

BLANKNEY GOLF CLUB
MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 @ 7pm in the Clubhouse

Present:

Chairman – Lynda Ramscar, **Club Captain** – Nigel Saunders **Ladies President** – Terry McCarthy
~~**Professional/General Manager** – Alec Bradley~~ **Course Manager** - John Hart,
~~**Fixtures Sec** – Kev O'Rourke~~ ~~**Secretary & Treasurer** – Richard Tasker,~~ ~~**Vice Capt.** – Simon Smith~~
House & Social – Julian Peckham, **Comps Sec** – Paul Sirrell, **Handicap Sec** – John Dempster
~~**Junior Organiser** – Chris Wood,~~ **Senior's Captain** – Paul Finley
~~**Blankney Estates**~~

Apologies: Chris Wood, Richard Tasker, Alec Bradley, Simon Smith, Kev O'Rourke, Blankney Estates.

Chairman's Welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Blankney Executive: BE has met with the newly formed BGC Sub committee on the 29th August 2023 to discuss future plans for the golf club. The next follow up meeting is planned for later this month.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st August 2023 were agreed and approved.

Proposed by John Hart and seconded by Paul Finley

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Rule Book update – BE confirmed that the rulebook is now at the printers. A proof will be sent back to the estate prior to printing. The committee have requested to see a copy of the proof before it is printed.

Information Board for the 1st tee – The Chairman has the new proof design for the Information board. The committee were happy with the design, The Treasurer is to confirm who is paying for it ie BE/BGC or a split of costs.

Bell on 4th, position and signs – Following discussion, the bell will be placed at the front of the path on the left side of the green prior to exit from the fairway. The Course Manager will be placing signage on the tee boxes directing players to ring the bell prior to putting out on the green.

Presentation Evening – Saturday 25th November 2023 @ 1800hrs.

Greens damage/divots follow up – The course Manager informed the committee that following an incident that was identified and addressed earlier in the month, no further damage has occurred.

New tee markers and slope ratings for men and women for each tee – The Lady President will take this forward to look at an assessment for the course in conjunction with the work already carried out by the General Manager.

Correspondence:

The committee received no correspondence this month.

Committee Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Richard Tasker (Treasurer) advised the expenditure in the past month was the August 200 club prizes totalling £160 for 222 members who have entered into it, £31.78 on Printer cartridges and £70 paid to the Gents County Event for the Hotchkin Taylor Butler Cup.

Income received from Comps Levy was £423.60. The Captains charity currently stands at £1281.

Current net bank balances total £8169.13

Competitions Secretary Report

Club Am Am on 3rd September 2023 was cancelled due to lack of entries. It is also proposed that the Eric & Sybil McHale is also cancelled due to the lack of entries. The Comp Sec and the General manager have discussed and agreed a full revision of the competitions to be held for 2024. The winter League format has been discussed and a number of alterations have been agreed for the forthcoming 2023 competition. A separate notice with the new alterations will go out to the members in the weekly bulletin in the coming weeks.

Fixtures Secretary Report:

A meeting is scheduled on the 12th September 2023 to discuss and arrange all 2024 fixtures for all sections of the club. Key stakeholders from all sections have been invited to attend.

Handicap Secretary Report:

The handicap secretary is waiting for the 9 hole course index to be assessed by EG so that Club v1 can be updated for 9 hole scorecards. John Hart is requested to produce signs for the 16th Tee box so that golfers playing 9 holes alternate with golfers playing 18 holes.

Course Manager's Report:

John Hart advised that rainfall for August was only 57 mm with no rain to date in September.

Maintenance week will take place w/c 2nd October 2023. The maintenance will incorporate 8mm hollow tined of the greens, overseeding and top dress with sand.

The course manager has thanked Richard Tasker for his divot bag post that is now sited at the back of the 18th green on the pathway.

The course manager has thanked all the members and visitors for their kind comments to him and his staff on the current course condition.

General Manager's Report:

The Comps Sec and myself have looked at a succession plan for whoever takes over from him and also how we will boost entry numbers for 2024.

The club website will have the members sections colours reintroduced as it was on the old site.

Blankney member's Whatsapp group is live which acts as an instant noticeboard for club/course notices. As per the 2023 AGM request, this will aid with instant messaging over the winter period. A request has been submitted for the continuation of preferred lies throughout September. Twilight golf will continue with renewed timings from 1500hrs to 1400hrs due to the shortening of the daylight hours with discounted green fees during the quieter times on the BRS system.

Captain's Report:

The club captain thanked Terry Bentley and Kev O'Rourke for all their hard work running the club league men's teams during the 2023 season and also congratulated the ladies section on a successful league season.

Ladies Section Report:

The Lady President informed the committee that the A team had secured promotion in the league after winning the league.

The ladies have an AM AM on 13 Sep 23 with a healthy attendance expected.

Seniors Section Report:

The seniors continue to be active around the county having had friendly matches vs Louth, Seacroft, Sleaford and Woodhall Spa throughout the month of August.

Juniors Section Report:

The Juniors section have had some new members into the club.

The new Whatsapp group has been created to assist with communication on forthcoming events.

There are 2 more events in September to try and encourage greater participation in competitions.

House & Social report:

There will be more acts throughout the winter period from September 2023 through to March 2024.

Next events: 23 September 2023 – Tickets on sale for the Tribute to Karen Carpenter & Blondie

25 November 2023 – Live act to follow on from the presentation night.

Any Other Business:

- A request to use trollies during the winter period has been requested by the fixtures Secretary following requests from members. The course Manager will take the request to BE for comment. (Trollies are to be wheeled through the first cut adjacent to the fairway).
- A request by the Lady President for a new touch screen to be purchased for entering scores in the main clubhouse. The course manager will speak with the club secretary to ascertain the cost.
- It has been requested that the ball washers are refreshed more frequently due to the stagnant water giving off a strong odor. The Course Manager will look at the course general maintenance program and adjust accordingly.

The Chairman closed the meeting at approx. 8.12pm

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd October 2023

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