



Men's Section Committee Minutes

Date	Time	Venue
17 th February 2020	19:00	Chesfield Downs Golf & Country Club

Attendees Name	Role	Attendees Name	Role
Richard Deeks (RD)	Vice-Captain (Chair)	Steve McMullen (SM)	Treasurer
Les Ward (LW)	Competition Secretary	Matt L'Affineur (MLA)	Handicap & Rules & Foxes Team Captain
Steve Hunt (SH)	Midweek Competitions	Dave Watson (DW)	50+
Steve Batchelor (SB)	18-49	Richard Andrews (RA)	Scratch Team Captain
Paul Chamberlain (PC)	Committee Assistance	Richard Reid (RR)	Secretary

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: PT, JT, AW	
2.	<p>Captain's update</p> <p>Club Committee Report - in PT's absence RD gave an update from the Club Committee meeting held on 3rd February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee approved the proposed changes to the Men's Section Constitution. This now needs approving at an EGM. • Barry provided an update on the progress of refurbishments: Gym complete; Studio (end Feb); Bar (end March). Top tracer implementation is being reviewed to ensure the opportunity is maximised. New Boards are being created which need to include the Easter Masters and a board for the Foxes (PT to remind BC). • Lee (Greenkeeper) provided an update on his plans, the immediate focus being on bunkers and fairways. RA have his seal of approval for the work being carried out. • Jackie Crabb (JC) gave an update on Junior activity. Junior day is on 18 July – the Committee were keen to explore how the Men's Section could support (PT to discuss with JC). • Margaret requested that the individual section handicap secretaries work together on the rollout of the new handicap system. MLA confirmed he would take this forward with Ladies and Senior sections. • The committee agreed to trial confirming course status changes the evening before. • A general concern was raised around the repairing of pitch-marks. The Committee debated ideas as to how to reward better repairing of pitch-marks and agreed to the idea of a competition based on 1st letters of surnames being allocated to different groups of holes (RD to progress). 	<p style="text-align: center;">PT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MLA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RD</p>

3.	<p>Matter's arising</p> <p>a) New Members – action plan RD raised a concern that the section did not have a clear and consistent process for dealing with new members. It was agreed that a working group consisting of PT, RD, LW, MLA would look at options of how this could be improved (eg.checklists, ensuring awareness of 50+/18-49).</p>	PT/RD/LW/MLA
4.	<p>Section Updates</p> <p>a) Scratch team captain (RA) RA reported that the 1st scratch team nets session with Neil went very well. He is hosting a further team-building session on 26th February.</p> <p>b) CBL team captain (JT) JT provided a written update in his absence. 1st match is on 18th April. Entry fee is £75. JT will sort with SM. JT raised a concern that there is no soil/seed mix in the buckets on the par 3s (PT to raise with Lee).</p> <p>c) Foxes team captain (MLA) MLA reconfirmed the need for a Foxes board now that we have committed to a second season (see earlier action).</p> <p>d) Handicap and Rules (MLA) MLA provided an update on his meeting on the new World handicap system. It is going to be important for individuals to record qualifying rounds and that we should also bear in mind that a competition only needs 14 holes to count as a qualifying round.</p> <p>e) 50+ (DW) – none</p> <p>f) 18-49 (SB) SB reported that the 18-49 competition was progressing well (21 entries). It is important that new members are made aware of the competition (see earlier action).</p> <p>g) Mid-week competitions (SH) SH reported that the current midweek competition would be restricted to 16 holes and would be non-qualifying. However, refer to point raised by MLA earlier.</p> <p>h) Competitions (LW) LW provided an update on some of the ongoing challenges with iG, in particular the need for all competitors to enter scores, even in team-based competitions. Knockout competition entries = 9 for scratch; 37 for handicap; 25 for pairs. Club clear-out had uncovered old photos which were being sold at £1 each for charity (£25 raised). Old charity 'gear' was available for past captains to collect.</p>	PT
5.	<p>Outstanding actions from previous meetings</p> <p>An updated action log is attached to the minutes.</p>	

6.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee jumpers – should be available shortly • Pace of play continues to be an issue, particularly the understanding of the need to keep in touch with the group ahead. Efforts will be made to put committee members with groups where this was known to be a problem to encourage better etiquette. In addition, the concerns around adequate marshalling will be raised with the Club Committee. 	
6.	Matters for escalation to Club Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshalling • Vouchers / Card levy 	
7.	Committee meetings for 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 23rd Mar - Tuesday 21st Apr - Tuesday 26th May - Monday 15th June. 	
	Meeting closed at 8.45pm.	

a) 12 little things

- Men's section towels on ball washers
- Water in huts for summer competitions
- Nearest the pin measuring device
- Duck house on 3rd (idea supported by Barry and other sections)
- Fixing the bell on 13th
- Supporting proposal for steps on 18th (instead of a bell)
- Sand & Mix on Par 3 tee boxes
- Better delineation of the course (particularly fairways)
- Engraving of replica trophies
- The running of a 'Twos' competition
- Taking steps to ensure that the winners of 'Major' competitions gain entry to national competitions.
- Broken-tee 'pots' on tee-boxes