

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

Present

Paul Perrin	Club Hon Secretary
Jules White	Lady Captain
Rob Vine	Committee Member
Chris White	Committee Member
Jon Lynn	Committee Member
Sue Raynor	Ladies Secretary
Steve Hall	Committee Member
Brian Jaffery	Committee Member
Darren Woods	Competition Secretary
Andy Richardson	Head Greenkeeper
Ken Claxon	Junior Organiser
Ben Skeet	Golf & Leisure Manager

Apologies

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
Tony Stapleton	Treasurer

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. Fert to apply this month.
Tees have sprayed with iron application.
Greens have been fertilised this month 4-0-4. C Complex to apply later this month.
Greens verti-drainer booked in March
Lagoon filling up, nearly full now.
Cleaned fairway distance discs.
Clearing wind fall debris
Bunkers to top up with sand, delivery this April to continue
Fertilise fairways March/April. Lakes done.
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. 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 12th and 9th. 4th 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 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.
Now been turfed.
8th Academy bunker filled 1 and reshaped and turfed.
Solid tine greens this month.

Ben Skeet – Golf & Leisure Manager

Still no updated news on a new General Manager
Our owners have changed their Management Team
Tom Rastall is sadly leaving us after being offered a much more lucrative role, but I am employing Rachel Woodcock on 2 days a week and have now our new Golf Operations Manager Stuart Barber starting on Monday 18th March.
We have a couple new brands in store, Penguin & Puma and have all new Under Armour clothing and shoes.
Course has remained in good condition with the recent favourable weather.
Sad to announce that I will be leaving on the 25th April.

Questions to Ben

Sue Raynor questioned Ben about his replacement. Ben had no idea of who this may be.
Rob Vine thanked Ben for the quality of the breakfast served for the first B team home match against rivals Belton Park.
Lady Captain Jules requested that the shop stock some ladies' purple tops with the Belton Woods Logo installed. Ben agreed to this.
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Secretary's Report

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

Competition Secretary Darren Woods

BWGC COMPETITION REPORT FEB/MARCH 2019

WINTER LEAGUE

All remaining knockouts will be finalised this coming weekend. The divisional finals will take place on Sunday 17th March with the Final being played 2 weeks later on the 31st.

SUMMER KNOCKOUTS

It is my intention to start the Summer Knockouts on the 1st April 2019 and have them completed by the end of September. I am toying with the idea of letting players sort out play by dates themselves, with a caveat on all rounds (except the Final) being

completed 2 weeks shy of the Final which is to be scheduled for last Sunday in September. Myself and Brian will come up with some guidelines and rules for the above and post on the board with entry sheets.

COMPETITION CARDS

The state of some of the cards coming back after competitions is very poor, players need to be reminded that it is their responsibility to fill in the card and check it before returning it.

A.O.B

Darren is keen to keep the summer knockout competition dates on track. Suggestions have been made that once the draws have been announced the players concerned contact their opponents within the set time scale. And offer 3 alternative dates. A discussion took place reference the 5 shot congu medal rule. This has been implemented to improve the pace of play. There have been a few hiccups after the first medal round implementing this. Some players scored and entered a figure above the 5 shot rule and the computer disqualified them.

Steve Hall suggested that this rule is not applicable to the Club Championship.

There will be further discussions regarding this.

Darren & Brian Jaffrey were alarmed at the number of players that did not sign their card as a player or checked that their markers had signed it.

Darren also explained that the people at the bottom of the list on howdidido were players with non-competition handicaps.

Paul Perrin asked Darren on a members request if players could request a handicap cut at the annual review even if player concerned had not regularly played to their current handicap. Darren would consult with Tony.

John Lynn agreed to contact Simon Welsh in his absence to progress with fundraising open competitions.

Regards

Darren Woods

Brian Jaffrey

Ken Claxon

BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB JUNIOR SECTION MARCH 2019 COMMITTEE REPORT

I'm still catching up a bit since being away for February.

February competitions still went ahead although there was a bit of confusion on activities during the month with one or two parents.

I'm pleased to announce that Andrew Mulhall has been selected for the Lincolnshire County Under 16's team. His 1st game is at Seacroft on 17th March and I am sure we all wish him the best of luck and hope he enjoys the experience.

We will again be involved in the Golf Foundations supersixes competition aimed at new junior golfers. This year the clubs involved will be Belton Park, Bourne Golf Centre, Toft, Sleaford. Greetham Valley and ourselves. To ensure funding from the Golf Foundation there will be 8 matches with Toft and ourselves hosting 2 events.

Our matches will be 28th April and 15th September. Our matches are scheduled to be played on the Academy Course. Could I make a plea on behalf of Iain and the junior section that some work is done on the course to improve the playability. I should point out that it is likely will be representatives from other clubs, the Golf Foundation and the other golf governing bodies will be attending, also we would appreciate some volunteers on the days to help out. This would be to referee and score the matches. At my last meeting I think I informed the committee that the RBL junior championships was no longer being held. This was a good grounding for juniors helping to introduce them to competition team golf. As this was no longer being run Iain and myself are working on a Junior Development League to run from April. At present we have 3 other clubs interested and the league will run this year with 7 teams each with 4 players. Teams can be made up of any category of junior golfers using the appropriate tees. Matches will be played over 9 holes. Since arranging the Development league I have since been approached by a junior organiser from an Essex club who is thinking of resurrecting the RBL championships via a charity he is involved in. We have also been approached by Thorney lakes and Belton Park about organising friendlies with them. Hopefully we can sort something with them both. Lastly we have been working on providing kit for the Section and Iain has been costing out the process which will offer all the juniors in the section discounted shirts and sweaters in section colours. At present we are talking to a potential sponsor to keep the costs as low as possible.

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.

The B Team had a convincing win against local Rivals 41/2 to 11/2 in their first friendly match under the new handicapped format. Chris White questioned if the C Team and mixed team were allowed the new team strips. It was suggested that they seek a sponsorship for this as it was felt that there were certain individuals that may assist with this.

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
February Report

The month saw some exceptional weather with Seniors not normally seen this time of year turning up for golf. The month's activities included two stableford's in addition to social golf.

New rules in operation and generally accepted that they do help speed up play. Only comments made relate to Local Rules; when are they to be confirmed ?

AOB

John Lynn suggested additional discount for members as he felt the food and beverages have been increased dramatically.

Darren suggested that the entry fee for the summer knockouts would be £5 per person as previous years and this voted for unanimously.

Meeting closed at 20.37

Next meeting April 3rd 2019

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