



# Forrester Park Golf (Men's Section) Committee Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 7pm at Forrester Park

Present: Kevin Royan (Chair)  
David Gillespie (Greens Committee)  
Martin Gunfield (Captain)  
Andy Young (Social Secretary)  
Moir Gunfield (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Bill Chapman (Forrester Park), Simon Harding (Treasurer), David Steel (Immediate Past Captain), Gary Huggins (Vice-Captain) & Mike Manning (General Committee).

## All Outstanding Actions

- 04.07.23** KR to ask the Vets and Ladies committee for ideas regarding the Marquee Fund surplus. (Status - Still open)
- 21.09.23** SH to discuss refunding dormant members pre-payments of CCA. (Status - Action plan implemented with report at next Committee Meeting).
- 21.09.23** Committee to encourage members to be on rota for 'Starters'. (Status - Still Open)
- 21.09.23** KR to discuss shotgun starts with Bill when confirming the 2024 Programme (Status – Still Open).
- 21.09.23** KR to discuss Greens Committee with Bill. (Status – In process, review at Next Committee Meeting)
- 23.11.23** KR to write explanation of new handicap rules. (Status: Open)
- 23.11.23** KR to produce 2024 Competition programme in Excel for website. (Status: Open)
- 23.11.23** KR to talk to Bill regarding general rules to golf course users. (Status: Open)
- 23.11.23** DG to confirm Greens Committee report form with Ladies and Vets and then set up accordingly. (Status: Open)
- 23.11.23** KR to speak to Bill about issue of VAT being charged on mandatory Gold Card Top Up charge at time of Membership renewal. (Status: Open)

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received as above.

## 2. Minutes from Previous Meetings

The previous minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 is on the website.

## 3. Correspondence

There was none.

## 4. Treasurers Report

Treasurer was on vacation so no formal presentation was made. Kevin Royan distributed a status report on the Treasurer's behalf. Bank Balance as at November 27 is £11071.19 with unallocated balance at £916.06.

## 5. Mens 2024 Programme

Kevin confirmed that 'The Sally Cup' needs to be arranged. An existing redundant cup that was in the clubhouse is being refurbished and will be the new 'Sally Cup'. It was confirmed that each entrant is to bring an unwrapped prize of approx. £10 value to the event. As before, if a member forgets their prize, they have to purchase a £15 voucher.

Set prizes as in previous years and then each person selects from the unwrapped prize in order merit.

**Action: Each member to bring unwrapped prize (will also be put into the group chat).**

**Action: Kevin to speak to Bill regarding specific menu option for vegetarians.**

Kevin went through the December programme and it was agreed for 24<sup>th</sup> December to be a Stapleford play.

Kevin confirmed that entry for the Thornton Cup had been completed.

Kevin confirmed that there will be no competition on 31<sup>st</sup> December or 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. There will be no winter league on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

David asked that anything for the website needs to be in Word or Excel, Kevin will send over in Excel.

**Action: Kevin to produce programme in Excel for website.**

Kevin advised that there are new handicap rules coming into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and he will write an explanation of this for release nearer the time.

**Action: Kevin to write explanation of new handicap rules.**

Kevin reported that members are not signing in on 'How Did I Do', then not entering their score cards for casual rounds. In some cases, there are a minority that are only recording bad scores. This, therefore, gives a false representation of playing handicap in competitions. It is imperative that **all players must sign in and submit a score card when they play.**

Kevin confirmed that as per his advice at the AGM, he will no longer be overriding any penalties with immediate effect.

## 6. Any Other Business

Andy confirmed he has spoken to Bill regarding the buggy's. There was a discussion on how best to relay the rules to 'green fees players' covering speed of play, buggy usage, etiquette etc. It was suggested that this could be given out in paper form when booking in or as part of a receipt. Kevin will talk to Bill about this.

**Action: Kevin to talk to Bill regarding general rules to golf course users.**

There was a further suggestion that some kind of band system be used (attach to golf bag) that members can see.

It was suggested that BRS times need to be reviewed and block out the 'dark' times.

There was a discussion on timings and it was confirmed that if you miss your tee time, you will have to wait.

The half way hut was discussed and how the coffee is cold and hot refreshments are not hot. It was mentioned that some players have asked about putting the cost on their card later and

had been told no. *Post Meeting Note: this is now being done.*

It was asked that when a temporary green goes in that a yardage sign is also included. *Post Meeting Note: this is now in place.*

The bell needs to be moved on the 7<sup>th</sup> so it can be rung.

It was noted that the markers need revamping.

David handed out a draft form for the Greens Committee to report any issues or suggestions. The Ladies and the Vets has agreed that they will also police these forms. The wording was reviewed and agreed. David to review with the Ladies and Vets and set up in due course.

**Action: David to confirm form with Ladies and Vets and then set up accordingly.**

David spoke about the renewal system and that it had been noticed that there is VAT being charged on the monies you have to put onto your card. It was suggested that this cost is paid separately as part of your membership fees. Kevin to speak with Bill.

**Action: Kevin to speak with Bill**

## **7. Date of Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in the Clubhouse.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.