

**Belton Woods Golf Club Men's Committee  
Meeting Minutes Weds 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**Present**

Paul Perrin	Secretary
Liz Moses	Lady Captain
Ben Skeet	Golf & Leisure Manager
John Harrison	Club Captain
Jeff Earl	Competition and Handicap Secretary
Elaine Lilley	Ladies Secretary
Bruce Foster	Vice-Captain
Darren Woods	Competition Secretary
Rob Vine	Committee Member
Chris White	Committee Member
Dave Richardson	Committee Member
Simon Welsh	Committee Member
Ted Morris	Junior Captain
David Toule	Senior Vice Captain
Andrew Richardson	Head Greenkeeper
Seamus Coen	General Manager
Tony Stapleton	Treasurer
Matt Haynes	A Team Captain
Steve Hall	Committee Member

**Apologies**

Allan Haynes	B Team Captain
Les Stewart	C Team Captain
Ray Woodcock	Senior Captain
Ken Claxon	Junior Organiser

**Ben Skeet, Golf, and Leisure Manager**

We have some new clothing ranges arrived in the shop which consist of Hugo Boss, Galvin Green and Under Armour.

We have appointed a new membership advisor, Joe Broster. He has been with us 2 weeks and is settling in well.

The hotel's St Patricks day competition to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March has 70 people confirmed so far, but no one is confirmed until they pay their £10 entrance fee. There are additional people wanting to enter so we have put a cut-off date of 10<sup>th</sup> March for entry fees.

We will be doing an open week around the resort for golf during the Masters week, full details will be confirmed in a week.

We are looking at possible ways of improving the Academy course, any suggestions welcome. Academy course membership, £199 for adults, and £35 for juniors. We are also looking at introducing country club membership for juniors and families.

### **Seamus Coen – General Manager**

Seamus was pleased to report that the first two months of the year had been very successful and up on last year's figures. The hotel is still retaining the number one spot in the group for customer service. This is an amazing statement and a title which makes asking for cap ex an easier task. On a sad note, Seamus reported to the committee that on the early hours of the Monday morning 27<sup>th</sup> February they had had a break in and numerous batteries were stolen and extensive damage to golf buggies was carried out. They will investigate improving the surveillance cameras.

Seamus confirmed a good take up of the hotels St Patricks day competition but payment needs to be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> March to avoid disappointment. This is looking to be a fantastic day. There will also be rooms available at £75 each DBB.

### **Questions to Seamus**

#### **Andy Richardson, Head Green keeper**

12 bunkers reconstructed on the lakes course. This is year 4 of a 5-year plan with 12 more to complete starting this October. Capex has been submitted for 18 tees on lakes and woods. This is awaiting sign off from head office. The reconstruction of some bunker faces on Woodside is now finished. Hollow coring greens will be staggered this year. Lakes course will be done in August and Woods in October. This is being done partly because of the withdrawal of pesticides to control leather jacket grubs and to reduce the impact of all greens being cored at the same time. We are now doing spring hollow coring. Lakes have been done this week and the woods next week. Greens are to be top dressed and fertilised next week. Worm suppressants have been removed from the market and this will impact on all courses not just Belton Woods. We have found a possible alternative for leather jacket control which is a garlic based spray used to control the adult crane fly (daddy long legs). We have completed the 7th woods path. Thank you for the continued use of winter wheels. We have had a dry winter so far but it has wet this last month. We are raising sprinklers to improve levels around aprons. 1 to 10 on woods now complete. Lake and ditch clearance started this year with more planned for October. Spring maintenance has started to include verti draining of greens again. New bunkers in play and we will start sanding up this month. Repositioning of shoe cleaner entrance to do in March. We are planting some new trees around the course including two trees on seven woods to replace the two damaged ash trees near the ditch.

### **Questions to Andy Richardson**

LM is very concerned at the condition of the ladies' tee box on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole, lakes course. It needs urgent attention.

BS replied rather than doing small improvements it would be better to wait until cap ex budget comes in to power.

SC also commented he would see what the green staff could do in the meantime.

CW asked about the improvement to the trolley/shoe cleaning access. Could a step be raised in to it and steel grid fitted and spoil collected below.

AR acknowledged comments.

JH commented on the poor drainage on 12/13 Woodside course near the tee box and green.

AR replied the green staff cannot do any deep subsoil work as the main power line runs through that area from the road junction.

LM brought it to the attention of the hotel and green staff that the on-course toilets were in such a poor hygiene state.

BS and SC recognised Liz's concerns and promised to give them attention the following day. There was a long discussion reference on how to use the toilets correctly and the staff need to know if they are being abused. This situation is going to be monitored frequently.

RV questioned BS about the starters hut opening hours. BS replied that there had been some staff shortages recently and hence that this had not been opened as frequently.

BF reported that the window was damaged on the starters hut.

JH mentioned Captains photos on the wall. SC acknowledged that maintenance was to sort.

TM asked about names on the winners' boards. PP will investigate.

## **Secretary's Report**

Members have questioned me reference the winter league drawer. The computer produced the draw as are all the finalizing rounds.

To encourage more members to play for trophies it was decided to remove the handicap limit of 18 that is on some competitions. It was put to the vote and carried 7 versus 3.

## **Handicap Secretary Jeff Earl**

Handicap Report March 1 2017

Update on Handicaps:

Eight people processed with initial handicap, pin number, CDH, Verification code, provided this month no fees received for those, but 2 players entered a supplementary score and paid not sure whether before they played though.

I am now using the system to generate the allocated handicap for new members with the verification code to get on Hdid available from the shop (printed on the handicap certificate) on payment of the £5 admin fee.

The new member details form is now in use and the shop / membership officer will issue the form at sign up for us.

I have issued a cheque to the Treasurer TS for the monies GC left me and hold a balance of £10

I purchased the phone system and a new wireless Keyboard & Mouse as we could not access the system at all (I have been re-paid in full thanks TS).

We played a 3-division competition as suggested at the last meeting. Following this D W Comps Sec and I revisited the medals for the season and he believed not that many are needed to be adjusted mainly the Lakes White Tees. With the Stableford Competitions staying as they are and the Woodside course competitions staying at 2 divisions unless requested.

I personally and for handicap purposes would like to see all Medal rounds played here in 3 divisions but understand this is not entirely practical.

I am of the belief however that the Trophy Competitions with a "Winning handicap limit of 18" are out of date and unhelpful and seek the committee's thoughts. This is not the competition but the amount of people not playing due to the limit imposed and therefore skewing the CSS. We have 500 plus members and regularly get about 60 / 70 on Sundays occasionally more and I would like to see this increase, perhaps with allowing play on Saturday to be included in the competition for those unable or unwilling to play early Sunday morning.

Some other issues have been raised with me and I believe they will be discussed within AOB, finally I have been e-mailed that we have drawn Belton Park away in the Daily Mail Foursomes and need to know who won the Secretaries Cup, so we can inform the pair if it has not been done yet.

### **Darren Woods Competition Secretary**

All competitions have been posted on the system up until the end of March.

Winter league qualifying has now finished and the draws have been completed.

Players have been notified and all being well any minor issues that have cropped up have been rectified. NB due to family/work/life commitments the first-round knockout quarter final stage has been extended from the 5<sup>th</sup> March until the end of play on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. Any match not completed will be decided by the toss of a coin in front of another committee member. There are no extra times available due to diary commitments.

Semi-final stage will now be on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the tee times have been reserved for this at the back of the competition on the day. These must be used by the semi-finalists as there are no other times available.

A winners report for February is available for anyone wishing to look at it.

Details of the Captains away day at Ruddington Grange are on the notice board.

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A request that the winners of the winter league 2015/2016 (Lee & Andy Williams) along with the 2016/2017 winners are allowed to enter a pairs competition of their

choosing, with a maximum contribution of £40 being provided towards entry costs by the club.

### **Tony Stapleton, Treasurer**

Tony reported a healthy bank balance for the time of the year, with large cheques going out for Captains charity.

#### Questions to Tony Stapleton

JH questioned why only two lots were paid out for the am-am, which equated to only 8 players being paid out. He asked should it have gone to the top three places and 12 players getting a dividend.

JE asked if there could be a transparent formula for prize money winnings. The percentage paid out, whether we should pay more or less, the retention kept by the club and always a minimum of three slots paid.

TS said the prize money is factored by the number of entries on the day. The club runs on a minimal retention.

### **Team Golf**

#### **Matt Haynes – A Team Captain**

Matt has had confirmation of the Elsham and Bramley competition. First round of Elsham Knockout is 7<sup>th</sup> April followed shortly afterwards with Bramley knockout on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. More details to follow shortly.

Diary dates Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April A V B Team event, Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April Captain v Past Captain.

### **Junior Captain Ted Morris**

#### **Ken Claxon**

Junior Annual Meeting held 26th January. 26 juniors and parents attended. Thanks to Captain for his attendance and support.

We provided the meeting with information on the plans for the section with regard to playing opportunities and the academy programme, and the financial position as at 31st December 2016.

We will continue with our once a week activities till the end of march. Alternate Thursdays and Saturdays, and from April this extends to twice per week. Every Thursday and Saturday.

The South Lincs. League has been amended we now play in a league of three with Belton Park and Stoke Rochford. Playing dates cause issues but we have to work with them for now.

We have entered the Royal British Legion national junior knockout again, entering one team.

Iain is running a free try golf day on

**Ray Woodcock Seniors Captain  
Belton Woods Seniors Report – February 2017**

February Monthly Medal

1st Andy Davidge – 68 nett

2nd Bob Privett – 75 nett

3rd David Toule – 76 nett

February Monthly Stableford

1st Tom Rea – 44 points

2nd John MacGillivray – 36 points

3rd Les Vine – 36 points

The Seniors run a Frostbite competition (based on the 2 monthly qualifiers) and currently Pete Stephenson is leading that comfortably.

We have introduced bi-monthly quizzes on our website to keep interest levels up during the winter months.

The first was a general knowledge quiz, the second a “young seniors” (old photos to identify current members) and the next quiz will be based on golf rules.

Despite the weather we are still getting a relatively good turnout for our Social golf – averaging around 15 players

**David Toule Attended this meeting**

**AOB**

We the committee agreed to enter Rob Vine and Steve Hall in to the annual Daily Mail foursomes competition and the Williams lads into a competition of their choice up to a certain value as in previous years.

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