



# Forrester Park Golf (Men's Section) Committee Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 7pm at The Bull Gt. Totham

Present: Kevin Royan (Chair)  
Simon Harding (Treasurer)  
David Gillespie (Greens Committee)  
David Steel (Captain)  
Martin Gunfield (Vice-Captain)  
Andy Young (Social Secretary)  
Moir Gunfield (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Bill Chapman (Forrester Park)

## 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received as above.

## 2. **Minutes from Previous Meetings and Outstanding Actions**

Due to personal circumstances, there were no minutes available from the previous meeting.

## 3. **Correspondence**

There was none.

## 4. **Treasurers Report**

Simon distributed final accounts for 2022/23 and confirmed that Clive Walby had reviewed and accepted the final accounts; these will be presented at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Essex Golf Union fees paid to date are for the Jubilee Cup. Remaining fees are due in November 2023 for the Leslie Wood, Thornton Cup, Norman Plumb and the Essex Seniors.

Suggestions on how to use the remaining £435.00 in the Marquee Fund are required for the committee to discuss and agree. Members to be asked for suggestions at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

There was a discussion regarding the pre-payments of members CCA that haven't played in a competition in the last 12 months as it seems pointless holding onto these funds. It was agreed for Simon to speak with Leo King of Forrester Park regarding methods of contacting affected members that does not affect data protection legislation to enable refunding of these monies.

### **Action: Simon to speak with Leo**

There was a discussion regarding the fees for weekly competitions and ad-hoc competitions and it was noted this had not increased in many years. It is becoming more difficult to fund the prizes due to general increases. Following discussion, a price increase was proposed by Simon Harding, seconded by Martin Gunfield and all present were in favour. Simon will propose the increase at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

There was a discussion on the fees for the Winter League and Martin Gunfield proposed increasing to £15 per person, seconded by Andy Young and all present in favour.

Once again, Simon confirmed that he is continually reminding members to top up their CCA funds. The committee strongly agree that this is the responsibility of the individual to keep their CCA with sufficient funds. Members all have access to the website which incorporates links to check your balance. The committee agreed a rule that those without sufficient funds to play will forfeit being able to collect any prizes if their fees have not been paid. This will be applied as of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**Action: Members to review their CCA and keep topped with sufficient funds.**

## 5. **Mens 2024 Programme**

Kevin disturbed the proposed Men's Programme for 2024 and will discuss with Bill for final confirmation before distributing at the AGM and putting on the website.

There was a discussion about Thursday Competitions and this will need to be promoted through the Winter months for a successful start in May 2024.

Following discussion, the committee would like to have 'Starters' signing people in before competitions. This would need to be run by volunteers on a rota basis and they would need to be at the Club by 7am. The more volunteers you have the fewer times you would be expected to take your turn.

**Action: Committee to encourage members to volunteer. If you can help out, please speak with Kev Royan.**

Kev spoke about the Sadlers Shield which is being played on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Due to the decline in Junior Members, this will be a 3 man team (3 Juniors, 3 Vets, 3 Ladies and 3 Men).

Kev confirmed that the draw for the Winter League will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Captains Drive In. There was a discussion on the use of substitutes and the committee agreed there needs to be rules associated with this, David confirmed rules are on the website which can be referenced/adapted for this. Kev to modify the Winter League rules currently on the website to present at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Action: Kev to write rules for presenting at the AGM.**

Kev confirmed that the Turkey Drive is now renamed to the The Sally Cup with all other details of the event remaining the same.

There was a discussion regarding shotgun starts. It was felt that one a month was too many and shotgun starts are likely to work better every other month. Kev to discuss this with Bill.

**Action: Kev to discuss with Bill**

Kev advised the club are resurrecting the taking of refreshment orders on the 8<sup>th</sup> Tee ready for you to collect on the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee (payment taken afterwards in the clubhouse). This was welcomed by the committee and sure members will agree and benefit from this. Andy said that this has been started last Sunday.

## 6. **AGM**

The AGM for members is to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the clubhouse starting at 7pm.

This is also when Committee Members are elected for the next year, with a variety of roles needing to be filled. Please consider how you can help your club and fellow members, the more there are off you contributing as a Committee Member, more can be achieved.

## 7. Any Other Business

There was a detailed discussion regarding the Greens Committee. There are various holes that are causing problems with play, rabbits and the netting/wires have not been pinned down securely and lifts. It was noted that Bill is being advised of problems from many members and it would be much more beneficial, as well as efficient, if these were all referred to the Greens Committee Member (currently David) and forwarded on a regular basis. This would also mean a log can be kept of issues/recommendations and reviewed accordingly. Kev will speak with Bill regarding this.

**Action: Kev to speak with Bill re Greens Committee.**

## 8. Outstanding Actions:

- 04-07-23 KR to ask the Vets and Ladies committee for ideas regarding the Marquee Fund surplus.
- 21-09-23 SH to discuss refunding dormant members pre-payments of CCA.
- 21-09-23 Committee to encourage members to be on rota for 'Starters'.
- 21-09-23 KR to write set of rules for Winter League substitutions and present at the AGM.
- 21-09-23 KR to discuss shotgun starts with Bill when confirming the 2024 Programme.
- 21-09-23 KR to discuss Greens Committee with Bill.

## 9. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be agreed at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.