alfreton at home this Thursday.

Daily Mail Foursomes Paul Chadwick and Neil Peters lost the Daily Mail foursomes away at Buxton and High Peak (6&5)

Interclub Foursomes

Currently having great trouble arranging matches

7+ (7th June) Derby Sinfin (Away) Vernon

12+ (7th June) Horsley Lodge (Home) Geoff.

Ladies

a. Ladies comps were being poorly supported. It was felt by Maureen that if this continued it would not be financially possible to support the number of trophies. The general feeling was that the number of trophies should be kept the same, even if the mens' comps fund should need to support the cost of maintaining the Ladies' trophies although it was also suggested that income from the successful Bunny Hop and/or a possible new 9 hole comp could be used in support.

b. The Bunny Hop had again been a great success with 17 teams raising in excess of \$300 with many compliments being received on the course and food."

c. It had been agreed with Westwood GC to hold a mixed pairs friendly over the August bank holiday.

9. **Men's and Ladies Golf**

Covered in para 8.

10. **Junior Golf**

We have a total of 33 full junior members to date.

Golf Sixes fixtures are under way, the first taking place at Buxton and the second at Bakewell. The home fixture was very well received and thanks were given to Ed for getting the course ready, and to Tom and Claire for remaining open to provide food and drinks for all the juniors taking part. The next fixture is on Sunday 2nd June at Matlock.

Get into Golf Rookies started on Friday 19th April and finished on Friday 24th May. We successfully managed to fill all 14 spaces with new juniors. We have offered them some follow up coaching on a Saturday morning starting on Saturday 8th June – all have signed up (plus 2 more).

Girls Golf Rocks starts on Friday 7th June and runs for 6 weeks. We currently have 2 spaces remaining out of 14 places. I will re-advertise these in the coming week.

There was incredibly low take-up for the junior competition on Centenary Day due to everyone being away for the Bank Holiday weekend and half-term. A few adults, without a handicap, also took part (playing by the same 'fun' junior rules).

The new date for the Junior Fundraiser will be on Saturday 15th June in combination with an invitation day. The juniors will run the half-way house, raffle, putting competition and car washing. There will also be two 4 ball vouchers for auction. The money raised by these activities, together with the entry fees, will be split between the junior section and a local charity chosen by the juniors.

Adult Coaching:

The adult beginner lessons ended on Wednesday 15th May. 9 out of the 10 adults have moved onto the improver classes which started on Thursday 23rd May. The one person who didn't sign up would like to continue with golf but couldn't make the new day. The 9 are being joined by 3 new adults. I have also passed on Ricky's details to several other interested adults who would like to start golf lessons but we couldn't get them all along on the same day for a new beginner group lesson.

We ran an 'on course' session for the new adults on our Centenary Day – only 4 turned up so we will be offering another one at a later date (possibly on 15th June to coincide with the junior fundraiser/invitation day). This may also be a good day to run the Women on Par event later in the afternoon.

Club Merchandise:

The club webshop is in operation. There is also now a tab under the members' section which takes you directly to the site.

Logo ball markers are on sale at the clubhouse, cash purchase only.

Anniversary logo golf balls have been ordered and pre-orders are being taken.

A document and photos were circulated regarding other logo items that may be considered for purchase for sale.

11. Course Projects

Par 5 2nd hole. The par 5 project needs to be scoped and costed. First step would be to investigate what relevant expertise we have within the club to help manage and carry out works etc. A message would be sent out to all members to see how much support might be available.

Action: Phil

12. Health and Safety

An assessment of signage around the ponds on the course was needed and a decision on whether we should provide some kind of emergency assistance device. Buoyant rope was the preferred option and Paul O agreed to investigate signage and rope installation.

13. Any Other Business

Jean raised concern about Sheila Whitaker resigning because dogs were allowed on the course and in the clubhouse. It was felt regrettable that Sheila felt the need to resign but also that allowing dogs on the premises benefited more members and customers and, therefore, the business, than it disadvantaged.

14. Date of next Management Committee Meeting

Mon 17 Jun 24 at 7.30pm in the clubhouse.

Minutes published by J P Buckley

Secretary
Bakewell Golf Club

Greens report May The greens have had an application of lawn sand to help reduce any moss and to harden the sward up before we scarified. Top dressing has been applied and brushed in. In the next few weeks, a further preventative spray will be applied to help with the reduction of fungal activity. Tees, the grass coverage is still very good. An application of selective weed killer will be done in the next few weeks. They have been spiked to aid aeration and will spike them again later in the month. Cups to be replaced over the next week as weather improves and treatment to greens is completed. Fairways All fairways are now being mown twice a week. I'll be looking at opportunities to spray a selective weed killer and some point this month. The units for the fairway mower will be sent off for sharpening. This will be at the same time as the spraying. Semi rough, we're probably at about 98% mowing all the semi rough as there are still some very wet areas. These are reducing week by week. Pitch marks and divots. There has been a big increase in unrepaired pitch marks on the green. Can there be a gentle reminder to repair their pitch marks please as it doesn't take long to do it. There has still been instances where large divots have been taken out of some of the greens, again can we have a gentle reminder to not play an iron shot off the greens. Badger activity This has reduced significantly, there appears to be sporadic but small scratches still happening. Signs A new sign on the 3d hole near the bell is required. Potholes The path next to the ladies 13th tee needs attention. Strimming All strimming is being carried out once every other week. Bunker edging This will be carried out again later on in the month. 6th Bunker will be re-opened week commencing 20th May.



March 2024
Management Account



April 2024
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Management Committee Incumbents 2024

Chair - David Wilde
Club President – Michael Bright
Club Captain – Stephen Hudson
Ladies' Captain – Jean Goodwin
Treasurer – Nigel Trend
Greens Chair – Paul Outram
Men's Comps & Handicaps – Peter Wright
Ladies' Comps & Handicaps – Maureen Birds
Membership Secretary – Paul Chadwick
House & Events – John McGough
Junior Organiser – Michelle Haynes
Welfare Officer – Val Cousin
General Member – Steve Rawlings
General Member – Andy Williamson
Club Secretary – Phil Buckley