

BLANKNEY GOLF CLUB

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 4pm in the Clubhouse.

Present:

Chairman – Lynda Ramscar, **Club Captain** – Simon Smith, **Ladies Captain** – Sue Battle, **General Manager** – Alec Bradley, **Course Manager** – Richard Parsons, **Fixtures Sec** – Kev O'Rourke, **Secretary** - Anne Smith, **Treasurer** – Richard Tasker, **Vice-Captain** – Kev Jackson, **House & Social** – Gordon Mould, **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. **BGC Ltd Director** – Anthony Powell

Apologies: Alec Bradley, Chris Wood and Simon Tindall, Richard Parsons.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

BGC Ltd Update

The update sent to the membership on the 1st July has been well received, with positive comments from members. The board of directors have a much greater understanding of how the club operates. Any changes will be carefully considered and introduced over a period of months.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th June 2024 were agreed and approved.

Proposed by: Handicap Secretary and seconded by: Seniors Captain

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Confirmation if Levy is applied to roll ups. – Still outstanding.

Action - General Manager (GM) to confirm

Clarification for members of how handicaps are calculated for competitions. - Complete
Installation of camera in buggy compound. – Complete - see GM report
Compressor area cleaning. – Complete - see GM report
Members 2024 v 2023 – Still outstanding

Action - GM to provide a more detailed breakdown. (Numbers and Categories of membership for 2023 v 2024)

Agronomist report – The Board of Directors have direct access to agronomist advice, as it stands there will be no Agronomist report this year.

Visitors booking on Saturdays before these go live for members. – Complete - see GM report

Visitors booked in on same tee times as members afternoon Sunday Competition tee times. Complete
- see GM report

Clubhouse clock repairs – Complete see GM report

Correspondence

A letter was received from a member with reference to golfers walking on the pond liner when trying to recover balls from the pond. An email has already been sent to the membership stating that the liner must not be walked on in trying to retrieve balls.

Action – GM - sign to be produced

A letter was received from a member expressing their frustration and dissatisfaction at how the Gents Invitation on the 9th June was organised. This was discussed by the committee at length and the Chairman will reply to the member's correspondence. Also, the Competition Secretary (CS) will update the competition guidance for the Gents Invitational to ensure clarity in the future. Gent's Invitation will be included under 'Opens' to ensure it is subject to a more structured approach for future years.

Action – Chairman, CS and Opens Coordinator

The subject of the Dunston Cup to be held on the 11th October (currently in diary as St Peter's Golf Day) was discussed and further clarification is required.

Action – GM

The Treasurer had received correspondence from the SLGL reference reinstating the Les Pepper Trophy and the option of hosting the event at Blankney. The initial survey was responded to and further correspondence has now been received from SLGL.

Action – Treasurer to discuss with GM and respond.

Treasurer Report

Expenditure since last meeting:

05.06.24	Postage stamps	13.60
06.06.24	200 Club Prizes June	160.60
19.06.24	Club Captain's allowance	750.00
19.06.24	Ladies Captain's allowance	500.00
19.06.24	Seniors Captain's allowance	500.00

Income:

05.06.24	Ladies Plant Sale	150.50
18.06.24	Comps Levy from BE	240.00
18.06.24	B Team kit order	220.00
20.06.24	Seniors Watson Open Levy	84.45

Net funds available @ 01.07.24 = £11,349.62 (including Ladies Section £2721.32)

Comps Levy's due from BE = £251.65

200 Club income due from BE = £120

Team wear invoice outstanding from Pro Shop £600. But still awaiting payments from A team players. The committee expressed concern at the delay in settling of the invoice and a lack of coordination

Action – GM to clarify position and ensure the process is streamlined in the future.

200 Club members @ 01.07.24 = 226

Competitions Secretary Report

Highlights, lowlights, issues, discussions

Excellent Seniors Open Watson trophy entry. 100 including 42 visitors

Entries generally up on last year

As per last month's report the Sunrise Stableford has moved to 29 June. It was highlighted that some members refused to pay for the breakfast element of the entry fee. All information for each competition is contained on HowDidIDo which members can view before they enter.

Action – CS to produce article for bulletin to highlight this.

I have created a **questionnaire** to get the members views on the whole subject of competitions. The committee were in agreement with the circulation of a questionnaire.

Competition terms: - each competitions terms are on HDID, under the little question mark. These define the tees, the format, and the categories for the prizes. These are what people sign up to. I have a file containing competition terms from 2020 and use this as guidance but the 'contract' is the words on HDID not a file that nobody sees. When we move to the new system, I will ensure this is consistent from year to year, while on HDID there will be no changes to this policy.

Jack and Eve Knockout – for some reason unknown this knockout competition has been deleted from HDID. We have asked ClubV1 to provide any information about how this happened. As this comp has reached the semi-finals stage it will not be republished on HowDidIDo, the paper sheet on the comps board will suffice for the remainder of the competition.

There is a delay in receiving confirmation of how many players have played in a competition from the Pro Shop.

Action – CS to discuss with GM and report back to next meeting.

There is only one individual Gents weekend competition in August (Jubilee Cup). Following discussion, it was agreed that an extra Gent's individual roll up would be programmed for August.

Action – CS

Fixtures Report

No new club matches arranged outside of current diary.

Saturday 22 June fixtures for both Ladies A and Gents A was a necessary compromise and a one-off. Not sure whether it comes under "fixtures" really, but the Invitation Day was probably not as well attended as hoped. As this is an event driven by members, it's possible that members are not looking

on HDID or the website diary to plan their golf events, so perhaps we should consider posters/notices at several locations to advertise events.

An upcoming event is the MP Cross-country, and I would just like to enquire whether the GM is in a position to confirm the date for the event (Thursday 15 Aug), or an alternative.

Note - The MP Cross-country competition is in the diary for the 22nd August 2024

Handicaps Report

Nil

Course Manager Report

Nil

General Manager's Report:

Actions since last meeting:

Camera has been installed in buggy compound for security reasons.

The shoe cleaning area has been raised to the greens team, to be kept clean and good.

Membership core numbers are 409 in 2023 and 432 currently in 2024. - Clarification was sought by the committee – See Matters Arising.

Chafer treatment will be applied when optimal weather conditions appear. The chemical (Aceleprin) requires wet to soak into soil therefore killing at egg stage. The treatment window is still open. If you apply without rain, fairways can scorch.

BRS have been notified not to secure visitors times before club members.

Competition buffers have been increased and monitored not to affect pace of play for members competitions, with visitors playing and holding up play.

Clubhouse clock has been repaired by Ian Spencer Knott. Thankyou Ian.

Pond is slowly filling up, thankfully!

Overall

Since our last Club Committee meeting Richard Parsons who joined us recently from Holme Hall GC has been successful in a being promoted to Head Greenkeeper at BGC. I'm sure you all wish Richard every success in his new role. We are now also in a different moment with BGCL taking over from the estate, our first board meeting has already taken place, so the membership will gradually see changes throughout all departments over a period of time. Certainly, my aim is to improve the membership's experience when at the club.

Captain's Report

Everything is going to plan for Captains' Weekend, email will be sent out to the membership 2/3 Jul, confirming the details.

23 Jul - Committee match v Seacroft, 12 players – mixed – 10am brunch - 11am - 1st tee.

A couple of items from the members:

Can the CS confirm the levy % is only applied to the competition part of the entry fee and not the 2s? – As it stands the levy is applied to the entrance fee and the 2s, the subject of levy's was discussed at length by the committee and the CS agreed to investigate and discuss process with the GM.

Action – CS

Ladies Section

The Ladies Captain reported that the team had a win against Belton Woods and lost a friendly against Seacroft. They are holding an Open on the 10th July and have 16 teams entered.

There was also an issue with Visitors been booked inbetween the tees for the Ladies Invitation to Gents Competition.

Action – GM

Senior Section

The Seniors Captain reported that they drew with Woodhall Spa, lost to Seacroft and Norwood but won against Sleaford. The visiting teams were very complimentary of the course.

The Seniors Captain raised the matter of when they will be able to order their section sweaters.

Action - GM

Junior Section

I am on the Safeguarding course in 2 weeks (23rd Jul)

We have 3 new Juniors which is great, all without recorded rounds or handicaps. (so still no drive for 18 hole comps currently). Juniors must play off the yellow tees to establish a handicap.

Still trying to match diaries with GM to talk "planning" for Juniors will keep trying.

House & Social

I have booked a magician on 5 October, this will be for family entertainment to attract different members into the socials. He will perform his show 7-9 pm. Ticket cost to confirmed. I would like to ask all committee members to help sell tickets for all social events as we all have different groups we play in. I would appreciate it if all the committee members would take 4 tickets each to sell.

The Captain stated that he will confirm a date for the end of season presentation night with the CS in the near future.

Action – Captain

Any Other Business

The Captain informed the committee that the Greenkeepers had not been informed of the Watson Trophy open.

Action – GM

The Fixtures Secretary (FS) informed the committee that he had witnessed someone practising on the course in the evening. Following discussion, the FS was requested to provide more detail and the

committee to consider how the course can be marshalled in the evenings. Members should be encouraged to challenge players if they are accompanied by another member and, feel comfortable doing so.

Action – GM and Committee

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.30pm.

Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 13th August at 6pm.

Per AS v 11.07.24