

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bakewell Golf Club Management Committee held in the Clubhouse on Mon 16 Jun 25

Chair: Steve Hudson

Secretary: Phil Buckley

In Attendance: John McGough, Mike Trew, Nigel Trend, Rob Birds, Peter Wright, Emily Hudson, Paul Chadwick, Michelle Haynes, Steve Rawlings, Andy Williamson.

Apologies: Mike Bright

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record.

1. Matters Arising

- a. Stewards' contracts waiting to be signed once EPC and electrical safety tests were updated. The EPC and electrical safety checks were actually up to date.
- b. Card reader for club use. In progress. **Action: Nigel**

2. Secretary

Draft copies of contracts for the stewards' cottage and bar and catering agreements had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members were requested to read and provide feedback on the contracts.

3. Finance

- a. Report at page 6.
- b. The junior fundraiser had been a success with £729 in cash raised on the day, entry fees of £500 and other receipts resulting in a £1400 half and half split between the junior section and Ashgate Hospice.
- c. Recovery of debts from Peak Hospitality was in the hands of an enforcement agency. Peak Hospitality had agreed to repay its debts in instalments.
- d. An offer had been made, by someone who preferred to remain anonymous, to provide an interest free loan to finance the par 5 project. Discussion had taken place in the past to explore the possibility of donations to the cause, and it was agreed that such a request should still be considered. **Action: Phil**

4. **Membership**

After discussion on the full-time education category, and the difficulties in establishing who qualified, it was decided to have an 18-21 age category at a rate of £163. There were only two members currently in that age category and, having paid more than that amount, would be afforded a refund.

5. **Greens**

a. Report at page 8.

b. A fallen tree on the bridleway had caused problems to horse riders. As the tree is on club land it was our responsibility to get it removed and made safe. Wayne Sheldon would be approached to see if he could assist with the task. **Action: Rob.**

Wayne had been given membership in kind for work carried out on the course but had been unable to take advantage due for medical reasons. It was agreed to carry his membership forward for another year. **Action: Paul**

c. Discussion on machinery; which needs to be sorted out. The equipment for the gator is too labour intensive to fit and take off; better ways need to be found to spread fertiliser etc. A more efficient way of delivery would be to have a trailer towed behind the tractor. Dave Beresford would be approached to see if he could fabricate one. **Action: John**

6. **Fixtures Events and House**

a. Investigations on obtaining a free/subsidised defibrillator along the lines of one installed on the industrial area by the Monsal Trail. While this idea would still be looked at there was already one on order from a rental company, which would entail no maintenance from the club and would be replaced every two years or if deployed during a medical emergency.

b. The lack of serviceable showers in the Men's changing rooms was considered to be unsatisfactory, especially when hosting visitors. The cost had been a delaying factor, especially since the post Covid period when the use of communal showers had fallen out of favour. The possibility of a wet room set up was discussed and with a club member being a supplier of wet room materials he would be approached to investigate potential supply and fitting costs. **Action: Phil**

7. **Competitions**

Since 19.5.2025

- Jack Warner Trophy
- Unleash your drive
- F&H trophy
- June Medal
- 2nd Stableford
- Junior Fundraiser

Interclub competitions

Taskers

Round 2

A v Ormonde Fields (away) Lost 1-6

B v Hillsborough (away) (plate) Won 4-3

Round 3

B v Ashbourne (away) lost 1-6

National Mixed Pairs - Round 2: Moor Hall Sunday 8th June (away) Lost 1-4

Daily Mail Foursomes: Round 4 Bakewell V Hallows Won 4&3; Round 5 v Kedleston (home)

Derbyshire Handicap League - Steve Rawlings

Ormonde Fields (home) won 7-3

Chesterfield (home) won 8-2

Interclub Foursomes round 2

(12+) Home to Pastures won by 9 holes

Next match away to Derby golf club

Upcoming County competitions

Bretby Cup/ Henriques Memorial Sunday 27th July, Shirland

b. Ladies A great effort by Pauline and Michelle but they are now out of the Daily Mail Foursomes. Val and Michelle are waiting to see if they will get a place in the Coronation Foursomes. There is hope that an event to replace the Bunny Hop, which was cancelled at its usual time due to lack of catering, can be organised in September. The Bunny Hop generated about 2/3's of last year's ladies' income so still keen to hold something, possibly a 9 hole waltz.

8. Captain

Thanks to Michelle and everyone involved in the fund raiser on Saturday and thanks to everyone who took part in supporting the event.

9. Health and Safety

10. Junior Golf

We have had two more Golf Sixes fixtures at Chesterfield on 1st and 8th June. Our teams did well and really enjoyed the day.

We had a Derbyshire Junior League fixture away at Chesterfield on 8th June. We lost 3/1 but they were all very close matches and the team really enjoyed the experience.

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We are now in the process of running the pilot, Unleash Your Drive, School to Club initiative sponsored by the Golf Foundation. We have 8 new juniors signed up for the 6 golf sessions taking place on Saturdays.

We were successful in our application for funding from Derbyshire England Golf for the junior section so we can assist with retention over the winter months and provide the opportunity to visit inside golfing facilities over the winter. Unfortunately, they misplaced the application for funds to run another Women on Par event.

A Junior Captain's Afternoon will take place on Sunday 7th September with tee times reserved from 12pm. This will be an event for all juniors to attend, with an 18 hole, 9 hole and golf sixes competitions.

Adult Coaching

The adult coaching is going well. All our beginners continued onto the improver sessions (apart from one who will take individual lessons). We have started another set of beginner lessons with 7 adults signed up.

11. Any Other Business

Nil

12. Date of next Management Meeting

Mon 21 Jul 25 at 1930 in the clubhouse.

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Secretary
Bakewell Golf Club

Management Committee Incumbents 2025

Chair – Stephen Hudson
Club President – Michael Bright
Club Captain – John McGough
Treasurer – Nigel Trend
Greens Chair – Rob Birds
Men's Comps & Handicaps – Peter Wright
Ladies' Comps & Handicaps – Emily Hudson
Membership Secretary – Paul Chadwick
House & Events – Vacated
Junior Organiser – Michelle Haynes
Welfare Officer – Val Cousin (until a replacement can be found)
General Member – Steve Rawlings
General Member – Andy Williamson
Club Secretary – Phil Buckley

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Bakewell Golf Club accounts	Nominal	Apr	May	Provision	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance
Period ending: 31st May 2025	Code				2025/6	2025/26	2024/25	
INCOME FROM BAR								
Bar Sales	4000	2,928	1		2,929	0	0	2,929
Bar Purchases	5000&5001	-781	1		-780	0	0	-780
Bar Gross Profit		2,147	2	0	2,149	0	0	2,149
OTHER INCOME								
Subscriptions	4100	85,319	2,225		87,544		68,109	87,544
Green Fees	4102	3,907	4,343		8,250		4,398	8,250
Social events	4104		0		0		331	0
Open Golf Competitions (Mens)	4105		0		0		60	0
Competition Entries (Mens)	4106	676	721		1,397		755	1,397
Competition Entries (Ladies)	4110	24	117		141		444	141
Bank Account Interest	4900		0		0		1,258	0
Charitable Collections	4902		0		0			0
Charitable Donations	7400		0		0			0
Room hire	4111	27	0		27		295	27
Donations (non-junior)	4903		0		0			0
Adult coaching	4906	1,413	-486		927		1,620	927
Adult coaching expenditure	7701	-1,413	486		-927		-1,620	-927
Ground rent	4107		196		196		156	196
Cottage rent	4108		0		0		1,260	0
Rent of bar, cellar and kitchen	4109		600		600		1,666	600
Junior Income and donations	4909		2,090		2,090		25	
Junior Income - coaching	4905		0	0	0		951	0
- Saturday coaching			0		0			
- Monday coaching			0		0			
- Summer Camp			0		0			
Junior expenditure	7700	-42	-1,725		-1,767		-951	-1,767
Transfer to Junior reserve			0		0			0
Merch Sales	4912	187	221		408			408
Merch Costs	7442	-583	0		-583			-583
Sundry Receipts	4901	48	-48		0			0
Winter marathon income	4907		0		0		0	0
Winter marathon expenditure	4907		0		0		0	0
Insurance reclaims	4930		0		0			0
Sales of Assets	4200		0		0			0
Other Income		89,563	8,740	0	98,303	0	78,757	96,213
Total Income		91,710	8,742	0	100,452	0	78,757	98,362

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EXPENDITURE						
ADMINISTRATION						
Rent	7100	4,722	0	4,722	4,574	4,722
Rates (NNDR)	7120	1,102	0	1,102	367	1,102
Telephone and broadband	7530	79	79	158	121	158
Insurance	7130	6,035	0	6,035	5,933	6,035
Self-insurance	7131		0	0	408	0
Printing, Stationery and advertising	7500	434	-244	190	437	190
Advertising	7501		492	492		492
Postage and carriage	7510		0	0		0
Affiliation Fees & Subs	7410	308	0	308	3,690	308
Prizes and Engraving	7420		0	0		0
Interclub and Team competitions	7415	120	40	160	493	160
Sundry Expenses	7440	40	41	81		81
125th Anniversary	7441		0	0	328	0
Legal and licences	7430&7600	1,705	446	2,151	791	2,151
Health & Safety	7304	14	449	463	84	463
Administration Expenses		14,559	1,303	0	17,226	15,862
HOUSE						
Electricity (Club and cottage)	7200	290	634	924	2,268	924
Gas Oil	7201	0	0	0	829	0
Propane	7202	15	0	15		15
Repairs and renewals	7800	3,170	292	3,462	3,690	3,462
Cleaning Matts & Services	7810	84	168	252	426	252
Waste Disposal	7815		298	298		298
Contribution to costs	4908		-416	-416	-1,359	-416
Stewards Wages & NI			0	0		0
Casual Bar Staff			0	0		0
Club House Expenses		3,559	976	0	5,854	4,535
COURSE						
Greenkeepers costs	7000	2,823	2,577	5,400	5,335	5,400
Assistant greenkeeper costs	7001	2,296	160	2,456	4,065	2,456
Water	7101	500	362	862	1,000	862
Upkeep Tractors & Mowers	7303	59	378	437	5,455	437
Petrol and Oil	7300	23	0	23	26	23
Course Supplies	7301	6,210	7,580	13,790	3,678	13,790
Shed electricity	7302	105	-5	200	237	200
Course Upkeep Expenses		12,016	11,052	100	19,796	23,168
FINANCE						
Bank Charges	7900	16	15	31	34	31
Worldpay/BRS fees	7901	123	172	295	150	295
Accountancy	7610	0	0	0		0
Corporation Tax						0
Finance Expenses		139	187	0	184	326
Total Expenses		30,273	13,518	100	43,891	43,891
Income less Expenditure		61,437	-4,776	-100	56,561	54,471
Depreciation			0	0		0
Income after Depreciation		61,437	-4,776	-100	56,561	54,471
Capital spend in budget		0	0	0		0
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
					1,154	0
Cash movement after capital expenditure		61,437	-4,776	-100	56,561	54,471

Note - Reserve for Par 5 Project

1,907

BAKEWELL GOLF CLUB GREENS CHAIRMAN REPORT



JUNE 2025

Staff

- Unfortunately, the assistant greenkeeper, Alan Porter, who started last month didn't last. This was due to a combination of travel and conditions for staying overnight at the club in his campervan.
- Jack and I advertised for a new assistant for which we received interest from a couple of greenkeepers and some inexperienced candidates.

We interviewed Paul Rowlatt who has significant experience including being senior greenkeeper at Staverton Park, assistant greenkeeper at De Vere Selsdon, a course labourer at Colonial Country Club in Texas where he worked during the 1994 PGA Tour Colonial Classic and a course labourer at Banff Spring in Alberta, Canada. Jack and I were extremely impressed with Paul's knowledge and after receiving positive references from two previous employers we offered him the role of assistant greenkeeper which he has accepted.

Paul currently lives in Ripon where he was working as senior greenkeeper at Ripon City GC until it closed last year due to the hotel changing ownership.

We are hoping that Paul will be able to start in the coming weeks once he arranges accommodation.

Course General

- I am getting concerned about the vegetation encroaching from the field adjacent to the 1st hole and the potential for the fence to become damaged.
- Tree work has been carried out on the 2nd hole where some trees were becoming strangled by Ivy and the tree surgeon suggested that while he was removing two which concerned me it would be advisable to remove some additional trees which could become dangerous.
Removing these trees has made a significant improvement to the hole and opened up the stream area.
- The trees around the 8th/17th tees have been tidied and chipped.
- The large fallen tree on the right of the 4th hole has been removed and chipped. There is a lot of wild rose/hawthorn in this area which needs trimming back with a flail mower. We will contact Mick Burnet to price this for us unless we purchase a flail mower for the Par 5 project.

Irrigation System

The irrigation tank has been repaired and is now fully working.

No guarantee can be given by North Staffs irrigation as to how long the liner will last due to potential issues with the concrete base. They have advised that it should last at least a couple of years.

A plan should be put in place for replacing the tank/base in the future so we don't have a similar issues. I am currently consulting with a drilling company about the potential of a borehole for water abstraction.

Unfortunately, the irrigation system does not work on the 4th/13th tees. Over the years it looks like the sprinkler on the 13th tee has been neglected and buried which has more than likely caused the collapse of the tee. When the tee was renovated earlier this year we were unable to find any pipework. We will be able to manage the water on the tees in the short term with a hose pipe but North Staffs will need to reinstate the pipework and fix the issue – currently awaiting a quote.

The rest of the system and all sprinklers have been checked and I have also mapped all locations which will be plotted on an aerial photo so we have an accurate irrigation layout.

Greens

- The greens have been scarified and the mower has now been lowered to 4mm. We have seen a big improvement in the condition of the greens over the past couple of weeks.

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- A huge thank you must go to Jack for the effort he has put in to keeping the greens playable while the irrigation system has been out of action.

Tees

- The tees are starting to show improvement in growth. I have ordered 20 tonnes of rootzone to be delivered week commencing 16 June and we are hoping to top dress the tees to try and improve them.
- Members should be encouraged to use the sand/seed boxes to replace divots.

Equipment

- Unfortunately, we have had another breakdown to the Toro semi mower which meant the semi wasn't mown for around 10 days. This was extremely frustrating because it coincided with the Derbyshire Aggregates society and feedback was that the conditions were extremely difficult.
We have had various trials/demos of machinery to replace the semi mower. Jack and I would encourage the committee to consider the purchase of a Major tractor mounted mowing unit. This mower would allow for different heights of semi/rough to be mown and should be much more reliable than the current machine which is extremely temperamental.

Health & Safety

- We continue to struggle with the spreader and sprayer attachments for the gator. These two items require manually lifting on and off the gator whenever they are required and are extremely heavy and dangerous. Furthermore, once the spreader is attached, soil and/or sand needs to be shovelled over head height to fill the spreader.
It takes around 40 minutes for two/three people to change the units which need to be balanced on wooden pallets once removed.
We are actively looking to sell the gator and attachments to raise funds for purchasing more suitable items.
- We are finding more dog dirt on the course which is unacceptable. Jack has found bagged waste left at the side of the practice bay and I saw significant amounts on the 9th hole while I was mowing the semi.

R. Birds

Rob Birds

Greens Chairman

