

**Minutes of Committee Meeting
Thursday 19th January 2023
5.00pm**

Present Kieran Hope, Paul Manson, Norman Cox, John Morrison, Pat Roger, Derek Ball

Apologies Chris Pickles

Welcome Kieran welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new committee.

Red inserts indicate comments and decisions made by the Committee.

CLUB MANAGER REPORT

Paul had submitted his report to the committee prior to the meeting. Matters arising from the report, that needed attention were discussed:

A couple of members had asked about different types of membership due to age and illness.

The committee will come up with a Standard for moving forward for long term and older members of the club looking to change the membership type.

Other membership options that we have for Sole Traders. A Sole trader corporate membership would be for those one man companies where the owner can have a golf membership as well as advertising their business. The cost of one of these can be £1000 including small sign, details on club website and a number of guest tickets to bring clients to the club.

This is something that can be added to the corporate packages that we offer.

The sponsorship of the teams and opens etc. that have been in the last couple of updates can now get spread wider on our social media and LinkedIn platforms

We can get this out during the week commencing 23/1

A company called Golf Connect are starting a partnership with us where they will, for this year, take 6 events to the club this year. The events will be shared with Newmachar (where they do this at the moment). The first one will be on January 27th, we will have one in February and then in April, June, August and November. This will bring business people from the local area to play golf and network. There are various opportunities that can arise from this.

OGV energy are going to help us enhance our website moving forward and also assist with the social media side of things that will benefit both the golf club and the OGV taproom.

We will look to get a new hole by hole flyover done in the spring with Air Control Entech taking the lead to provide the drone footage and pull it all together.

Kieran will organise this.

TREASURER REPORT

Norman stated off by reiterating the fact that we are now in a position where we can access the further £25,000 from our benefactor and steps have been taken to contact them in this regard. Once we reach the end of January/Into February there will be a updated projection put together for distribution.

Norman also mentioned the impact on current finances regarding the view's unpaid invoices and the month of January which amounts to £10200 of lost revenue.

We look forward to the new franchise starting and that revenue stream being back in the forecast.

STAFFING/PRO

As we approach the start of the new season we need to decide the best way forward for staffing the club shop. A discussion was had around the cost of the bear minimum required and what this may be against other possible options.

Paul had put together a spreadsheet of the bear minimum required to ensure that the shop is open and fully functional for members and visitors, alike during the months of the golf season. i.e. The shop needs to be open from 7.30am to around 5.30pm Monday to Friday (with later opening on Tuesday and other days as and when required), 6.30am to 5.30pm on weekend days.

The 5 options which there are as it stands for the shop are:

1. Close the shop.
2. Recruit a Professional
3. Club Staff the shop as before
4. A Partial opening
5. Volunteers would be sought (this has been something the club heavily relied on in the past)

All options will be explored, however options where the shop is closed at times when it should be open would be a backward step when we are trying to attract more people.

The recruitment of a Professional would be the preferred option as it would take away any hassle from the club to try and staff the shop.

During the staffing discussions it was mentioned that we should have a charity day, where all monies raised from the sweep would go to a charity chosen by Forbes. Forbes, has been going through a very tough time and it was thought that this would be a great gesture to make to him.

If agreed, Forbes will be approached for his thoughts and a medal will be picked to do this.

Other requirement will be the movement towards Annualized hours for the greens staff. This was there will be no "fixed working hours" and the team can manage their time appropriately when certain works need to be done.

This would need to start from April and tie in with the annual leave year. This will be explored with the assistance of Citation, who will instruct us how to proceed.

NEW FRANCHISE

Progress is being made as we get closer to opening again with a new franchise.

The agreement is in the final stages and will be signed with a start early in the week commencing 23/1. Pat Roger to keep on top of this.

Decoration, Joinery work and the artwork on the walls and adjustments to the bar etc. are ongoing.

Some items of furniture, kitchen items and other things will need to be removed/moved from situ. Paul will co-ordinate this and look for manpower when required in the coming days.

Plan to have a soft opening to members on the evening of Friday February 3rd, all being well.

There has been a brief conversation had about the benefit of solar power being used in the clubhouse. A bit of work would need to be done on this to see if it is possible to do.

A Discussion between the club and the OGV will be had to see how this can happen and the grants available for such a project.

COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The roles of the committee were discussed in conjunction with the organigram that was distributed last year. The roles of the ordinary committee members will be as follows:

Course Convener - Patrick Roger
Membership & Marketing - John Morrison
House Convener - Derek Ball

AOB

We have been looking for ways of saving money in different areas and have identified a way to possibly make a significant saving with regard to top dressing sand. An area has been identified behind the 9th tee where there is dune sand on which could be utilized for top dressing etc. This sand requires to be tested so that it can be found as suitable and once this is confirmed the green team will be able to utilize this on the course. There has also been a saving in the greens budget made by switching to liquid nutrition as opposed to granular.

The borehole works will take place in mid-February and this will give the team around 4 hours water per day as opposed to the 1.5 hours they currently have every second day.

Date of Next Meeting – 23.02.23

Close of Meeting the meeting closed at 8.00pm.