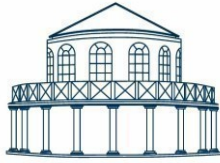


BELTON WOODS



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BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd March 2021

Attending: Sue Raynor (SR), Kim Davies (KD), Liz Moses (LM), Trudi Galloway (TG), Caroline Hills (CH), Becky Foster (BF), Steph Lee (SL), Jill Baggaley (JB), Jan Machin (JM), Chrissy Reynolds (CR)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 4th February were accepted and signed by LM on behalf of SR

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Lady Captain's Report

Since our last meeting we have received the good news we had all hoped for, that golf was coming back on 29th March. Unfortunately, this is the day after the scheduled Captains' Drive In but we are hopeful we can rearrange this to take place on the following Sunday, 4th April. I am waiting for the Men's Captain, Dave Hitch, to confirm this after their meeting tonight (confirmation received that we are going ahead with 4th April). Other comps and matches are also being rescheduled but I will leave Becky to go over these in her report.

I have sent out the Newsletter to all our lady members and have received favourable feedback.

Unfortunately, one of our members, Ginny Dixon, lost her mum to Covid. I took a card and flowers to her house with condolences from the section.

The charity cheque from 2019 has now been processed and whilst at the bank, I obtained the relevant forms for both accounts so that these can be updated with the new signatories. I also enquired about on-line banking and was told this was possible for both accounts and have also obtained the relevant forms. Trudi and I will start to process these as soon as is feasible.

The first of my fund raising activities was held by means of a zoom Quiz night which was well attended and seems to have been well received. Well done to Liz Moses who was the winner on the night.

I have had correspondence from the GM, Neal Holloway, with regard to the Ladies Changing room refurbishment:

Hi Sue

I just wanted to let you know I had the contractor out today that will most probably be doing the changing rooms.

As promised, I addressed the issue about taking a shower out and putting another toilet in. Having looked at it this is not as simple as first seems as would include taking down a divided wall and also taking out the raised shower floor so this will not be something we will be able to do this year!

That does not mean the other items we discussed will not happen, taking out lockers, mirrors etc!

But don't ask me for a start date as I don't have one yet unfortunately.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Warm regards

Neal

I replied as follows:

I think in the short term, the ladies would be happy with the bank of lockers, which are currently situated on the same wall as the door through to the showers and WCs, be taken out and replaced with another shelf with mirrors above? This would result in more floor space and new carpeting. We do not necessarily require any existing mirrors to be taken out. It would also help enormously if the lockers could be brought back into use by addressing the key situation or some sort of replacement locking mechanism.

Obviously, this would all take time and planning and we fully appreciate the impact the lockdown has had on the leisure industry with the loss of revenue. Hopefully, the ladies changing rooms will remain on the list of improvements regardless.

With regard to the committee privileges, Neal has replied as follows:

I was conscious I hadn't come back to you on this yet!

I discussed this with the head of golf for the group to see what some of the other hotels are doing and as a hotel the amount of memberships we offer is far in excess of what all my colleagues are doing!

I feel this is something we will need to address moving forwards and my suggestion would be that we pick this up for the 2022 season.

I know not the answer you were looking for but I am more than happy to work with the members to make sure any concessions are given fairly and equitably and I believe this is for the organising committees to decide not just the hotel.

My reply

With regard to the privileges requested for the ladies Competition/Handicap Secretary and our Lady Secretary. Thank you for giving this request your time and consideration. Although disappointed that no further subscription privileges will be forthcoming this year, it is encouraging that you will be looking at the situation again next year. We are grateful that you are willing to offer the two committee members complimentary beverages in addition to the Lady Captain, namely the Competition/Handicap Secretary and our Lady Secretary. These are the two positions on our committee that require the most commitment, time and workload, often resulting in visits to the club outside of actually playing, and it would be a welcomed gesture by the management to receive complimentary refreshment if required. Once again Neal I thank you for taking the time to address the needs of the Ladies Section. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before we are back out on the fairways. Until then, keep safe and well.

Neal has since replied agreeing to this request.

5. Secretary's Report

In the absence of golf, Becky and I have been working on the Handbook, to bring it in line with all the changes, both from WHS and our internal tweaks. I have this as an agenda item, so will come to this later under item 8.

I have been in touch with Neal Holloway and Matt Bradley. The report from Neal is as follows:

"I wanted to have a better update for you than I have but our group call is now postponed to tomorrow morning!

So my aspirations and thoughts are as follows

At the moment the green keepers are still on furlough with 80 hours secured to look after the courses as best as possible

We will start from the week after next bringing the team back in gradually to make sure we are ready to open in the best shape possible in the circumstances

We will be working on all bunkers and the aspiration is to have them all playable from the off

The tractor that was out for repair should be back next week and that will enable the removal of the haybales on the course before opening

We will also aspire to do a light green renovation project before opening as well so they are in good order

We will also trial the starters hut being open every day from 8 in the week and 7 at the weekends until approx. 14.00. Food and drink offering has not been decided yet and will be cash only

This is very much a trial and if the costs are not covered then we will have to review this Shop open as normal but of course no retail therapy allowed however you can click and collect

I don't have much else to add at this stage but I think until we are open I will pop you a weekly update so you stay up to speed!"

There was no report from Matt, but he said to the Mens Secretary that there have been problems on the system which prevented anything other than 2 balls being booked. An email has gone out saying direct debits will be collected from April, but this may be changed to May.

I spoke to Lady Captain about upgrading to "Zoom Professional", which I have now done. We used this for Lady Captain's most enjoyable quiz night last week and we are of course using it tonight, and will be over the next 2 months. I am therefore requesting that I have a small subsidy towards my costs, as I do not have to use much ink/paper at the moment. The total cost was £143.88. I am wondering whether the committee would consider paying £50 towards this?

I received via Sue, a communication from Dawn Cunnington, the County Competition Secretary, asking all ladies to register on a new website for ease of entry to all county competitions. I have sent this out to the membership and you should all have received it and hopefully completed it?

I have nothing else to report this month.

6. Treasurer's Report

TG reported on Feb 17th that the Current a/c is **£2430.16** and the deposit a/c is **£1,908.03**.

7. Competition and Handicap Secretary's Report

Although BF had no report she is working on putting competitions on HDID for the recommencing of golf on 29th March. Although the first qualifying Stablefords are scheduled for 7th and 10th April this will be reviewed when we see the condition of the courses. Competitions will be reviewed on a week by week basis, depending on the course condition. The Good Friday/Easter mixed competition will go ahead on April 2nd and Captains Drive-in is provisionally scheduled for Easter Sunday. The Aussie Spoons will be moved, perhaps to 14th/17th April, although this clashes with the first A team fixtures. The regional finals are 12th July. TG said it might be possible to move these matches to August, depending on the views of the clubs involved and guidance from LWGA. BF said that the competitions on 31st March and 3rd April would be 4 balls for

fun, social golf, allowing ladies to quit after 9 holes if they wanted. JM asked how to keep up to speed with diary changes and BF reminded everyone that HDID is always correct. SR changes the website when necessary. JB said that when she can get to the club she will remove all unnecessary notices from the board.

BF enquired whether the 3 card ruling for trophy competitions would be invoked in 2021, as some ladies had not been able to play in 2020 because of Covid-19 restrictions. Our normal rule is that to compete in trophy competitions a lady must have submitted 3 cards from club competitions in the preceding (rolling) 12 month period. JM queried the need for this rule and previous events were explained, when ladies joined the club merely to win trophies. JM then suggested that it should be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary whether to waive the requirement with the first trophies being played for on 19th/22nd May. SR suggested a compromise of one card in the preceding 12 month period. KD reminded the meeting that there were many reasons why ladies could not play in 2020, including different tiers, living in the wrong county, shielding, buggies not allowed. TG proposed that for 2021 the 3 card rule is dropped. This was passed by a committee vote of 7 in favour and will be in operation for 2021. Ladies will be reminded of the requirement to get their cards in for 2022.

8. Handbook

LM and BF have been working hard to update the handbook. The salient changes are: to move “Pace of Play” to the back of the handbook; update the methodology of signing in, paying and score entry to reflect the use of the computer and the end of the signing in book; to tidy up the definitions of “Medal” and “Stableford” and explain the “medal cap”, trophy competitions excepted; accept pars for the Par Bar in club competitions only; BF to confirm pars, birdies or better through the computer; The Hardy’s match play allowances have been brought into line with the WHS, likewise the match play definition. Finally, all reference to who donated trophies has been removed, as most ladies have long since left the club. The new handbook will be circulated shortly. **Action LM, BF**

9. League

TG has heard nothing from LWGA concerning the start date of the handicap league, despite the men’s matches being postponed to the middle of May. TG will contact the league organiser and seek guidance. **Action TG**

10. AOB

TG suggested that May 3rd was too early to run the Mixed Open, as the hotel would not be operating by that date. It was agreed to cancel for 2021 and refund the entry fees. The details will be removed from Golf Empire and the LWGA website. **Action KD, TG**

JM is looking at a “weekend driver” Sunday 3rd October at Gainsborough, £95 pp and £26 for just a round of golf. A minimum of 16 people will be required to stay.

TG highlighted that Lincolnshire Past Captains Day is Thursday 27th May, followed by Belton Woods Past Captains Day on Friday 28th. This may prevent some ladies from taking part as they may find it difficult to play 2 days running.

The Hardy’s competition will be cancelled for 2020/2021. Players will be given the option of receiving their money back, or leaving it to pay for the Hardy’s challenge in 2021/2022. **Action TG**

BF confirmed that 31st March and 3rd April would be social golf, the Easter Competition would be mixed pairs on April 2nd, and Captains Drive-In would be 4th April, with SR and Dave Hitch playing with Jill Baggaley and Max Bates. SR stated she hoped that the planned Stablefords on 7th and 10th April would go ahead as qualifiers, depending on the course conditions.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th April at 19.30 by Zoom, following the men’s meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.06pm

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