



Forrester Park Golf (Men's Section) Committee Meeting on 14th March 2024 at 6.30pm at The Bull

Present: Kevin Royan (Chair) Moir Gunfield (Minutes Secretary)
Simon Harding (Treasurer) David Steel (Immediate Past Captain)
Martin Gunfield (Captain) Andy Young (Social Secretary)
Steve Barraclough (Competitions Secretary)

Apologies: Gary Huggins (Vice-Captain), Mike Manning (General Committee),
Bill Chapman (Forrester Park), David Gillespie (Greens Committee)

All Outstanding Actions

21.09.23	Committee to encourage members to be on rota for 'Starters'.
23.11.23	KR to write explanation of new handicap rules.
14.03.24	KR to retrieve the marque and assess condition and store offsite until needed.
14.03.24	SB to ask Vet's if they agree to support Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.
14.03.24	SB to confirm Easter Mixed Pairs with Mike Manning.
14.03.24	Committee to discuss rules for Winter League incorporating a cut-off date and suggestions for 6 teams per league.
Ongoing	DG and Course Committee will review suggestions for viability, discuss and take to the club for discussion/implementation accordingly.
Ongoing	Bill and Committee to welcome new members.
Ongoing	ALL to use the wristband/tag system once it has been installed.
Ongoing	ALL to rake the bunkers and place rake accordingly.
Ongoing	SAGS/KR to review booking and report to club on a Thursday evening.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received as above.

2. **Outstanding Actions**

Completed items were removed from the list above.

FYI – Kevin to retrieve the marque and assess condition and store offsite until needed.

FYI – Cancer Research money has been sent and the Ladies suggestion of a local charity was Helen Rollason Cancer Charity, the committee also agreed and Steve will ask the Vet's.

Easter Cup – please see item 7.

3. **Minutes from Previous Meetings**

The previous minutes from 7th February is on the website.

4. **Correspondence**

Kevin advised that the Essex Golf Union (EGU) emailed confirming that County Handbook is now available online.

5. **Treasurers Report**

Simon spoke and distributed accounts information. Due to adverse weather conditions and

the course being closed, there was only a £53.00 increase since the last meeting.

6. **Course Committee Report**

David has emailed the greens committee report of suggestions and outcomes from the Forrester Park Course Committee meeting. A breakdown of suggestions and actions can be found on the noticeboard. *Please note: It must be appreciated that not every suggestion can be accommodated, and there will be cost and time constraints to consider. Some ideas initially 'rejected' may be revived if circumstances change. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to engage in this process.*

7. **Men's 2024 Programme**

Easter Cup – there was a discussion on when this will take place and it was agreed that it will be brought forward a week to the Easter Weekend. The Winter League Knockout will now take place the following weekend. Kevin will announce this on Sunday at the club. It will mean that there is a three week gap instead of the usual two i.e. 31st March will be the Easter Cup and 7th April will be the Winter League Knockouts (then it reverts back to the two week cycle).

Committee went through the rest of the programme and there were no changes.

The Guest Day is yet to be confirmed, this will be held on a Friday in June as usual.

Steve to check with Mike Manning regarding the Easter Mixed Pairs Competition for 1st April (Bank Holiday Monday).

Action: Steve to confirm with Mike Manning.

There was a discussion regarding the Leslie Wood Tournament and Steve agreed to be Captain. The first match is away to Belhaus at South Ockenden on 14th April.

Reminder that the Captain's Day 2024 will be on Saturday 6th July. If you can help set up on the day, please speak to Martin.

7. **Captains Report**

Martin thanked the club, the committee and members for their continued support.

There have been some difficult decisions to be made with the continued wet weather and thanked the club, greens staff and committee for coming together for this and closing the course when they have; this is for the better in keeping the course in good order throughout the year.

Remember that there is a collection tin on the bar for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for any loose change you may have (notes also greatly appreciated).

8. **Social and Fundraising Events**

The next Music Bingo event raising funds for the Captain's Charity will be on Saturday 8th June.

There will be a Summer Celebration Event on Saturday 17th August. This will be a BBQ followed by live music. Andy confirmed that the band is booked. More information to follow.

Please support these events, they are to help raise funds for your Captain's Charity, supporting your club and are also good events and enjoyable for all.

9. **Any Other Business**

Andy opened a discussion regarding cancelling competitions but course may stay open for general play even if fewer holes are open. It was agreed that it was good and positive that the committee are making these decisions with the staff and professionals for all competitions and weather conditions, not just the Winter League.

This led to a discussion regarding the Winter League rules including a cut off date and maybe having 6 teams per league. This will be discussed later in the year.

Simon advised he had asked Bill/Leo to modify the website to make renewal of membership easier.

Papers for discussion were distributed in David's absence (he had sent earlier via email) regarding speed of play and course clock. The committee felt that this wasn't relevant to length of play in the Men's Section and duly noted comments raised.

10. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 6.30pm in the Clubhouse.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.