



Forrester Park Golf Club – Men's Section Committee Meeting

Sunday 25th July 2021 at 14:00 at FPGC

Attendees:

Philip Yearling – Captain (PY)
Jeannine Beckwith – Secretary and Chair (JB)
Peter Waknell – Treasurer (PW)
Phil Prior – Competition Secretary (PP)
Mike Manning – General Committee Member (MM)
David Gillespie - Greens Committee Liaison (DG)
Leo King – Forrester Park GC (LK)

Apologies: Paul Kelly, Martin Gunfield, Steve Barraclough, Barbara Luxford, Kevin Royan.

Welcome and Introductions:

JB welcomed all committee members and attendees.

Review of previous minutes:

April 21 Committee Meeting minutes approved.

1. Review of Action log:

		Owner	Update
20	LK to speak to Ted Higgs about date for Lee Higgs	LK	Leo reported that having spoken to Ted it was agreed to go ahead as planned – no lunch – he has just asked to play with the captain. Question raised about whether Ted planned on bringing guests – Leo to check. Action carried forward. Action closed
23	Hole 2 as a call up hole off the whites: LK to arrange proper signage. LK to put banner on BRS when signage available.	LK	In Progress – Leo to resolve and update committee out of committee.
24	Cross sectional competition:		Action closed – competition ongoing.

	LK to advertise again to all members All committee members to push to encourage entries.	LK/ Committee	
25	Communication needed to all members on the plan for the club in the coming months.	TFM/LK	Partially completed See agenda item
26	Plan for course to be shared with the committee ASAP.	TFM	Partially completed. See agenda item
27	KR to check the divisional handicap levels set	KR	Role forward - JN to message KR
28	JB to add £400 marquee funding to the July agenda. KR to transfer £400 to PW to hold in club account.	JB KR/PW	On agenda – action closed

2. Captains Update

PY reported that since the last meeting more covid19 restrictions had been lifted, competitions were back up and running as normal and we were pleased to see the course was improving and that the earlier issues with leather jackets on the 4th, 6th and 15th greens were now resolved.

A concern was raised about competition numbers being down and we agreed to keep it under review. Today's low number of 44 may have been as a result of the weather forecast. Leo confirmed that membership was around 700 but it was noticeable that less appeared to be playing on Saturday's and Sunday's.

Captain's day was an absolute success raising around £4500 (exact sum to be confirmed) and PY recognised the generosity of people. Just over 100 people participated and thanks to the staff on duty who were fantastic. Oliver was amazing staying all day.

PY wanted to express his thanks to all involved.

3. Competition update:

PP updated that since the course reopened on 29th March we have had 16 Sunday competitions and entries remain high (Average: 68 – April, 70 – May and 50 – June). PW detailed that he has also completed some analysis which can be shared. July averages were looking lower and this was felt to be less people playing after Captains Day, Wales trip and poor weather.

51 have taken part in the Summer Singles and currently people were between rounds 3 and 4.

11th September is the new planned date for the quadrangle and the Sims Bowl date was being rearranged.

4. Comms Plans

The committee expressed its disappointment that despite 'freedom day' being known weeks in advance, there had been no comms from the club about plans. It was noted again that comms could have been smoother and again Leo accepted this.

Shot Gun Starts – discussion about whether this aligned with the rule of caution. These are normally linked to prize giving. The appetite to reintroduce was discussed. KR was considering using it for Ella's day. Agreed it could be used for the Drive In. Question: does the club have a view on how to handle?

Club Champion competition planned for 15th August – PY to confirm formal. DG to advertise on website. LK to put on BRS once names drawn by PW. Question: could Michel open earlier? LK to confirm – if so, advertise accordingly.

Starters for Competitions – question, can they start again? Preference is not to start taking cash regularly again but could use for some i.e. shot guns. All agreed.

Drawn Competitions - discussed that we had previously agreed to hold drawn competitions once a month but they never happened. All agreed they were more sociable but concerns that not all members would welcome them. Agreed to do them once a quarter. PP to build into future competition plans. Open BRS and flag as a drawn competition.

Drive in – question, does PK want to make his drive in a shot gun start drawn competition? Also, does PK want a lunch on his drive in?

5. Treasurers Update

PW reported that the website link has been updated.

PW reported that historic financial problems had previously been resolved by Baz before PW took over. Since taking over £3k had been held and carried forward each year and we don't need it.

Proposals for reducing this sum include:

- Paying 100% of entries fees until the sum is sufficiently reduced. It should take around 12 months to get it down to £2k at which point we could take it back to 80%.
- Alternatively, the question was raised about whether we need to invest in some updated silverware or new boards?

It is noted that the boards and trophies are now in the Oak Room and the clubhouse is devoid of anything golf related.

Agreed to put on the AGM agenda for discussion about how we want to spend a bit of money to reduce the men's section funds from £3k to £2k.

6. Open Meeting of all members

DG explained his proposal for an open meeting of all members to engage with members to encourage ideas/input about the club.

- Agreed we could use the AGM – need to publicise the AGM to encourage attendance.
- LK detailed that TFM doesn't want to over promise and under deliver.
- LK confirmed he is creating a link to encourage feedback. Although Leo reported that the feedback he had received from members to date had been overwhelmingly positive – this was challenged by the committee.
- It was disappointing that TFM had not felt a need to attend today's meeting. He has said he wants to meet with PY separately to answer specific questions. It was however noted that specific questions had already been provided and not answered. This remains outstanding.
- FPGC are asked to attend the AGM and present formally plans for the golf club for the next 12 months and then hold a Q&A session. JB to add to the agenda. LK to arrange with TFM and section leads. Presentation to cover Course, Clubhouse, Future.
- The AGM is planned for 29th September 2021 at 19:30 – VETS AGM is the same day. PY and JB to arrange a meeting with BL and SB to discuss the concept of a cross sectional AGM

7. £435 Marquee Fund

Add to agenda for AGM

8. Any Other Business

- PSI touchscreen – anticipated date of arrival 27th July 2021.
- AGM guest speaker to attract attendance – Dale Whitnall? PY to ask Dale
- Competition Boards to be updated
- Course Committee – DG explained that the committee was made up of the proprietor, director of golf and greenkeeper. The committee stopped doing a development plan as it had turned into a long list of maintenance issues. TFM didn't join, we now have no Craig and would need a commitment from Jeff who is a key player. Question: does Jeff welcome the meetings? Are we going to reinstate them? Administration was done by Craig. Who would take this on? LK confirms that the club can support this. LK to speak to Jeff and report back.
- LK reported that notice board will be going back up in the corridors but on hooks so that they can be removed when there are weddings!
- New Officer appointments to be added to AGM agenda.

Date of next meeting

AGM 29th September 2021

Thanks all for time and for attending.

Meeting closed.

From		Action	Owner	Target Date
Apr 21	25	Communication needed to all members on the plan for the club in the coming months.	TFM/LK	Partially completed See agenda item
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Apr 21	27	KR to check the divisional handicap levels set	KR	Role forward - JN to message KR
Jul 21	28	Arrange Drive in as a shot gun start.	PP	
Jul 21	29	Format for club champs to be confirmed and advertised on website	PY/DG	Action closed.
Jul 21	30	Confirm if catering can open earlier on club champ day	LK	Action closed.
Jul 21	31	Consider the use of starters on shot gun comps.	All	
Jul 21	32	Build into future competition plans a drawn competition once a quarter. Develop a format and process for administration. Leo to open BRS as drawn.	PP/LK	
Jul	33	Does PK want his drive in to be a shot	PY/PK	

21		gun drawn comp? Does he want a lunch on his drive in? PY to ask and confirm		
Jul 21	34	Add to AGM agenda – men's section funds reduction plans.	JN	
Jul 21	35	LK to share the link for members to use to provide feedback.	LK	
Jul 21	36	JN to add to the AGM agenda – FPGC presentation about plans for the next 12 months – Presentation to cover Course, Clubhouse, Future. To be presented by TFM and section leads. LK to talk to TFM	JB/LK	
Jul 21	37	Arrange a call with PY, SB and BL to discuss AGM plans	JB	
Jul 21	38	Add Marquee funds to AGM	JB	
Jul 21	39	Ask if Dale is free to join AGM as a guest speaker	PY	
Jul 21	40	Arrange the updating of all competition boards	DM	
Jul 21	41	Course committee – LK to speak to Jeff about reinstating and will report back.	LK	
Jul 21	42	New Officer appointments to be added to AGM agenda.	JB	