

BELTON WOODS



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BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd December 2020

Attending: Kim Davies (KD), Sue Raynor (SR), Liz Moses (LM), Trudi Galloway (TG), Caroline Hills (CH), Becky Foster (BF), Jules White, Chrissy Reynolds (CR), Jacqui Francis (JF)

1. Apologies

Steph Lee

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 5th November were accepted and will be signed by KD as soon as possible.

3. Matters Arising

Lesley has returned the signed signature form to SR who in turn passed it to Jan Machin. LM will collect from her and take to the bank. **Action LM**

4. Lady Captain's Report

Lockdown lifted 2nd December

Tier three post lockdown till the review on the 16th December! Hotel is closed but the Pro shop is open .Reviews every two weeks thereafter.

Putt & Take cancelled on 12th December. The vouchers that would have been presented will be added directly to the winners accounts with the Pro shop.

No other items to mention.

5. Secretary's Report

Notices of the AGM have been posted by email, placed on the board and put on the website.

It came to my attention that Melita's father-in-law had died, so I sent her a condolence card on behalf of the Lady Captain, Committee and Section.

I hold my hand up to an error of judgement by creating a "Golf information only" Belton Woods Ladies Whatsapp group, as several people found the "fun videos and photos" too much. However, it rapidly became clear that all I had done was to confuse people - not my intention. So eventually, to stop spurious posts, I stopped anyone posting, and then after sending the notice of the AGM, dis-established the group, informing people on Judi's Whatsapp group. I am truly sorry for causing problems as all I wanted to do was have a quick and easy way of informing ladies of committee communications, and as many of my emails go to junk/spam, it was an immediate way of saying that an email had been sent. As I think you are all aware, not everyone has Whatsapp, so even when things are discussed on there, they still have to be communicated via other mediums to all the members. I hope that this has brought an end to the problems. I must also apologise for my unintentional mistake when I forgot to post the AGM notices via closed circulation. I have re-written to everyone, asking that they delete the first email.

Becky and I have been working hard on the re-draft of the handbook, which I have as an agenda item later.

Liaison Meeting, 2nd December 2020

Matt Bradley attended via Zoom and brought us up to date with the Hotel and golf courses situation. Only Matt and Tom are in the shop and there are only 3 greenkeepers working. We have a new general manager, Neal Holloway, who has experience of hotel management, but not golf and leisure, although he is a golfer. Neal started on Tuesday and will be with Melissa for one week.

The hotel is only open for key workers with 2 staff only. The Claret Jug and Stantons remain closed, but Matt is hoping for take away coffee from the conservatory area of Stantons on Sunday.

No large groups are allowed on the golf course, the changing rooms are closed and the range is closed, as there is no-one to collect balls. This decision was made by the new GM and Andy McEvoy. Toilets are available upstairs at Willow. We are restricted to groups of 6 people outside but not inside. Roll ups can only happen with names against designated tee times. RV asked how this would impact the Turkey Trot. MB said that there is no problem with the competition running, but it will not be possible under the current restrictions to have any sort of presentation inside. GB and RV will consider the prize giving options.

Winter rules are in place with no buggies. This was decided by the GM, but MB will try to get this rescinded to allow members requiring buggies for medical reasons to use them on the course, especially as Forest Pines allow them at present.

I asked about the general state of the course which Matt described as awful with the fairways being cut too short. Max Bates said that he had played 12 holes on Lakes,

which wasn't too bad. MB said that the greenkeepers have been working on the irrigation system and have replaced 60 of the old valves and have another 40 to do. The reason the fairways are so short is that the machine was broken just before lockdown and has only just come back into operation; consequently the cut is much shorter than it should have for this time of year. Kim said that ladies had found it difficult to find somewhere within 6 inches to pick and place and asked if we could increase to a club length. MB and Tony Hills were reluctant to change the local rule; however, MB said that if the ladies committee wish to bring this in for the ladies they can.

After discussion the men agreed their AGM would be by Zoom on January 7th and RV and TH will look at paying for a Zoom upgrade to allow an unlimited meeting time. This may be applicable to the Ladies AGM. Bruce Foster also talked about the ability to register casual golf scores under the WHS and I believe that Becky and Bruce will be sending something out to explain the new system. KD started to ask about Sue's input into next year's amalgamated diary when the meeting ended.

Matt has subsequently informed me that the shop is offering 20% of existing stock, excluding clubs and reminded us of the offer to take 3 guests round the course for free. This concludes the report from the liaison meeting.

After discussion in our meeting it was agreed to allow relief to be within a club length for the next competition, but to review on a weekly basis. We will wait to see how the men view the conditions on Sunday 6th. TG pointed out that relief was allowed from damage inflicted by greenkeepers. BF will inform players of the rules for the next fun competitions on HDID. We will follow the men's rules for the Turkey Trot and the Hardy's Challenge. **BF**

6. Treasurer's Report

TG reported that the Current a/c is £3,005.16 and the deposit a/c is £1,907.07. The books have been taken to Pauline Brumhead for audit.

7. Competition and Handicap Secretary's Report

BF reported that the winners of the final competition prior to lockdown were Trudi Galloway, Caroline Hills and Steph Lee.

As there had only been 3 greenkeepers on during lockdown 2, leading to poor course conditions, it was decided not to run any qualifying competitions during December, so BF has put on some fun competitions. BF tried to put Wednesday's welcome back waltz on Club V1 but there is a problem with the system, not allowing score entry under the correct person. Bruce is looking into this.

Hardy's: The deadlines have been extended and players informed. TG was concerned about the courtesy shots allowed for ladies following the introduction of WHS; BF will clarify, but should this should be addressed by the new slope rating. **BF**

8. Handbook

LM and BF have been extensively re-writing the handbook to bring us in line with the WHS and to correct some anomalies. LM went through most amendments. The Spring and Autumn Meeting trophies are awarded to Silver and Bronze players but both these were superseded by divisions a number of years ago. After discussion it was decided to maintain the status quo for these competitions. The introduction of the WHS has given us the opportunity to change the way some competitions are run and BF proposed that the Stableford competitions in December, January and February should now count towards handicaps. The PAR BAR will now run on both courses but only pars achieved in club competitions will count towards this. The Eclectic will be discontinued.

The handbook has been changed to acknowledge that we run separate medal and Stableford competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If a lady plays in both Stableford competitions in a month, her best score will count towards the Joan Boycott Stableford Cup. A problem arises over "Lady Golfer of the Year". This runs from April to September inclusive, and **was based on the best 9 scores out of the 12 medal and Stablefords held in this period. Scoring was as follows: 1st place=10 points, 2nd place=8 points, 3rd place=6 points, 4th place=4 points, 5th place=2 points and 6th place=1 point. Every player is awarded 1 point for playing.** The question is how should we proceed, now that ladies can theoretically play in 4 competitions a month? BF felt that if someone was playing well all competitions in the month should be taken into account. LM said that working ladies and 5 day members would not have the chance to play in all weekday/weekend competitions. TG agreed that there should be an attempt to find a level playing field. The suggestion was made that we take the best 12 out of a possible 24 competitions. BF also said that she could run a report which would take into account all competitions throughout the year, including trophy competitions, which would provide an extremely accurate assessment of the Lady Golfer of the Year. The committee agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting.

Action BF, LM, All

Under the WHS players are encouraged to submit cards whenever they play and there is a facility under "Today's Golf" to register a round and submit scores. Players must specify the format and number of holes. BF felt that there should be a fee of £2.00, like the old supplementary cards and players should inform BF and TG when they were going out to play. LM queried whether this was right, as the WHS encourages players to put in cards whenever they go out to play, and if ladies have to pay it might discourage them. BF said that the Men's section will be charging so the committee agreed to go ahead with a £2.00 for casual cards. SR suggested BF should demonstrate how to put in a score at the AGM, but this may be difficult if we run the AGM by Zoom.

9. AGM

In view of the on-going Covid 19 restrictions LM proposed that the AGM in January should be run by Zoom as a virtual meeting. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting. In order to speed up the meeting all reports would be requested a week before the meeting and circulated to the members. This will include reports from Matt, Andy McEvoy and Neal Holloway. Questions would be requested in writing by email before the AGM. Provided there are no further nominations for the committee, LM will circulate the details of ladies requiring election to the membership and if there are no objections propose that they be elected “en-bloc”. LM will cancel the room booked and invite the normal attendees to participate via zoom. LM will also look at buying an enhanced package to give unlimited time and participants. **Action LM**

10. AOB

JW reminded the meeting that the Men have 4 positions where subs are paid by the Golf Club, namely Captain, Secretary, Competition Secretary and Handicap Secretary. All the ladies committee have is subs paid for the Lady Captain. In view of the amount of work that BF does, JW suggested that the Ladies Committee approach the Golf Club Management to pay BF’s subs and after discussion this was extended to the Hon Sec as well. SR agreed to draft a letter to the new general manager asking for this to be considered. **Action SR**

BF suggested that we should introduce a “two’s” competition in some of our games. She will look into this. **Action BF**

TG confirmed that she will organise a gift for Pauline for auditing the accounts. **Action TG**

SR confirmed that the 4 way competition will be held at Greetham Valley on Friday June 4th, which clashes with the A team match against Blankney. SR will book the tee times for the Past Captains Trophies, confirm with Jane Forbes that she no longer wishes to run this, and look for someone to take over. As the half term week is very busy Sue will look at a date the week before. **Action SR**

SR announced that she will be introducing a new Hallowe’en competition next year. This will be on Sunday 31st October and be called the “Frightful Four Ball”! Dressing up will be encouraged!

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th January at 19.00 by Zoom.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed.....Lady Captain Date.....