



Stockwood Vale Golf Club , Committee Meeting

10th July 2019

Present M. Edenborough, M Tidcombe, A Jordan, B Jenkins, J Gray ,K,
Blakeley, P Dawson, P Hopkins, I Haddon

Apologies A Yeatman

JUNIOR'S

Before the meeting started, we were joined by James Jakes to update us on the progress of the fledgling Junior's section.

Where we are now

In the 18th months since the introduction of the Junior Strategy, and we currently have 60 kids (3 – 17 years old) in regular tuition resulting in 1 member and 20 club handicaps so far. In addition Charlie Cossins. has worked with over 1000 kids in local schools over 12 months.

Aim

The aim is to have 100 kids participating in regular tuition within the next 6 months. Experience would indicate that this may result in 20/30 new junior members.

Next Step

The club are now part of the “Golf Access Programme”, the only club in the Bristol area, which will assist in formalising the process . This bridges the gap between general beginners and competitive golf for ALL not just juniors.

This programme will enable to professionals to accurately gauge the progression of each individual by use of a passport scheme, and the awarding of “wrist bands” to show what level each student has attained.

The team wish to now offer , for £20/£25, a package of 6 hours of tuition (6 x 1 hour), a seven iron and a “SVGC logo hat or shirt” This will cost approximately £20-£35 per student, the difference being made up from sponsorship, we already have some pledges. It is envisaged that the inclusion of the hat/iron will result in regular participation and a sense of club belonging to the club. This should result in more likelihood of them joining.

Course - Currently there a six holes with blue tee markers (Targeted at players who drive the ball 80/120 yards) and JB and TF have already prepared the markers for the other 12 holes at a cost , for all 18 , of £190.

Scorecard- James also mentioned that they wish to produce an official short course scorecard together with a small map detailing the route round the course.

Supervision

ME raised the question of Supervision and it was confirmed that we will NOT have inexperienced juniors “roaming the course”. James has since mentioned that they plan to have junior sessions on a Monday evening (traditionally very quiet) once a fortnight accompanied by a professional.

Committee Funding

It was asked that the cost of the Golf Access subscription £250 and the cost of the blue markers £190, total £440, be met by the committee. All agreed, and John Gray to arrange when the necessary paperwork is sent to him.

Conclusion

The committee thanked James for his input and the general concensus of opinion was that we should support this initiative wholeheartedly whilst ensuring it does not impact on the present members.

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Meeting continued

Previous minutes were agreed

Agenda Items carried forward from last meeting.

4th Temp Green Some work has been undertaken on the green which already is improving.

Remembrance Bench The senior’s committee have agreed to hand over responsibility for the bench to this committee. A discussion was held with regard to changing the format of recording the names. ME is to obtain costings for the various options : More rails, More names on each plaque , Different formats for More names per plaque.

ACTION ; ME To return to committee with costings

Treasurers Report The 2017/18 accounts have now been finalised and are awaiting Audit. There are no “up to date “ figures this month due to a backlog of items only just being banked.

JG reported that the 17/18 accounts are now ready for auditing, however, AY is working in Ireland at present, and will audit, hopefully, before the next meeting. BJ had previously asked, on

behalf on the Senior's committee why the accounts had not yet been finalised. The delay in finalising these accounts were due to having to reconstitute the accounting system prior to JG taking over, a time consuming and onerous task

Regrettably, one member of the Senior's committee took it upon himself, unbeknown to the Senior's Committee, to write directly to JG, asking what the Senior's Captain had already raised, indeed , including the word "suspicious". **This Committee totally refutes any such suggestion of a slur on JG's integrity.**

Items Raised prior to meeting with preliminary answers and discussion points where applicable

Club Championship Precedence was set last year to tee off from the 16th but don't recall (apology if I missed it) any discussion this year to revert to the 1st? I would have thought this would have been discussed with the committee. (MT)

ME - a request was made previously by Robbie Brice to play the second round of the club championship starting from the 16th tee. I wasn't aware that this was a precedent. The feed back from last year was that no more members came to watch. Of the spectators I spoke to, some said they preferred starting at the 1st as they could walk round the last 3 holes if they wanted to. Feedback from players was mixed. There wasn't a request to do this again this year. Feedback from this Sunday from those who qualified was again mixed with several players saying they preferred not to start from the 16th.

A number of the cups are worn which means flags no longer sit upright can a review of the pins be conducted and poorly fitting cups be replaced? (MT)

I noticed the cups last week and I have already made Steve aware.

The course was presented lovely over the club Championship weekend, not saying it isn't the rest of the time but thanks goes to Steve and the team for a great job. (MT)

Thank you for your comments (and those of many other members) regarding the condition of the course. It's very difficult during club championship week with changing pin positions etc plus trying to fit in regular maintenance. I will pass your comments on to Steve and the team.

August competition would like to try a green keepers revenge if no objections? (MT)

Re the mid August competition. This is in the diary for Saturday 10th August (Andrea, I know there is a Ladies competition this day, we have reserved 9.28 and 9.36 for ladies). This is the week after course maintenance. Therefor the greenkeepers will be flat out that week with no time for anything else. I am also on holiday and not returning until Thursday 8th August. I am happy for this competition to go ahead but

any work in setting up and returning the course back ready for Sunday am will have to be done by the committee and other volunteers.

Discussion - MT advised he would look at the possibility of volunteers though it is appreciated that this would be a large task to complete is the time scale available.

Any Other Business

Club Championships

A further discussion was held relating to the Club Championships, and following pros and cons, it was decided that it would be cleanest to move the competition away combining it with a Medal, to a different, dedicated Championship Weekend. It was also discussed, and agreed that we would continue to start both rounds from the 1st Tee.

Course Update

ME advised that the new buggy fleet was here. Also the new greens roller is here. This had allowed the green staff to not mow so closely whilst retaining the speed. This should lead to healthier greens which will be more resilient to disease.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th July