

**Belton Woods Golf Club Men's Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes Weds 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Present**

Paul Perrin	Club Hon Secretary
Chris White	Committee Member
Steve Hall	Committee Member
Brian Jaffery	Committee Member
Andy Richardson	Head Greenkeeper
Ken Claxon	Junior Organiser
Ben Skeet	Golf & Leisure Manager
Bruce Foster	Past Club Captain
Robert Palframan	Committee Member
Sophie Ellis	Junior Captain
Simon Welsh	Committee Member
Brian Robinson	Club Captain
Tony Hills	Handicap Secretary
Paul Stanley	Seniors Captain
Graham Bell	Vice Captain

**Apologies**

Tony Stapleton	Treasurer
Jules White	Lady Captain
Rob Vine	Committee Member
Jon Lynn	Committee Member
Sue Raynor	Ladies Secretary
Darren Woods	Competition Secretary

The new general manager Ian Peck took time to introduce his self-prior to the meeting. He gave a brief introduction of where he was from and his previous career history. The more recent being Managing Director of Macdonald Hotels & Resorts Aviemore, Highland,

He has also worked in hotels in London at some large well-known properties.

So, if you see a gentleman in a nice tweed jacket and not with a local accent please make him feel welcome. You could say he fits in well looking like a Lincolnshire country farmer. No on a serious note we need the GM for the long game now and the committee wished all the best for his future at Belton Woods Hotel.

**Greenkeeper's Report**

Andy announced that he was leaving, as he has resigned but will be serving his 90-day notice.

Cutting grass areas as required, greens mown daily 4mm greens triple.

Tees struggled due to extreme conditions, unable to apply enough water to keep green. Now top dressing and seeding tee tops. Fert to apply this month.

Tees to fertilise this month.

Greens have been fertilised this month with 6-5-18. Liquid fert to apply later this month.

Greens double verti-cut in March

Lagoon full now.

Cleaned fairway distance discs.

Clearing wind fall debris. All rough has been cut

Bunkers to top up with sand, delivery this April to continue

Fertilise fairways March/April. Lakes and Woods done.

Drains installed on first woods and 16 woods path to stop flooding. Also 11 lakes and 18<sup>th</sup> Lakes.

Filled in bunker on 10 lakes has been re seeded. Needs dressing in Spring.

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 12<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> to do.

New 50-yard markers for driving range have been installed.

Fairways been cut a couple of times. Re shaping each cut.

Application of fungicide/fertiliser has been applied if needed.

Path potholes filled in, ongoing.

6<sup>th</sup> Yellow tee levelled, and sand base removed and replaced with soil, new extra sprinklers installed and turfed. 13<sup>th</sup> Lakes levelled and extra sprinklers installed. Now been turfed.

8<sup>th</sup> Academy bunker filled 1 and reshaped and turfed.

Winter rules off and winter wheels no longer required.

### **Questions to Andy Richardson**

BF expressed his concern about the shortage of staff and whether this was affecting everyone's workloads. He also questioned the quality of the machinery being used and questioned if any cap ex had been authorised.

AR said that they needed approx. £300k towards new machinery and one piece of equipment they required was a greens roller. Although this had not been authorised it was looking promising.

SH asked if casual staff could be used. AR replied that there had been a meeting with HR which the new GM had also attended.

PP questioned certain areas of the course which are GUR but not having the blue stakes in situ. AR assured the committee that the white line markers had been applied but must have washed off. He will investigate using blue markers once again.

TH questioned if trees could be planted between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways on the woodside course. AR replied that this would not work due to the overhead power lines being still live.

SW commented on the poor condition of the 13<sup>th</sup> tee boxes on the woodside. AR replied that these are sand based tee boxes and suffer from drought.

CW questioned if they could paint the tee boxes green. AR replied No.

### **Ben Skeet – Golf & Leisure Manager**

Unfortunately, after a very short period our new golf operations manager Stuart left last month. Post is open with applications and interviews taking place.

March and April quitter than last year with May and June very similar to 2019 residentially.

Big thanks to Matt Haynes and Kylie Bullimore who are moving on from the greens team, they have both been great for the team.

New Leisure Manager Michael has settled in nicely and has been made very welcome thank you.

Ben said that he had spent a third of his life at Belton Woods, 91/2 years in total. He is heading up north to Scotland.

### **Questions to Ben**

BR asked if the Masters sweep stake is sorted. Ben replied that it is in progress and will be sorted shortly.

BR asked if the winter league prize shirts for the winners were sorted. BS replied yes. Ben also informed the meeting that the slope ratings were being sorted for both the courses.

PP asked if everything was organised for the Invitational on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, i.e. Coffee, bacon baps, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes as promised by the hotel. Ben replied that this is all sorted, and he would confirm numbers from the computer for catering purposes.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes for the previous minutes were duly signed off by Steve Hall.

Paul thanked Steve for helping him out last month at short notice.

Lots of items were discussed and items Paul mentioned were,

No Shows I need the information feeding back please?

Mark Burns is being entered competitions by unknown persons to be investigated

Paul had contacted Mark as a no show and Mark was away and totally unaware of his name being entered on that day.

Also, honors boards need updating and that has been tasked to Mr. Bruce Foster as a past captain duty also we have a board marked up incorrectly which will be addressed.

Paul has been questioned by a member who retired injured from a qualifying round of golf after two holes and received .1 back on his handicap. Put to the committee that is the correct protocol to follow and others on the committee had received the same treatment at other clubs and competitions.

We also had a long discussion about events that take place later in the year. One subject that Robert brought to the table was Presentation night which is becoming a talking point amongst members. The main comments were that the poor food is not helping promote the event, the time it takes to present all the trophies and its to formal. Could we not make it a bit more of a party environment? The speeches drag on and it gets duplicated by the sections and the price that the members pay should receive a better night and celebrate in style. This will also be discussed with the Ladies Section.

Another hot topic was the Belton Woods invitational why members were not attending ? do we need to promote and communicate things better ? do we need another member on the committee purely to look after this subject ? someone with contacts create a target audience with a reason for the event to take place and a cause for the funds being raised, even at the reduced price committee members are

struggling to get attendees one mentioned people love the course but struggle with the hotel environment after i.e. the cost quality of food and nowhere to chill after a round of golf.

Its not all doom and gloom but its no good resting on our laurels and hoping things will happen. We as a committee represent the members and need their support to make things happen.

Bruce Foster has been asked by a member how many times Brian Jaffrey compared to Darren Woods has closed a competition. Brian mentioned that he was monitoring this.

### **Brian Jaffrey – Competition Updates**

#### **April 2019**

7/4/2019 Men's Mash up, 21 teams, good turn out but let down by one or two individuals not turning up or informing the shop

14/4/2019 Medal, 64 entries

Easter mixed better ball, 22 entries, should we run other competitions along side this?

It was decided not to but maybe offer an additional Easter bank holiday Monday one.

21/4/2019 Kirk Gibb Cup, 66 entries, J Bates, J North, M Bates were the winners.

28/4/2019 Stableford 75 entries.

Looking forward to May.

5/4/2019 Captains Away Day 43 players

5/4/2019 Stableford 44 entries

12/4/2019 Invitational?

19/4/2019 Kinnersley Cup, 80 booked so far with 10 slots left

26/4/2019 Help for Hero's, 85 booked so far with 5 slots left

The Saturday Roll up was discussed as to whether this should be a qualifier. The farmer group requested additional days in order to get their competition handicaps sorted. It was declined that the Saturday roll up become a qualifier but anyone at the club can pay £2 and submit a supplementary card at anytime as long as this is marked supplementary and signed. The player must have played to competition rules i.e. putted out, no given puts.

Sunday extended playing times were discussed. For certain Sunday qualifying competitions this is going to be possible. This is **not** for trophy competitions and will be on a trial basis. The criteria is based on entry fee to be paid in advance to the shop, tee times must be booked by the individuals with the shop and must be played to normal competition rules.

It was also suggested that the Friday flyer become an 18-hole competition. This will be trialed, and dates will be announced.

### **Ken Claxon**

#### **BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB JUNIOR SECTION MARCH 2019 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ken thanked the persons who gave assistance on the Sunday super sixes competition and it turned out to be a success with good feedback.  
As always trying to maintain numbers and plan ahead for future competitions.

### **A/B/C Teams**

Steve Hall reported on behalf of both teams got off to a cracking start and it needs to continue and thanked the junior section for use of one their members Andrew who is playing great golf for the A team.

Steve mentioned food is being consumed on away event's, but he is struggling to get commitment from players on the home games, which does spoil the leadup to the Saturday match. The comments were its too expensive for what was being received compared to away clubs.

**Senior Captain, Paul Stanley**  
**Belton Woods Seniors**  
**May Report**  
**Belton Woods Seniors**  
**April Report**

A good start to the golfing year with competitive matches, Peter Driver Trophy and monthly Medal and Stableford all played.

Two Away matches played both ending in narrow defeats on courses not in the prime conditions we have at Belton. Both courses continuing to play Winter Rules.

The competitions played resulted in some fine scores and a number of handicap revisions The Lakes very much continuing to play harder for the Seniors than the Woods.

Support was provided from the Seniors to Iain Fulton and Ken Claxon for the Juniors Super Six's event played over the Academy course .The event from our perspective seemed a great success for the youngsters and a good advert for Belton.

**Paul Stanley**  
**Belton Woods Seniors Captain 2019**

AOB was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.37

Next meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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PAP 08.05.19 Meeting notes

