

Barnard Castle Golf Club.

Management Meeting.

Minutes of the May 2021 meeting.

Held in the Clubhouse and via Zoom on 17th May 2021

Attendees: Ross Law, Colin Macleod, Janet Graham. Sue Blaeferd, Doulas Dinwiddie, Joy Pallister, David Bainbridge

Apologies: Jimmy Gibson,

1. Minutes of Last meeting
Approved without alteration. Proposed: SB Seconded: CM
2. Matters arising.
No matters arising
3. Correspondence
 - a. Questions for AGM
The questions received for the AGM were reviewed and answers prepared for the AGM
 - b. Letter received from S&A re a possible Tee Sponsorship. Secretary to respond with details from website. RL
4. Finance
 - a. Accounts.
P&L to end April presented. This showed strong income from Green Fees.

Treasurer report that 77 members have not made a payment for this year. All to be written to and access to BRS suspended. Note to be included in next Newsletter.
5. AGM
Everything in place for AGM
The Votes for the Acceptance of accounts and for the existing committee to stay in place have been counted and will be made public at the AGM
Votes for Competition secretary have also been counted and likewise will be made public at the AGM.
No representatives of the candidates attended the Count so Ian Needham was asked to attend as a witness.
6. Projects
 - a. 11th Hole. Proposal that we remove some trees from around the 11th Fairway and make the tee wider. This tee is particularly long and narrow and gets considerable wear.
 - b. The 9" drain running through the 8th and 11th to the Pond on the 3rd is Blocked. Some Test holes are to be dug to establish extent.

- c. The Greens Iron has come to the end of its life. A new one is required. Quotes to be obtained.
- d. The Verticutter also needs replacing
- e. New matts to be purchased for the nets.
- f. The positioning of permanent artificial tees for use in winter to be considered for all the par threes. Other tees to be also considered.

7. Practice Area

Access to the practice area was discussed and the committee have decided to reintroduce the No Cars rule to the practice ground.

8. New Members.

An open day for new members is to be considered for after the post 21st June Covid relaxation day

Compulsory lessons for new members considered but considered unworkable at present.

9. Social media

Following some none negative comments on Facebook, members to be circulated with the social media policy and stricter moderation to be looked at.

10. Membership Suspension.

Any member requesting suspension must submit request in writing with a medical certificate. The committee will then consider if the request should be granted.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st June 6.30 pm in the Clubhouse

Treasurers Report 30th April 2021

The annual billing cycle has now been completed. This year, 12 month bills have been emailed to members, with payment due by 30th April. I have currently identified 77 members who have yet to start paying their annual fees. Of those, approximately 10 shouldn't have been sent an invoice, because they would appear to have resigned last year. I have emailed them all, but have not received a response. It is proposed to suspend their membership with immediate effect, so they will be unable to either book a tee time, or play in club competitions. We will follow that with a posted letter, requesting them to commence payment as soon as possible.

Green fee income is quite strong, amounting to £4900 in the month to 30th April. Buggy hire appears to be strong also, averaging £1100 per month in the peak season. Open entries are going well, although, we should expect income to be lower this year, as entries have been carried over from 2020. Income was £3175 for the month of April. Competition entries are good, income in April was £1800, suggesting good entries in the clubs fixtures. New memberships continue to be good, we have acquired members from Darlington and Rockcliffe and a couple from Headlam. We received a grant of £12000 from Durham County Council in the month, which has been earmarked to pay for the replacement carpet in the clubhouse. We also received £394 in a JRS grant. (March £2493). Donations are in credit due to Peter Bell, Bob Henderson and Doreen Braithwaite requesting the return of their stair lift donation. There is a minor discrepancy in income of £360 which I will resolve once I receive access to fdms and stripe income reports, which I have requested.

Trade debtors sit at £141056 at todays date.

There has been the usual machine repairs of £1800. Spring is the time when the green staff undertake most of the machinery repairs, and costs are incurred for pesticides and fertilizers.

The agreed staff pay rises have now been implemented. Sheila, our administrator, has had to do 22 hours overtime in April, just to keep on top of office work and income. We are going to actively look at our software, how to use it more fully, and compare the offerings of Club Systems, BRS and Intelligent Golf, to see how we can reduce the manual input of information onto each system.

As you will see from the Profit & Loss, we have spent £10000 on clubhouse maintenance and repairs. Namely the carpet and essential gas works to the kitchen to fit a shut off valve in the event of an emergency.

Our Trade Creditors as of todays date are £11263. Our cash position has increased up to the end of April 2021. However, there will be many projects that are essential which will eat into our reserves.

AGM Questions 2020

1. Having witnessed the deterioration of the 17th green and fairway falling into the beck (the signature hole) this is the area where the money should be spent, and it's a big project to rebuild.

Forget all other projects and expenditure until this is completed

Has there been any playing / estimates done?

2. Why did we do furlough green staff when members payments and government grants meant we still had money coming in.
The course is in a poor state when it could've been in excellent condition
3. Why are members paying different fees. ie. 26-28 year olds paying half price.
In my eyes 21year olds onwards should be paying the same price
4. In the current restriction. In bunkers we get free pick n place because of no rakes. So why are the bunkers not raked at the start of every day to help golfers.
5. Should we not be getting some kind of rebate in fees seeing as though the course was closed for much of last year. And the course was obviously not being looked after because you furloughed the greenstaff
6. There is a Bad Debt provision in the accounts. What is this for.

Questions regarding Chairlift donations

7. Explain how much money has been raised for the stair lift to date?
8. As a stair lift hasn't been installed, is it still a priority for the Committee?
9. If the stair lift isn't now a priority requiring continued fundraising, when was that decision taken and who took it and has or will all monies be reimbursed to individual donors where practicable?
10. If monies donated to the stair lift have not been reimbursed, where is the money currently sitting within the club accounts and if it isn't held in the accounts, what club projects has it been used for?
11. If monies have been redirected to other expenditure items, were donors, where they could be identified informed and their expressed permission sought?