

Forrester Park Golf Club – Men's Section Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 19:00 via Zoom

Attendees:

Maria Kelly - Secretary and Chair (MK)
Phil Yearling -Past Mens Captain (PY)
Steve Barraclough - VETS Section (SB)
Peter Waknell - Treasurer (PW)
Phil Prior - Competition Secretary (PP)
David Gillespie - Greens Committee Liaison (DG)
Mike Manning - General Committee (MM)
Leo King - Forrester Park GC (LK)

Apologies: Judy Podd - Ladies Captain (JP), Paul Kelly - Mens Captain (PK)

Welcome and Introductions:

MK welcomed all committee members and attendees.

Review of previous minutes:

October 24th 2021 Committee Meeting minutes approved.

1. Review of Ongoing Action Log inc. AGM

From	No.	Action	Owner	Update			
Jul 21	40	Arrange the updating of all competition boards and trophies.	MM/LK	MM advised he was holding back pending change of club ownership. MM agreed in the meantime to update trophies, cups etc. but will hold for now and discuss updating the club house boards at next meeting based on progress of sale.			
AGM	49	TFM to check if trophies are insured.	TFM/LK	LK confirmed this is still with TFM pending action.			

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AGM	51	TFM confirmed that John Bloomfield will look at the air compressor and we will go from there	TFM/LK	LK advised there had been some issues with getting safety certificate but advised it is in hand and should be ready for installation at the latest, end of April.
AGM	54	DG to use the website to put options for Marquee funds to a member vote.	DG	It was agreed to hold onto monies until something specific arose where the money would be put to good use.

1. Captains Update:

MK delivered this on behalf of Paul who sent his apologies because of work commitments.

<u>Vice-Captain:</u> PK advised he still has not had anyone come forward to be his vice although some mentioned interest to do so once the club changes hands.

BREAKING NEWS: Peter Waknell advised he had spoken to David Steel (relatively new member) and explained the role to which he has shown a committed interest. PW will forward contact details to PK and PK will make contact as soon as possible.

<u>Christmas Lunch, Raffle and Fourball Auction:</u> PK reported this to be a great success although poorly attended in member numbers. Meal was excellent and value for money, Raffle raised over £1500 and the auction £2000. PW advised this was being split 3 ways (not including the Junior section as tickets had been sold as raising money for charities – JP felt this would be fraudulent and it was agreed).

Thanks was given to PW for all his hard work in selling tickets and reconciling monies.

LK mentioned there had been two further vouchers received from Romford Club and Notley – LK said these can be used as a prize or incentive for another event.

<u>Club Championship:</u> PK reaffirmed he is changing this year's Club Championship to Saturday 13th August with a BBQ afterwards.

*Not discussed but can LK please advise SAGS and Ladies section as this will affect their 'normal' Saturday play.

<u>Jubilee Team Competition:</u> PK put forward an idea for a team competition to be held on the bank holiday Thursday 2nd June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. PK will put up a trophy/prize at his cost for winners. Suggested format would be a fourball team game with no more than 2 members of the team being from any one section. LK and MK will look to advertise this throughout the club. LK will ask TFM if he would be happy for 'street party' style catering for an afternoon tea party - ie. members bringing party food shared by all.

<u>Cleaning Machine:</u> PK asked LK about the continued absence of the cleaning machine. *LK response detailed in action notes above.*

2. Treasurer's Update:

PW advised all accounts are up to date as of 26^h January 2022 and Christmas fund raising monies have been allocated accordingly.

Forrester Park Christmas Raffle Reconciliation - Historical

	Sales									
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Men's Section	£1,003.00	£995.67	£775.00	£527.00	£540.00	£785.00	£320.00	£496.00	£550.00	£481.00
Vets' Section	£520.00	£450.67	£295.00	£542.00	£410.00	£595.00	£674.00	£960.00	£770.00	£850.00
Ladies' Section	£170.00	£240.67	£215.00	£317.00	£295.00	£237.00	£190.00	£155.00	£287.00	£200.00
Total	£1,693.00	£1,687.00	£1,285.00	£1,386.00	£1,245.00	£1,617.00	£1,184.00	£1,611.00	£1,607.00	£1,531.00
	Expenses									
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Prizes/Printing	£229.83	£108.60	£282.96	£250.24	£361.84	£220.52	£192.76	£293.00	£271.00	£217.59
Cancer Research	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
Registration	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00
Total	£449.83	£328.60	£502.96	£470.24	£581.84	£440.52	£412.76	£513.00	£491.00	£437.59
Surplus	£1,243.17	£1,358.40	£782.04	£915.76	£663.16	£1,176.48	£771.24	£1,098.00	£1,116.00	£1,093.4
	Allocation									
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Men's Section	£736.50	£801.73	£471.66	£348.20	£287.64	£571.14	£208.44	£338.06	£381.95	£343.52
Vets' Section	£381.84	£362.88	£179.53	£358.11	£218.39	£432.90	£439.03	£654.30	£534.74	£607.05
Ladies' Section	£124.83	£193.79	£130.85	£209.45	£157.13	£172.43	£123.76	£105.64	£199.31	£142.84
Total (check)	£1,243.17	£1,358.40	£782.04	£915.76	£663.16	£1,176.48	£771.24	£1,098.00	£1,116.00	£1,093.4

PW advised that all monies had been collected for the fourball auction bids and LK said most people have their relevant vouchers etc.

PW noted he still has members who have outstanding monies on their CCA accounts.

PW asked off subject if PK had managed to get people to run the teams for the out of club competitions *Jubilee Cup, Thornton Cup, *Norman Plum and Leslie Wood. MK was unsure but would ask PK.

3. Competition Update

PP reported weekly playing numbers averaged around 60 /70 for the Winter League and 40/60 for the other Competitions.

PP asked the committee to rule on an issue raised by Geoff Valentine and Ted Layton regarding Winter League ruling. Opponents Paul Card and Daniel Mara havewithdrawn from league giving forward players 3pts for their void matches. Having played their match against them earlier in the competition GV and TL asked for their points be updated to same 3 as other players. The committee agreed PP should do this as a matter of fairness for all.

4. Confirmed Date changes for 2022 Events:

Club Championship – Saturday 13th August

Captain's Day – Saturday 16th July (please note this is a change post meeting and was not discussed).

^{*}PK has since advised he is covering Jubilee Cup and Ted Layton - Norman Plum but is still without team managers for the other two competitions having asked many members to no avail. PK will ask LK to put a final request out to members.

5. Club Sale Update

TFM had technical issues joining the meeting so submitted his report after the meeting via email, see below:

Club Sale Update 26/1/22

Following the club going on the market in November we had plenty of interest, and in late December we accepted an offer from a buyer who, in the words of the agent, is a 'good fit' for Forrester Park Golf and Country Club.

Reassuringly, the prospective buyers are keen, things are progressing and the commitment seems very positive. However, we are still working through due diligence and there is plenty more paperwork to complete, so the earliest date for a handover would be April, and in all likelihood this will be extended.

As you would expect, the details of the agreement are confidential, so there is little more information we can give at this stage.

However, we can say that we are continuing to look after Forrester Park's future, the club is being sold as a going concern, and we fully intend for there to be as near-seamless a transition as possible when the time comes.

TFM

6. AOB

DG noted there was an oversight on the committee meetings dates be it the last meeting clashed with the AGM. It was agreed to move this date and the new proposed date to replace 28th September is 5th October, this will be a face-to-face meeting at the clubhouse at 19:00

SB and DG asked for it to be noted in the minutes how pleased members were with the state of the course. The protection of tee boxes by rotation, as promised by Nick at the AGM, has had a notable effect and the overall efforts made by Nick and his team to keep the course playable have been fully appreciated. It was also noted the exceptional quality of the greens.

On a negative note – some members aren't keen about the change of flags on greens preferring the old system of using red, yellow and white flags to help denote position of flag on green. It was also noted that it was disappointing to see the removal of the logo albeit understood for cost reasons.

NB. Post the meeting and prior to releasing minutes - it has been advised that white flags have been reintroduced to the greens.

7. Date of next Meeting.

Wednesday 27th April – Clubhouse 19:00

LK to ensure clubhouse is open for this.

Thanks all for time and for attending.

Meeting closed