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Forrester Park Golf Club – Men's Section Committee Meeting

Monday 26th October 2020 at 19:30 via Zoom

Attendees:

Philip Yearling – Captain (PY)
Jeannine Beckwith – Secretary and Chair (JB)
Steve Barraclough – VETS Captain (SB)
Barbara Luxford – Ladies Captain (BL)
Paul Kelly – Vice Captain (PK)
Paul Beckwith – outgoing Captain (PB)
Peter Waknell – Treasurer (PW)
Kevin Royan – Handicap Secretary
Phil Prior – Competition Secretary (PP)
Mike Manning – General Committee Member (MM)
David Gillespie – Greens Committee Liaison (DG)
Martin Gunfield – Incoming Press Officer (MG)
Tim Forrester-Muir – Proprietor

Welcome and Introductions:

JB welcomed all committee members and attendees to the group.

Review of previous minutes:

AGM minutes as final draft agreed and to be published on website

Review of Action log:

	Action arising from 30-9-2020 AGM	Owner	Update
1	Speak to repeat offender members if competition entry fees not paid	PW and PY	Action closed – on agenda for 26-10
2	Speak to TFM re: 200 club	PW and PY	Action closed – on agenda for 26-10
3	Upload PY and PW to speak to those members Treasurer report to website	DG	Noted as completed following AGM
4	Set future meeting dates	JB	Action closed – poster with 2021 dates circulated

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Press officer – nominating Martin Gunfield

We discussed how in recent years there had been no established local relationships with local press and no one recently appointed in this post. As a result, we are missing opportunities to publicise the clubs successes including competition results, charity work, Dale's achievements and affiliation with the club etc.

MG has put his hand up to take on this role and agreement of the committee sought.

PY detailed that the mechanics of the role will be agreed outside of this meeting and communicated in due course.

PY Proposed, PB seconded. Voted and Approved.

BL raised the links to Tony Hawkins and the Essex Golfer Magazines – MG to link with him.

Drafts to come through nominated members of the committee first for approval and copied to the full committee once finalised on an ongoing basis – approach agreed.

JB to arrange a call for later this week with PY, MG and Leo King. Committee to be updated thereafter.

All agreed that all sections should use MG.

Competition fee fact sheet

The draft Poster circulated with the meeting agenda for discussion.

PY recognises the great work completed to date by PW but recognises there are still some serial offenders failing to pay subs without lots of encouragement and this is making management of the CCA system much more difficult.

The poster has been read by all and agreed. In a discussion on how best to share it to ensure all members receive a copy we concluded that we would print and post in the notice board, provide a digital copy via email and on the website plus Leo would be asked to share it on social media. We would also print some hard copies and give them directly to the specific reoffenders.

We agreed to try this approach and then take a view and agree next steps at the January committee meeting and JB will add this to that agenda.

The only change suggested was to update the poster to say minimum £14 per time. JB to action.

Winter League rules – proposed amendment

Proposal by PY relating to the rules around deliberate no shows giving an example that last year 2 pairs went out due to deliberate no shows. He stated that if those matches had been played those teams could have stood a fighting chance of getting through to the next round. There is no existing deterrent for no shows and the 3.3 score for affected pair was essentially pointless. PY asked if an amendment to the rules can be made to stop that behaviour.

Proposal's discussed including:

- raising the points awarded for no show
- hit in pockets – fine £10 pp for charity. Q: how do you enforce?
- Be excluded from playing in next years competition

Options discussed and the general consensus was that the only real excuse for a no show was if both players had a medical emergency as you can play on your own. There is a list of subs available and all dates

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are played in advance. The view therefore was that there is no real excuse for a no show and any decision should apply to all.

Agreed: if the pair pulls out they don't play next year

A list of subs to be published PP and PY and decision to be communicated to all members.

Proposal for a cross sectional mixed pairs comp to run through spring/summer

PY says if he leaves one legacy from his time as Captain it will be to bring all sections of the club closer together. He played in the quadrangular this year and really enjoyed it. His proposal is to set up a competition similar to summer pairs i.e. teams of 2 but they have to be cross sectional (man and Junior, lady and Vet, vet and junior etc.) They just cannot be from the same section.

The idea will be to play in leagues on dates agreed between yourselves, arrange own matches etc.

Voted on and all agree.

PY is happy to work through some rules and will update the committee in January with a view to starting in Spring.

Update on the world handicap system

KR updates all.

The update goes ahead on 2nd November 2020 and all cards have been printed.

Everyone has received their handicap index.

The boards are ordered and on their way and will be placed on the 1st and 10th tees. KR has been and approved the proofs.

'How did I do' will be shut down on 1st, updated and reopened with new handicaps and index.

SB mentioned that there are still a few members who are not online. KR confirms he will share with Harry an up to date list periodically.

The main push needed is for all to input their card on the day of the competition onto 'how did I do' and if you miss the day your score won't count.

The general principle is that you enter every score for every hole you play and zero for the holes not played i.e. if you only play 12 holes. If only 9 holes being played you can sign in for a 9 hole competition.

Question: How do you deal with nil return – KR confirms that there shouldn't be a Nil return if you have entered the competition. If you lose a ball you carry on scoring at the next hole.

Note: The handicap index is different and works out the score differential for that day. There are still going to be categories and still waiting to hear about some information from Essex golf union.

200 club

PW gives thanks and praise to Viv for her management of the 200 club to date. PW has computerised Viv's records and asks if any volunteers to take over has been found? TFM confirmed that he has not made much effort so far but still feels someone could take it over.

PW shares his proposal to close the 200 club down. He has calculated that some people have a lot invested in it i.e. based on 91p per share some people are owed up to £57.

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The consensus is that we should publish that 200 club is going to close and members are asked to contact PW for confirmation of what their personal investment is and to discuss what they want done with their money i.e. to charity, to have a refund... All members to be given up to 31st December to decide and anything left thereafter should be split between the 3 sections charities.

All agree that this seems to be the fairest way to do it. PW confirmed that a test run was completed and worked as suggested.

If someone does want to run it Peter can hand over all records. The main challenge is we can't collect and handle cash. If it is going to run it cannot go through the men sections accounts given existing constraints.

Decision: Proposal agreed.

Action: PW to prepare a notice and get published. Share with sections....

Captains update

PY reflect that there is very little to report so far but does want to thank all for their help so far (Sections, previous captains etc.)

It is also noted that the Course is in great condition so thanks and well done to Jeff and his team.

Treasurers update

PW shared summary report.

Just 1 addition to that to congratulate Mr Steve Brewington on his hole in one and to note that £100 has since come out the kitty for that.

Competition update

PP again reflected that there is not much to say so far.

PY's drive in saw a 221-yard drive in.

Winter League has started.

We have had the October medal.

Question: The Turkey Drive is due to run on 29th November and given the current circumstances what is the plan? Can we push back to closer to Christmas? Go ahead – but do turkey vouchers instead of vouchers?

Suggestion: increase entry fee to £5 – 10 prizes – amounts to be agreed. PW to get sorted. Turkey drive only open to men's sections.

NOTE: Since the government's announcement for a November full lockdown this decision will need to be reviewed.

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- Christmas Raffle – how do we manage? CCA preferred or cash. Consider doing an online thing with a list of prizes. Bonus ball? Action: out of committee proposal to be submitted by JB – PY to talk to club about hamper and prizes.
- PP – if comp in progress who is nominated to call off in bad weather? Captain has final decision.
- Pick and Place everywhere? Not yet...

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Date of next meeting

Sunday 24th January 2021 – 13:30

Thanks all for time and for attending.

Meeting closed.

	Action	Owner	Target Date
5.	Publish final draft of AGM minutes on website	DG	ASAP
6.	Set up a meeting with PY, MG, LK and JB to discuss Press officer role – JB to share outcomes of that discuss with committee once agreed.	JB	End October 2020 for meeting 6-11-2020 for role profile to be shared.
7.	Competition Fact sheets: a. Update to include a minimum payment of £14 b. Circulate final version to committee and PW c. Publish on social media d. Email to all men's section members e. Print and place on notice board and print and share with specific members as needed f. Put on January agenda for review	JB JB LK LK PY/PW	Completed End November 2020
8.	Publish: a. Decision about no shows during winter league b. Subs list on men's section website and notice board.	PP and PY	End November 2020
9.	Cross sectional competition. a. PY to draft comp rules. b. JB to put on January agenda for review	PY JB	January 2021
10.	PW to share comms re: 200 club with all members with a view to closing the 200 club down by end of 2020.	PW	1 January 2021
11.	Turkey Drive competition prizes to be reviewed and proposal to be submitted out of committee. NOTE: lockdown during November – this now needs to be reviewed.	PW	Completed.
12.	Christmas Raffle: a. Draft proposal for an online raffle b. Confirm prizes (hamper etc.)	JB PY	End November 2020