

MINTHIS HILLS GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2014

Present:	Maurice Stephenson (MS)	Captain
	Steve Mitchell (SM)	Vice Captain/Treasurer
	Jackie Lee (JAL)	Secretary
	Gill Cackett (GC)	Social/Greens Secretary
	Neil Storer (NS)	Competitions
In attendance:	Joke Alexandrou	Management
	David Mckibben (DM)	Club Professional

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Furneaux.

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 2nd June 2014 meeting were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) The question of prizes for KO winners/runners up, in competitions where entry numbers are low had been given consideration by committee members. It was agreed that prize voucher values could not be confirmed until cost of memento trophies was confirmed. Captain to secure quote for engraved trophies before next meeting. **(Action MS)**

4. Committee Matters

- a) Medal competition prize allocation was the subject of discussion, following the June medal which had only five lady players and the competition having only 30 players in total. It has recently been recognised that to allocate medal prizes by gender is not fair and equitable and change should be considered for all medal competitions. A decision was, therefore, made to award Best Gross and Best Net in each of two categories, i.e. playing handicaps of 20 and below in Category 1, and playing handicaps 21 and over in category 2 as this would ensure a fair spread. The monthly voucher sponsored by Jordan's Restaurant would be awarded to the player with best net.

- b) A similar anomaly exists with prize allocation at Stableford events. For this reason, it was agreed to continue with six prizes for this event, but these would be awarded on a non gender basis. As entry numbers in Stablefords are considerably higher than in medals, there would be three categories, each with a winner and runner up. The categories will be Category 1 – Handicaps 0-16, Category 2 Handicaps 17-24, Category 3 Handicaps 25 and above. All handicaps stated are playing handicaps.
- c) The question regarding dates of CGF events which clash with club competitions was raised. JAL reported that this was an ongoing problem which had already been raised at CGF Board meetings. The main problem is that the CGF do not prepare their programme of events early enough for member clubs to avoid clashes. Consequently, this was not something which could be resolved at club level, but would again be raised with the CGF Board. **(Action JAL)**
- d) The revisions to the local rules that were proposed by the Committee have now been scrutinized and accepted by the management, with just a few minor changes and the new rules will be printed onto the scorecards at the next reprint.
- e) Following the resignation of the Greens Secretary, the question was asked whether, if necessary, we could co-opt another club member onto the Committee. It was agreed that this could be done with the approval of management, but this is not felt to be necessary at the moment.
- f) A question was raised regarding the possibility of using buggies in KO competitions when the weather is very hot. As a local rule had been agreed that buggies would not be allowed in KO's, Club Open Competitions or the Club Championships, this would stand to the end of this golfing season, and will be reviewed at a later date.
- g) It was agreed to publicise photographs of all committee members, and SM agreed to undertake the photography. Once completed these will be included in a local folder and on the Club Website. **(Action SM)**

5. Competition Matters

- a) The rules of all club competitions, along with examples of how to complete scorecards have now been compiled and agreed by the committee. NS will now prepare pdf copies for circulation with competition draws, and will print and laminate these rules for inclusion in a local folder. NS pointed out that he still has to complete rules for Waltz and Flag competitions. **(Action NS)**
- b) The 2014 Special Olympics Competition held at Elea this year was very poorly supported (only 30 players) with only two Minthis Hills and three Secret Valley members entering. It was agreed that this, once again, was due to the lack of publicity for the event. JAL said she had not been given advance details or date of the event, but would take up this matter with the CGF at the next board meeting. **(Action JAL)**

- c) The Keo competition entry fees publicised by management were the subject of discussion. It was decided that as a sponsored competition, the entry fee would be €2.00 with an optional two's competition and food. Details to be forwarded to members with a request that they pre-order lunch if required. Competitors will be given water, prior to the game; plus a gift and complimentary drink on completion of the competition. There will be three prize winners.

6. Social Events

- a) Members who have visitors at the time of the Summer BBQ have asked whether children can attend the function. It was agreed that children under the age of 6 could attend free of charge. Ages 6 – 11 would be €12.00, and age 12 plus full price.
- b) A decision on holding an autumn social event will be made if the Summer BBQ has sufficient support.

7. Golf Course Matters

- a) It had been reported that a number of holes were damaged or crowned. The Head Greenkeeper responded stating that the damage has been caused in the main due to poor maintenance techniques which were being rectified. However, no hole was found to be crowned as had been reported. It was accepted that damage could also occur to the edge of holes by players when removing/replacing the flagstick or by using a putter to retrieve balls from the hole. Members to be reminded of the need for care to be taken with flagsticks, and that in no circumstance should balls be retrieved from a hole using a putter head. **(Action JAL)**
- b) A complaint was received that a playable area short of the 12th green had been classed as out of bounds because of the positioning of the white stakes. The Head Greenkeeper reported that out of bounds stakes on the 12th have been renewed and some moved which should rectify the problem. Extra out of bounds stakes have also been placed behind the sixth green.

8. Financial Matters

- a) The Treasurer presented his financial report, stating that the cumulative figures were largely within budget, with slight variances in the previous month's cash flow which were due to timing differences.
- b) A new bank mandate is now in place with signatories to bank documents being The Treasurer, The Secretary and The Competitions Secretary.

9. Any Other Business

- a) Jimmy McBeth has now obtained engraved plaques for Club Championship, Lachlan Gilchrist, Celts V English and Order of Merit trophies at a cost of €70.00.
- b) The Captain, on behalf of members, has purchased four new trophies to the total value of €345.00 for the Mixed Foursomes Knockout, Men's Singles Knockout and Ladies Open competitions. Winning names will be engraved on plaques and placed on the new trophies.
- c) Some bunkers do not have clearly defined edges as sand is being spilled over during maintenance. The Head Greenkeeper to advise on how this problem can be resolved. **(Action CF)**
- d) GC apologised that she will not be able to attend the August meeting.
- e) Members to be advised that on Monday and Tuesday 14th/15th July there will be a lot of noise in and around the clubhouse due to building works. **(Action JAL)**
- f) With effect from Wednesday 9th July, the golf course will remain open until 7.30 pm on Wednesday nights for a trial period. If successful, this will be extended and will include Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights when the restaurant will be open.
- g) We have been approached by Korineum Golf and Country Club with a view to arranging inter-club competitions. As this club is not affiliated to the CGF, formal arrangements cannot be sanctioned by management. However, there will not be a problem if members arrange their own matches. The Captain will communicate with Korineum to discuss possible dates, costs etc. **(Action MS)**

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th August 2014.