

Barnard Castle Golf Club.

**Management Meeting.**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

**Attendees:**

Colin MacLeod, Graham West, Andy Hall, Ken Walters, Lainey Hunt, Pauline Connelly, Dave Sparrow and Joy Pallister,

- **Apologies**  
Geoff Wall
- **Introduction of new Committee Members**  
Men's Vice Captain, Dave Sparrow  
  
Lady Captain, Pauline Connelly  
  
Lady Vice Captain, Lainey Hunt  
  
Seniors Captain, Ken Walters.
- **Actions List**  
Action list updated and communicated to committee.
- **Updates**
  - **Chairperson**
    - Day to day financials continue to be managed by Chairperson. The option of outsourcing the high-level Treasurer accounting activities (around 1 day per month), being pursued. **(Action: Colin)**
  - **Admin**
    - Update provided within Action List.
  - **Welfare**
    - Golf England's Good Governance policy discussed. Committee in agreement that no immediate action is required concerning their guidelines.
  - **Greens Report**
    - October / November Report

Significant adverse weather has heavily restricted scheduled activities over recent weeks. Rainfall since 1<sup>st</sup> September totalled 412mm of rain (16.5inches), compared to the same period last year of 292mm (11.5 inches) - this has resulted in 5 closed days in October and 15 so far in November.

Greens and Winter Greens:- Greens staff have only managed to mow a few times due to waterlogged conditions, restricting the activity to the daily brushing off of dew. The continued wet and damp weather has caused an unprecedented amount of disease on the main greens – these were all sprayed in September, but the new doses across a number of greens have not yet been treated due to the greens' surfaces being too wet to treat. Similarly, the application of Wetting Agents normally carried out monthly has also not yet been completed - this will be carried out when conditions permit. Winter greens were prepared in September on majority of aprons and were looking good but with all the rain, has diminished the surfaces and most are sitting in water, similar to the main greens. The Vertidrainage of greens was scheduled for November – this will put back until weather permits. All green irrigation heads raised to proper levels.

Tees: - Very wet in places and will be vertidrainage when possible – winter tees in places and mats will go out on 3 and 11 in next week or so. Tees' irrigation heads will all be raised in next 2 months.

Fairways, semi rough and roughs:- Too wet to get machinery on to surfaces. No aeration carried out as too wet to vertidrain. All proposed winter works (levelling and drainage) now put back indefinitely. Small areas of tree works being currently carried out to improve air flow and appearance (rear of 1st and 13th / 14th copses)

Servicing: - Winter servicing and upkeep of course furniture begun already and stored. In-house machinery servicing has also commenced.

- Head Greenkeeper's Annual report reviewed. Publish to web site and place hard copy on notice board. **(Action: Colin).**
- **Competitions**
  - Presentation evening, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November
  - Handicap committee created. Namely: - Ross Law, Andy Steel and Dianne Wilkinson
  - Competition Secretary position remains still open.
- **Ladies Report**
  - The Ladies AGM took place, Tuesday 7th November. All committee positions have been filled.
- **Seniors**
  - All Seniors committee positions have been filled for 2024.
- **Matters Arising**
  - None
- **Correspondence**
  - Correspondence shared, discussed, and actioned accordingly.
- **AOB**
  - None

Minutes of meeting (as stated above).

Proposed: Dave Sparrow

Seconded: Graham West

The next management committee meeting will take place, Tuesday 12-Dec, 18:30 in the Admin Office.

**Colin MacLeod**