**BLANKNEY GOLF CLUB**

**MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING**

**held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 4pm in the Clubhouse**

**Present:**

**Chairman** – Lynda Ramscar, **Club Captain** – Simon Smith, **Ladies Captain** – Sue Battle, **General Manager** – Alec Bradley, **~~Course Manager~~** - ~~John Hart,~~ **Fixtures Sec** – Kev O’Rourke, **Secretary** - Anne Smith, **Treasurer** – Richard Tasker, **Vice Capt –** Kev Jackson, **~~House & Social~~** ~~– Julian Peckham~~, **Comps Sec** – Dave Marriott, **Handicap Sec** – John Dempster, **~~Junior Organiser~~** ~~– Chris~~ ~~Wood,~~ **Senior’s Captain** – Graham Fletcher, **~~Past Captain -~~** ~~Nigel Saunders,~~ **~~Welfare Officer~~** ~~– Simon Tindall~~. **Blankney Estates** – Lizzie Taylor.

**Apologies**: Julian Peckham, Simon Tindall, Nigel Saunders & Chris Wood

**Chairman’s Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Blankney Estates – Planning for the Future**

BE stated that they and the MSC continue to move forward; solicitors have been appointed, a bank account opened and both parties are working on the due diligence process. BE also stated that membership renewal is looking promising, which also includes a number of new members.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 5th March 2024 were agreed and approved.

Proposed by Ladies Captain and seconded by Treasurer.

**Matters arising from the last meeting:**

**Committee Photos for Club Website -** Complete

**Ladies Treasurer**

Following a scheduled meeting the handover of the Ladies accounts to the Treasurer is complete – see Treasurers report.

**Course Rating Review**

The sub-committee is now in place and the committee encouraged a review of Stroke Indexes as part of the course rating review.

**Qualifying Criteria for Competitions**

The Competition Secretary (CS) stated that to be in line with other sections gents ‘board’ competitions will require 5 qualifying competition cards in the previous twelve months, this was agreed by the committee.

**Action** – CS to generate article for bulletin.

**Course Marshall Sign**

General Manager (GM) agreed to arrange for a Course Marshall sign to encourage people to use divot bags, replace divots and monitor the speed of play.

**Action** – GM.

**Confirmation of Funds for Captains Weekend**

See Treasurers report. All three Captains agreed to have a meeting to discuss allocation of funds.

**Action** - Captains to meet and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**Overflow Car Park**

GM stated that the Overflow car park conditions were due to the exceptional level of rainfall this winter and he agreed to consult BE on the matter and to review the structure of car parking spaces with a view to adding more to existing car park.

**Action** - GM

**Club Logo Copyright**

The GM stated that there is no copyright but BE stated that they hold the intellectual property rights and for any garment requiring a club logo, the Pro Shop must be the first option for all members.

**Action –** GM to inform membership.

**Members Range Balls** - Complete

**2025 Dinner Dance Location –** On hold

**Action** – GM to confirm with House and Social if any bookings have been made.

**Correspondence**

Nil

**Treasurer's Report**

Expenditure since last meeting:

Julian Peckham – Drive in sausage rolls 99.00

Julian Peckham – Drive in Port 61.52

To Sheena Jamieson – Ladies Lunch Flowers 15.00

Top up Committee bar card 25.00

Race to Woodhall Spa entry (replacement J Riddell refund 45.00

due

Income

05.03.24 Seniors Pre-AGM TriAm Levy from BE 22.95

25.03.24 Cash deposit Meg PO (Music night 23.03) 147.00

28.03.24 Ladies Section transfer to close their Acct 2609.07

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Current bank balances:

Current Account £ 6240.70 (inc. £2594.07 Ladies balance) Deposit £ 5856.02

The above balances include £122.86 still held for A & B Team Prize fund.

**Note** - Ladies balance includes an expenditure of £15 for flowers (Ladies Lunch).

Ladies Section accounts now included, with £2609.07 being transferred 28.03.24.

Meeting being held on 9th April 2.30 pm with Ladies Section representatives, to clarify correct procedures going forward for Ladies Comps cash transactions etc.

Captain’s Weekend allowances:

* Club Captain £750
* Ladies’ Captain £500
* Seniors’ Captain £250

**Competitions Secretary’s Report**

Highlights, lowlights, issues ………

High – Step increase in entries from 2023 for gents and seniors

High – Successful Roll-up stableford (65 entries) and Scramble (100 entries)

High - Ladies won the scramble.

High – Mats removed, fairways marked, now playing qualifiers.

Low – 2 pairs played the grouse greensome as a stableford, one of them would have come second but blobbed the 11th. Discuss the erection of a sign, near the first tee, to affix notices about the days play (most courses I visit have such a sign)

**Action** – GM to look at re-purposing an existing sign.

Low – comment made that some people were using mats in either the roll-ups or the texas scramble. GM is to make it clear this cannot be done.

**Note** – GM has informed members via the Bulletin.

Issue – Grouse greensome pair pulled out on Saturday evening, which meant that one pair couldn’t play, I have written to them and apologised, in future, for a pairs comp, once the draw has been done, any team pulling out will be expected to provide a marker (statement to this effect to be put in the competition terms). Obviously, we will try to fill the space given time.

Issue – concern has been raised that I did not use count back for the Texas Scramble results on Easter Sunday. This resulted in a tie for 3rd place with 5 teams on a score of 59. The reason for this was that I felt it was not right to round the handicaps to zero decimal places and then use an arbitrary ‘how well you did on the back 9’. I cannot find any reference to rounding of handicaps for texas scrambles on England Golf, however, HDID rounds them.

The calendar has a Club Scramble on 5th May then the King Charles Waltz on the 6th May. Two team comps on consecutive days weren’t considered appropriate and hence the Club Scramble has been replaced by a sign-up stableford for gents.

**Fixtures Report**

Lefts v Rights match added on 1st June. Match will be organised by the Treasurer.

In order to generate players for A and B teams it was suggested that an article be drafted for the weekly bulletin.

**Action** – Fixtures Secretary.

There has been no response from other clubs contacted for mixed matches so far.

**Action** - Fixtures secretary to follow up.

**Handicaps Report**

Cards and scores are coming in for new members trying to obtain a first handicap. Many are trying to rush through as many scores as possible to enable them to play in the upcoming competitions. Which can only be good for the club. 7 Duplicate scores had to be deleted from the easter weekend roll up competitions.

If players could be reminded that our logging system in the clubhouse for entering scores is on the Howdidido framework, therefore do not record their scores on England Golf App whilst playing competitions. If they want to append competition scores when playing, use the Howdidido App. Only use the England Golf App, for recording General Play scores.

A point of note I would like it recorded that Jackie Davies and Anne Smith have offered their assistance with coordinating the Ladies Handicaps as part of my Sub Committee.

**Action** – GM to inform members in the bulletin of when and which app is to be used to record scores.

C**ourse Manager’s Report - Nil**

**General Manager’s Report:**

**Use of the official Blankney GC badge**

The Official Golf Club Badge cannot be used on any garments purchased off site, Blankney GC are official stockists of the golf club’s official logoed merchandise which is a representation of our club values, quality, and history. Currently we use Ping Clothing as our official supplier who are happy to provide modern, functional, and stylish clothing. This is available to all sections of the golf club and has been used many times with official teamwear for inter-club matches. We are flexible with which badge option you desire.

**Note**: The committee agreed that going forward the logo will have Blankney Golf Club above the tree and 1904 below.

**The reasons why we use Ping Clothing partner:**

* They provide a fully professional seamless process from order to receipt.
* Ping provides this service to hundreds of golf clubs within the UK.
* The size range options are representable of the size you order.
* The garments used are quality functional golf wear.
* The Club Badge is embroidered on each garment providing consistent results.
* The value of a logoed club badge is exceptional whilst aligning with our quality image.

Currently, I’m also looking into utilising other manufacturers who also offer this recognised golf club logo process. After asking for feedback from the East Midlands GCMA group all golf clubs provide this service in-house.

To use our official club badge without authorisation may result in club disciplinary action.

Easter Roll ups were very well supported. Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday, after chatting with CS we are putting more of these roll up events in where we can on Saturdays. We have discussed for next season to populate more official individual events.

* Clarification of the ‘back to normal play’ without Mats has been communicated to membership.
* Eagle Golf New slope board is in situ to replace the out-dated sloping board. Investigating a media board too, which has the facility to sync with club software. (IG)
* A reminder of 20th May, for course rating team visit. Seniors’ competition has been pushed back on this day to later in the week.
* Respect in golf and EDI is still ongoing with forms to sign off.
* New bars hours have kicked in (1st April) with later opening but later closing.
* Ladies free golf coaching went very well, a 6-week course will now be advertised.
* Members 10% off range balls via tokens when purchased from pro shop actioned.
* Monitoring of broker tee time prices via GN. (Hotdeals). Ongoing.
* Arranged for a top 100 course reviewer to play with us on Monday 8th.

**Captain’s Report**

The Captain reported that there were a number of friendly matches in May, one every week and request the CS to update HDID.

**Note** – CS has uploaded fixtures since meeting.

**Ladies’ Section**

The Ladies Captain informed the committee that the Ladies lunch was very successful despite only 2 staff on. The first friendly of the year against Boston was a win.

**Action** – GM to review and ensure sufficient staffing is in place for such events.

**Seniors’ Section**

First match against Belton Park was a draw, compliments were received from Belton Park for the green staff and the catering staff.

**Juniors’ Section**

Not much to update from the Juniors this month but have a planned session with Alec and Oli to talk through what we can do or try next and make sure the Juniors fixtures are sorted to not take up tee time space if they are not yet required.

Hopefully we now know the full list for 2024 so we can start cajoling something together.

It was also noted by the Treasurer that Junior Organiser needs to be added to the Safeguarding policy.

**Action** – GM to arrange for Junior Organiser to be added to Safeguarding Policy.

**House & Social - Nil**

**Any Other Business**

Soil Boxes on Tees **-** The Fixtures secretary (FS) requested that there be more soil boxes on tees to repair divots where players are likely to use an iron. i.e. the 4th.

**Action** - GM

Gross Score Award - The CS informed the committee that there will be more Gross Score Awards on Gent’s competitions to encourage low handicappers to enter. The amount of the award will be dependent on entries.

Vice-Captain (VC) informed the committee that Hull Golf Club had requested an exchange day for 2025.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.20pm.

**Date of Next meeting**

Tuesday 7th Mayat 4pm

Per AS v 23.04.2024