

Stockwood Vale Golf Club Committee Meeting February 2nd 2022

Present: M Edenborough, A Yeatman, J Gray, J Baker, L Cheal, A Hooper, P Dawson, A Jordan (minutes)

Apologies: I Haddon

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising.

The internal OOB between the 7th and 11th has been reintroduced as sadly, people were playing their 7th tee shots down the 11th. Not only was this causing delays on the 11th, a number of golfers on the 11th Fairway were nearly hit by balls that had been deliberately struck towards them.

Charity Funds 2021. The Ladies fund is closed and the payment has been made to their charity. There are some outstanding accounting issues with both the Seniors and Main Club charity funds. An interim payment has been made to the Main Club charity whilst the issues are resolved.

Treasurers Report:



Treasurers Report
for Feb 2nd 2022.xlsx

Matters arising prior to meeting and answered in advance:

AY Can a bung be introduced, (apparently, in past years a bung has been used) or the area marked as GUR, where there is an additional hole on a Green?

ME We have never used a bung or plug for the spare hole. This issue is covered in the Winter Rules which are posted on the notice board.

LC: Steps down to the 4th green from the 'parking space' behind the green as a permanent solution to the slippery slope.

ME: Steps would not be suitable for this area:

- a. The bottom of the steps would be too close to the edge of the green and would impact on the cutting of the slope around the back of the green.*
- b. Steps create damage areas at the top and bottom (2nd tee) as an example)*

We will continue to rope off the left side and monitor areas between the bunkers which could become slippery. When I next email, I will suggest players leave their trolleys and

bags at the front of the green and enter and exit from the front right, avoiding walking between the bunkers. We have done this before.

LC: A path around the back of the 3rd as an alternative to the yet to be open path down from the 4th tee.

ME: As a result of a meeting with the contractor on 20/01/22 the company are going to lay a poly coating which includes an aggregate to give extra grip. Unfortunately, this cannot be laid until the spring as it requires a warmer temperature to go off. We have to give them the opportunity to fix the path so we will continue to use the maintenance road between the 3rd and 14th until then.

AH: When players are members of more than one club and SVGC is not their “Home” club, are they denying “Home” club members the opportunity to play in the Medal? And, are they eligible for any “winnings”?

ME: If a player is a member of the club, they are entitled to play in the Medal the same as any other member. With the introduction of the World HCP System the issues around Home and Away players have become less relevant. We currently have one or two players to whom this applies. The greatest impact upon the availability of tee times for the Medals comes from no shows (who have not contacted the club to cancel their tee time) and withdrawals which accounted for 13% of tee times in the last Medal.

JG: There is a need for additional OOB white posts to the left of the 17th.

ME: The area between the tees and the corner is very overgrown and the original fence is well submerged in the hedges and brambles. However, the corner area will be tidied up and ME will try to find a solution to establishing a clear boundary.

New Items for discussion:

Nomination of 3 delegates to attend Somerset meetings. (Brought Forward from last meeting)

The delegates are: Andy Yeatman, Pete Dawson and Jerry Baker

Removal of ball lifters. (Brought Forward from last meeting)

The committee agreed that these should be removed.

AY: Scheduling of dates for Avalon Team selection.

The first match is on March 5th. The closing date for expressing an interest in playing is February 13th. The team selection will take place as soon as possible after the closing date. ME will send an email to remind players that if you don't enter your name to HowdidIdo, you will not be eligible for selection.

AY: Set date for the Annual Handicap Review.

ME will email out some proposed dates.

L.C: Please can we have an update on the club team shirts.

The ladies' shirts are in hand. Darren has sourced some Under Armour blue shirts. They will have the club logo on the front and "Team Player" on the sleeve.

AY: The OOB post at the back of the 15th Green, towards the carpark, needs re-establishing.

ME: *This has been done.*

AOB:

JG: Our local rules describe paths as "stony paths" – are the rubberized paths also covered?

The committee agreed that "a path is a path" regardless of its construction. All our paths are therefore classed as an abnormal course condition from which free relief may be taken.

ME: Any Yellow posts will be soon be removed. All Penalty Areas will be denoted by red posts. The white OOB posts will shortly be replaced with new more durable posts made from a composite material.

AH: Some of the bunkers are in a state because players are not raking them.

The committee agreed that they would raise this issue with everyone they play with and talk to in addition to the usual problems around the repair of pitch marks on the greens and replacement of divots on the Fairways.

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday March 9th 2022 at 19:00