

**Belton Woods Golf Club Men's Committee  
Meeting Minutes Weds May 3rd 2017**

**Present**

Paul Perrin	Secretary
Liz Moses	Lady Captain
Ben Skeet	Golf & Leisure Manager
John Harrison	Club Captain
Jeff Earl	Competition and Handicap Secretary
Bruce Foster	Vice-Captain
Darren Woods	Competition Secretary
Rob Vine	Committee Member
Chris White	Committee Member
Dave Richardson	Committee Member
Ted Morris	Junior Captain
Andrew Richardson	Head Greenkeeper
Seamus Coen	General Manager
Matt Haynes	A Team Captain
Steve Hall	Committee Member
Elaine Lilley	Ladies Secretary
Simon Welsh	Committee Member
Ray Woodcock	Senior Captain

**Apologies**

Les Stewart	Committee Member
Ken Claxon	Junior Organiser
Allan Haynes	B Team Captain
Ray Woodcock	Senior Captain
Tony Stapleton	Treasurer

**Ben Skeet, Golf, and Leisure Manager**

Ben reported that the Mixed Open was successful. The day seemed to run smoothly and he asked for his thanks to be passed on to all the ladies that made the day. Ben said he was looking at doing a staff versus member's event on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. There is also going to an event on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May following on from the ASH

trophy. A golf themed quiz also with a general knowledge round. Ronnie Scott on his guitar will follow in the bar afterwards. Ben will advise of details very soon. 16 new buggies are due on or around the 15<sup>th</sup> May. He reported that the course had improved dramatically over the last month and he was getting lots of good feedback. Ben thanked everyone that attended the Captains away day and said it was a great day and enjoyed by himself, Seamus, and Josh.

### **Questions and comments to Ben**

LM reported that there had been a fixture problem reference a team match. This was rectified by the shop at short notice. Seamus and Ben are investigating why this matter arose.

### **Seamus Coen – General Manager**

Seamus commented how successful the figures are for the hotel. Customer service has drifted back to third place. They are currently 1.5% ahead of the other hotels which is a great trend.

### **Questions and comments to Seamus Coen**

The Captain presented Paul with a comments book and asked him to discuss these with Seamus and hotel management. After a few comments were read it was decided that the contents of the comments book would not be discussed further in the meeting and it was agreed that a mini meeting would be held prior to the committee meeting and then important issues would be discussed. The comments book is next to the computer where anyone is entitled to write in their comments or voice their opinions.

### **Andy Richardson, Head Green keeper**

Andy reported that they were now cutting grass. The definition of fairways and semi are coming along well. They have re shaped some fairways and collars/approaches, e.g. 17 lakes. Weed spraying is to commence on fairways and roughs when conditions allow. The lakes fairways were fertilized today. The woods are to be done next week and we hope for rain. Spring maintenance has been done and hollow cored and top dressed 35ton per course. The new bunkers have been sanded up and are in play. They will be soft for a while.

### **Questions and comments to Andy Richardson**

LM reported to AR that the water pump in the toilet was not working. LM asked if the course set up could duplicated on a Wednesday and Saturday. AR said this was impossible as the pin change is on a Friday.  
Great comments were reported back to the greenkeepers re the mixed open.

### **Secretary's Report**

The previous meeting minutes were signed off.

There were lots of topics of discussion during this section including lack of support for the summer competitions. (Are members visiting the notice board?) The men's invitation times being cut by the hotel and this consequently this lead to a shortage of players participating as all the times were early morning. The committee had a lengthy discussion about how they could improve the number of participants. One thing that was discussed was if they should do a prize presentation and meal. Ben suggested that an alternative option would be a Men's open AM-AM. Paul requested that he be informed of no shows so he can take action if required. Paul also wants it noting that he had previously requested email copies of reports as this will save a considerable amount of unnecessary typing and wasted time.

Handicap Secretary Jeff Earl

No report was submitted by JE.

Jeff did ask Ben if they needed access to how did I do for marketing and Ben categorically replied no.

BF asked Jeff a question regarding qualifiers for entry in to the Ash trophy as a member has states that he has not got enough qualifiers in due to having surgery. It was discussed and it was felt that there had been many occasions prior to this so therefore the ruling stands.

### **Darren Woods Competition Secretary**

Darren reported that he had encountered a few issues with the Spring Cup due to player errors whilst marking their cars. He stated that the committee do their best to provide cards for players on Sundays and are responsible for checking the cards and gross scores, the shop do their bit for us with the cards. Can he please have it noted that it is the player/team responsibility to ensure their respective cards are correctly marked (handicap, scores, and signatures).

All the summer knockouts have been drawn and the sheets are up on the notice board. A copy of the rules for each of the summer knockouts are available. Would all players taking part please play each round by the closing date as there are no extensions and any matches not played will be decided by the flip of a coin.

The subject of slow play has reared its ugly head again and there are unfortunately certain players who still don't seem to be aware of others and subsequently holding the field up. I intend to speak to the starters and ask them to record the times of

players at the start of a round and after 9 holes and would like to ask players to put down their finishing times on the card before handing them in.

A copy of the winners report for April is available for viewing on the table.

Congratulations to both teams on winning their opening matches of the season.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Tee times, important notice. Due to a shortage of tee times available on the 14<sup>th</sup> this individual stableford competition will be played off the yellow tees on the lakes but as fourballs. Darren has checked this with Ben and he as agreed this. The field will be increased by 15 players however the time between the tee times remain at 8 minutes so therefore he requested that any members of the committee playing could be extra vigilant in policing slow play to keep an eye on things.

### **Tony Stapleton, Treasurer**

Tony reported healthy accounts. Ben Skeet wanted to proceed with the 2018 Diary fixtures. He also wants to eliminate the vouchers in the shop and have the gift cards instead. This generated lots of comments of which need to be ironed out before we can take it forward. Prize winning divisions are currently 1-12 and 13-28. It was agreed to change this to 1-14 and 15-28. This was voted on and carried unanimously.

### **Team Golf**

**Matt Haynes – A Team Captain**

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### **Les Stewart C Team Captain**

**Junior Captain Ted Morris**

**Ken Claxon**

### **Belton Woods Golf Club Junior Section**

pass them on to me.

### **Ray Woodcock Seniors Captain**

**Belton Woods Seniors Captains Report**

**To all Senior Members, and incident has been recently reported alleging that member/members of the Seniors section used bad language towards a member of the main club, causing offence. I think you will agree that such behaviour is highly undesirable and unbecoming of Seniors members and we do not want any repeats.**

### **AOB**

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