

**Belton Woods Golf Club Men's Committee
Meeting Minutes Weds 6th February 2019**

Present

Paul Perrin	Club Hon Secretary
Jules White	Lady Captain
Sophie Ellis	Junior Captain
Rob Vine	Committee Member
Chris White	Committee Member
Jon Lynn	Committee Member
Simon Welsh	Committee Member
Sue Raynor	Ladies Secretary
Brian Robinson	Club Captain
Steve Hall	Committee Member
Brian Jaffery	Committee Member
Tony Hills	Handicap Secretary
Darren Woods	Competition Secretary
Paul Stanley	Seniors Captain
Andy Richardson	Head Greenkeeper
Tony Stapleton	Treasurer

Apologies

Ken Claxon	Junior Organiser
Bruce Foster	Past Club Captain
Ben Skeet	Golf & Leisure Manager
Robert Palframan	Committee Member

Greenkeeper's Report

Cutting grass areas as required, greens mown when needed 4mm
Tees struggled due to extreme conditions, unable to apply enough water to keep green. Now top dressing and seeding tee tops.
Tees to be sprayed with iron application.
Greens have been fertilised this month 4-0-4. Drew cure to apply this month.
Granular moss killer applied to greens.
Lagoon filling up
Cleaned fairway distance discs.
Clearing wind fall debris
Bunkers to top up with sand, delivery this month to continue
Fertilise fairways March/April
Drains installed on first woods and 16 woods path to stop flooding. Also 11 lakes and 18th Lakes.
Filled in bunker on 10 lakes has been re seeded.
New hazard markers around the course. Replace a few each month. Ongoing.
Lakes Bunker rebuild 4,9,12 all shaped and turfed. Drains to install and sand in 12th and 9th. 4th to do.
New 50-yard markers for driving range have been installed.

Application of fungicide/fertiliser has been applied if needed.

Path pot holes filled in, ongoing.

6th Yellow tee levelled, and sand base removed and replaced with soil, new extra sprinklers installed and turfed. 13th Lakes levelled and extra sprinklers installed.

Verti-drained greens March.

Solid tine greens this month.

Questions to Andy Richardson

TS and DW asked for the roped off area on the 9th Lakes fairway to be clearly marked.

TH requested over a period if all marker posts could be red on both courses.

AR replied that this would happen, but they will be intermingling the posts for the time being as current posts are plastic and can not be repainted in red.

TH asked the latest situation regarding the marker plaques for the si's. AR informed the committee that it was very expensive to change these plaques as the cost was over £2,000. The hotel was not prepared to fund this cost at present.

Colin Thornton behind the scenes reanalysed some competition cards for the seniors and the scores remained the same on the revised indexes.

TH commented that it was the CSS was wrong for the course.

In due course Harvey Harrison LGU Representative will be checking the new slope rating for the new handicap system.

Paul Stanley brought up the fact that the low si holes are at the beginning of the woodside course. This is not a good representation for the golf club in match play situation.

SH questioned Andy's knowledge of investment, cap exes. AR replied that they will be doing work on irrigation pipes, tee box sprinklers but no financial expenditure had been forwarded to Andy at this time.

BR commented that members needed clarification on the local rule of the sprayed off areas at the base of the trees. This is not for a player's advantage and should be played the nearest point of relief from the tree, Not 2 club lengths. This is not to obtain a full clear shot in to the green as has been witnessed on some occasions.

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Secretary's Report

The minutes for the previous minutes were duly signed off by club Captain.

Tony Stapleton, Treasurer

It was agreed after a long discussion that all the twos for the winter league will be paid out at a correct amount for each competition. Tony requires the correct information from the Competition Secretary as the details he can get from Howdidido is not detailing twos.

TH asked if a money list should be published and it was a no go, taboo subject.

Tony Hills, Handicap Secretary

The Annual Handicap review has taken place and 27 players were given a reduction. 19 players had an increase to their handicap. This varied from 1 to 3 shots. One appeal was received, and ratification was agreed.

Competition Secretary Darren Woods

BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB COMPETITION REPORT JAN/FEB 2019

WINNERS REPORT

A copy of the latest winner's report is available for viewing on the table.

COMPETITIONS

All competitions are available for booking on howdidido until the 31st March. All competitions for April and beyond will be available for booking 1 month in advance. E.G 1st March for April - 1st April for May etc.

SIGNING IN

Whilst it is not a requirement for players to enter their score after a competition there are some members who fail to do so on a regular basis (Steve McAndrew, Terry Fox, Kev Keep) most other members manage to do so unless they are otherwise directed. This could lead to complications or confusion to someone not overly familiar with said individuals when closing a competition. It takes a matter of seconds to enter your score in the system when you have finished. It is both time consuming and somewhat frustrating trying to establish the scores that have been left unentered and could lead to unnecessary questions being asked.

WINTER LEAGUE 2'S

It is my recommendation that all (51) players who have recorded a 2 during the winter league be awarded £5 by way of apology for any confusion caused. It was my understanding along with most members that individual 2's would be paid. Individuals who have not entered the winter league but are playing as a pair in the day's competition and paying the £5 entry fee as per normal competitions would be assuming there was a 2's pot.

WINTER LEAGUE KNOCKOUT DATES

The dates for the Winter League Knockout rounds as per the diary are as follows
Feb 24th last 8 from each division (8 tee times reserved) (QF) Mar 03rd last 4 from each division (4 tee times reserved) (SF) Mar 17th last 2 from each division (2 tee times reserved) (DF) Mar 31st Grand Final (Lakes White Tees Captain/Rep to Ref. As mentioned at the AGM I do not wish to have the scenario where we are playing the Winter League Final in June!! So please can the dates be adhered to as my intention is to start the summer knockouts in early April.

BIRDIE TREE PROPOSAL

I would like to propose a little bit of fun for the summer months by introducing a Birdie Tree which will run during April-October. Members will be asked to pay a

nominal fee if they wish to enter and the Winners (1st 2nd and 3rd?) could be awarded the vouchers at Presentation evening.

Local Rule

The local rule for relief from around the chemically treated base of trees has been amended to the following:

If your ball comes to rest around the base of a tree you may take relief from the area by dropping your ball (knee high) at the nearest available spot outside of the area, no nearer to the hole in line with the flag. This will be the nearest available grassed area. There is no longer a one club length relief.

you are getting relief from the sprayed area of the tree not the tree itself.

Regards Darren Woods
Competition Secretary

A/B/C Teams

Steve Hall is doing preparations for next seasons A team matches. He has some friendly matches against Forest Pines and Woodhall Spa arranged. New sponsorship has been confirmed for both the A & B Teams. Navy blue is the chosen colour with grey trousers. Further information and costings will be provided.

Rob Vine has also confirmed some local friendly matches and both teams have players confirmed to attend. Rob has also confirmed that the B League is maximum handicap 17 and players will be fielded in handicap order.

Les Stewart will be contacted in relation to the C Team strips also.

Junior Captain, Sophie Ellis

The junior section continues to grow at a rapid pace and Sophie alerted our club with the news that some local clubs are losing large numbers from their junior's sections. This will mean that interclub activity will result in further travelling. Sophie questioned how funding to the junior's section was going to be carried out for 2019. It was unanimously agreed that the Coen Cup be the main event of the year to assist with this. Members of the men's section have agreed to organize this event and make it a success as per last year. Simon Welsh with assistance from others will oversee this event.

Rob Vine- Communications

Rob has been continuing to update the website to keep members informed which worked well on the recent closure due to snow.

Senior Captain, Paul Stanley
Belton Woods Seniors
January Report

A quiet month for the Seniors as expected considering the prevailing weather conditions. Two stableford competitions played during the month both heavily affected by the weather conditions underfoot and the cold temperatures. Typical Winter golf with only one person beating his handicap relative to the scorecard par. New rules came into play and no issues raised about their application. However, some comments received that putting was not any quicker with some players preferring to put with the flag in and others with it out. When preferences mixed together in a three or a four it has not felt quicker!

Some debate has been had about local rules with the main discussion point being the treated areas around trees; are these still classed as GUR?

AOB

Members will now notice that on the lakes course all hazards are marked by red stakes. The woods course all hazards are marked by yellow stakes. They should all be red and treated as red, but the club can not paint the yellow posts red as they are plastic, and the paint will not stick.

Captain Brian also informed the committee that there are some behind the scenes changes looming in association with day to day management control.

Darren announced that for 2019 the Daily Mail foursomes representatives for the club are Joe and Max Bates.

Meeting closed at 20.54

Next meeting March 6th 2019

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