



Men's Section Committee Minutes

Date	Time	Venue
11 th January 2021	19:00	Zoom

Attendees Name	Role	Attendees Name	Role
Richard Deeks (RD)	Captain	Phil Tovey (PT)	Vice-Captain
Steve McMullen (SM)	Treasurer	Andy Ward (AW)	Communications
Les Ward (LW)	Competition Secretary	Steve Hunt (SH)	Midweek Competitions
Dave Watson (DW)	50+	Steve Batchelor (SB)	18-49
Matt L'Affineur (MLA)	Handicap & Rules & Foxes Team Captain	Richard Andrews (RA)	Scratch Team Captain
Ian Braithwaite (IB)	Charity & Fundraising	Matt Vine (MV)	Charity & Fundraising
Richard Reid (RR)	Secretary		

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: PC	
2.	Outstanding actions All outstanding actions have either been completed or are referenced in the minutes of the meeting.	
3.	Section updates Finance (SM): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM updated the Committee that the finances are in good shape. • All Turkey Trot winners have been paid using John Lewis e-vouchers and SM is in the process of paying out all 52 winners of Summer awards. • SM will liaise with RD with respect to paying out a cheque to Paul Taylor's charity MIND. • SM will provide the Committee with a short set of accounts ahead of February's Committee meeting when a full finance update will be provided. Communications (AW): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW updated the committee on the outstanding action regarding the establishment of a Committee email address. AW informed the Committee that this was not possible within iG. Given that iG is working well from a communication perspective, the Committee agreed to maintain the current system, but RD encouraged Committee members to be consistent where appropriate. • PT & MV need to provide AW with photos so these can be uploaded onto the website. • RD will only be making minimal changes to the Captain's Welcome Note. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PT/MV RD</p>

<p>Charity & Fundraising (IB/MV):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD kicked off by welcoming MV’s role in working with IB on charity & fundraising activity. In addition, RD mentioned that he was keeping the diary under review in light of the lockdown and recognised that, in all likelihood, the Captain’s Charity Day scheduled for 10th April will have to be deferred until, probably, September. • IB reported that he had spoken to a number of previously supportive commercial sponsors, most notably BMW, and it appeared unlikely that, given current circumstances, that external sponsorship would be forthcoming. IB recommended, therefore, looking at more internal ways of generating charity donations including the ongoing use of fundraising methods. • MV had received a slightly more positive response from some of the local businesses he had contacted who had shown some interest in supporting the club. • MV agreed to liaise with IB and report back to the Committee on suggested ways forward (March agenda item). • RD updated the Committee on his chosen charity for 2021 which is ‘The Compassionate Friends’. RD provided a moving account of why he had chosen the charity above the others he had considered. <p>Competitions (LW/SH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knockout competitions: the Committee agreed with LW’s recommendation, in light of the further delays due to the latest lockdown, to cancel the 2020 knockout competitions. Entry fees for those remaining in the competitions will be carried forward to the 2021 knockout competitions. • Trophy engraving: LW asked the Committee for its view on how, for engraving purposes, to treat 2020 where a competition had been unable to proceed and, as such, no winner existed. The Committee agreed to engrave 2020 but leave the winner blank. • Conditions of Competition: RR updated the Committee that the Conditions were being reviewed by a working group (RD/LW/SH/RR) with a view to bringing a draft for consideration to the February Committee. AW raised the need for the conditions to clarify whether social rounds, submitted for WHS handicapping purposes, would count as ‘qualifiers’ for competition purposes. The Committee agreed that they should not count and RR confirmed that this would be reflected in the draft Conditions when they were brought to the Committee for review. <p>Eclectics (SB/DW):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB introduced a proposal to defer the 18-49 competition to the Summer but including round 1 of the winter competitions that had already been played. DW supported this recommendation for the 50+. The Committee debated whether it was fair on those members who might have wanted to play in the Summer competition but had not joined the Winter comp. It was agreed that, given the large number of rounds that would be played in total and the significant admin challenges that would result if we were not to proceed on this basis, to proceed with the recommendation. • SB & DW will communicate with members to ensure that anyone that hasn’t signed up has the chance to do so before the next round (unlikely to be before March). 	<p>IB/MV (March)</p> <p>RR</p> <p>SB/DW</p>
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	<p>Teams (Scratch / CBL / Foxes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA confirmed that all but one of the Scratch team fixtures had been arranged. The remaining fixture was proving very difficult to arrange and RD agreed to intervene. • DW confirmed that all CBL fixtures were in the diary and the tee time requests had been made of the club. • MLA confirmed that all Foxes fixtures were in the diary and that he would need 4 tee times from 1pm for each of the matches. LW will ensure these are booked. 	<p>RD</p> <p>LW</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Captain's update</p> <p>Meeting with Barry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD provided the Committee with an update on his 9th January meeting with Barry (BC) (they will have regular meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month going forward). • Understandably, BC wasn't able to provide any update on the likely return to golf. Working assumption is that there will no return before March and that, initially, this will be 2-balls only. Competitions seem unlikely to return before April. • RD raised member concerns around non-members playing before 11am in the Winter (11.30 in the Summer). BC sympathised with members concerns and committed to discussing with RD any situations where he might need to use any early tee-times (eg. to accommodate a society). RD reminded the Committee for the need for diplomacy on the course when approaching non-members. • RD also raised concerns about the need to enforce the dress code with non-members. BC committed to discussing this with the reception team. • RD discussed the issue of updating Honour's Boards with BC. There may be a contact within the club ('Ginge') who would be prepared to update the Boards at minimal cost. RD will investigate and report back to the Committee in due course. • RD also reminded BC of the outstanding request for Committee jumpers which BC committed to following up on. <p>Expectations for 2021:</p> <p>RD then updated the Committee on his hopes and expectations for 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting etiquette. RD asked Committee members to try to keep updates as concise as possible and not to interrupt fellow Committee members. 2. Golf etiquette. RD is passionate about the need for golfers to follow golf etiquette, particularly to encourage a faster pace of play. He proposed to take this forward through his regular communication with members. 3. Communications. RD committed to following the example of this previous captain and maintain regular communications with members. 4. Social side of golf. While recognising that Chesfield is a very friendly club, RD feels that there is not as much socialising as the was in the past (Captain's curry nights; Club nights, etc). He would like to try and reinvigorate the social side when circumstance allow. 5. New member integration. RD committed to improving the process for integrating new members noting that Craig, Chesfield's new Head of Sales, has this responsibility at a club level. He proposed the formation of a working group (RD/LW/MLA/RR) to take this forward and asked RR to arrange. 	<p>RD</p> <p>RR</p>

	RD concluded his update by recognising that the diary would have to be rearranged given current circumstance. He would keep under review until the future situation is clearer.	RD
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>iG email problem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLA raised an ongoing concern about some members not receiving updates via email due, he believes, to a problem with iG. Thus far he has not been able to resolve this. • MLA agreed to forward a list of known issues to BC copying in LW and RD. <p>Winter competition payouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM raised a question about whether, given the low number of completed rounds during the Winter season (5), what level of payouts is appropriate. The Committee agreed that this was enough rounds to support an Order of Merit. SM agreed to speak to RD and present a proposal to the Committee as part of his February finance update. 	MLA SM/RD
6.	<p>Matters to raise to Club Committee</p> <p>It was agreed that RD should raise the following matter at the next Club Committee (carried forward from December 2020):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions regarding course closure, particularly during competition play. 	RD
7.	<p>Next Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st February 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom 	

Meeting concluded at 8pm.