

**Belton Woods Golf Club Men's Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Teams
Wednesday 2nd June**

Present

Paul Perrin	Secretary
Dave Hitch	Club Captain
Graham Bell	Past Captain
Bruce Foster	Competition Secretary
Tony Hills	Handicap Secretary
Andrew Mulhall	Junior Captain
Sue Raynor	Ladies Captain
Liz Moses	Ladies Secretary
Ken Claxon	Junior Organiser
Max Bates	Vice-Captain
Matthew Bradley	Assistant Golf Operations Manager
Rob Vine	Committee Member

Apologies

Jonathan Cheeseman	Committee Member
Tony Stapleton	Treasurer
Neal Holloway	General Manager
Colin Musson	Seniors Captain

Paul Perrin – Secretary

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting. The previous minutes were all approved and accepted by the committee.

He informed the meeting that he had sent Colin Musson best wishes via email as he was currently in hospital recovering from an operation.

Matt Bradley- Head of Golf

We have had 20 new joiners and 7 leavers in May. Bringing our membership up to 623

Rui our membership advisor has now started and is selling and updating members, he will be full time from Monday 7th. He has sent out renewal emails for June which he has some very positive feedback already.

- Nathan, my new assistant manager starts on Monday, which will be great help and positive for the golf shop and golf team as a whole, we can be more proactive.

- All competition money is up to date so thank you Tony, this has been more consistent this year so seen a positive impact on members purchases and orders
- The hotel re opened on the 17th, which has been great with more outlets being open and available to use. A few queries regarding timing of drinks and food orders and F&B are recruiting at the moment and have hire many staff over the past week so hopefully this will help.
- The new mechanic started at the start of May, which has helped a great deal, a lot of mowers have now been fixed and back in action. Driving range collector fixed, so we can collect at any point, only days we struggle for balls is a Saturday, within May we ran out of balls twice and this is can now be rectified much quicker, than in the past.

Questions/issues raised to Matt prior to the meeting.

- Please keep the local rule regarding tree's, the greenkeepers do intend to spray again very soon.
- The drain outside claret jug has now been unblock

Questions to Matt

Tony Hills asked when the greens would be brought up to standard. Matt confirmed this would be soon, days rather than weeks. They were being rolled tomorrow and the spraying would help the growth. He confirmed that they would 100% be ready for both the ladies and men's club championship. Bruce asked if the bunkers could be raked on both days. Matt would ask. Dave confirmed that there was a room booked for the Club Champ presentation. Tony Hills asked if the out of bounds on the 2nd woodside could be moved slightly up the hill towards the lodges. Approx. 10 feet further right. Matt would look into this. Liz had contacted Neal about the situation of the changing rooms. Matt confirmed that the key code was now in place which should deter non golfers from using the facilities. They are now cleaned daily and checked in the evenings.

Colin Musson – Senior captain

Colin offered his apologies and explained that he is still in QMC 02/06/2021. We all hope he makes a speedy recovery.

Bruce Foster – Competition Secretary

Bruce confirmed that most people are using the new technology for entering scores, but he seems to have approx. the same 6 people that he keeps having to chase and approx. the same 12 people not signing in. Hopefully, the computer down the corridor will come in to force soon (subject to covid regulations) which will give people a

choice on how to enter their scores but there is really no excuse. Bruce will be enforcing new stricter rules and will communicate this in due course.

The knockouts were going well, and he showed the committee the Knockout screen. Bruce asked Dave if he had agreed the format with the Lady Captain for the Captains charity day. He had and would send the details to Bruce so it could be entered on to howdidido.

There would be no par 3 competition the day prior to Club Championship.

Bruce asked Matt if it would be possible to have a live leaderboard on a large monitor. Matt would look into this.

Matt asked if all the tee times were not being used could they leave the later times as a buffer.

Tony Hills said that for future reference that as a committee we need to ensure that we do not vary the approach for disputes/rulings and we need to stick to rules religiously. Any issues should be discussed between ourselves.

Paul stated that we do not deal with altercations on an individual basis but as a quorum.

Dave asked Bruce if he could enter his Captains Away day for the 15th of August at Kenwick Park on howdidido to make it easier for people to enter. Bruce would do this. Dave has not yet decided if this will be a qualifier or not.

Max Bates also asked Bruce if he could also enter the Teams away day for the 16th of October at Norwood. Bruce will do this.

Tony Hills – Handicap Secretary

Lots of members are entering general play cards.

Tony tried the app himself and discovered that you need to make your sure your location is on and can be seen by the app.

An official email is then sent to the marker to verify the score and once this has been confirmed the player receives an email to notify them.

In the future individual golfers that are not members can pay £40 to England Golf for an official handicap.

Paul asked if cards were coming from other courses or just our own. Tony confirmed that this was both. Scores must be entered on the day of play as the system updates at midnight.

Tony Stapleton - Treasurer

Tony sent Paul a brief update stating that all competition winnings were up to date in the pro shop. Matt confirmed this.

Rob Palframan – A Team Captain

We have at long last started team golf. Busy bank holiday weekend. Played Elsham Foursomes away against Greetham Valley. The team of 3 pairs was Chris Haynes & Matt Bradley who won 4 up, Matt Haynes & Andrew Mulhall lost 4 down and Robin

Harris & Lee Williams who lost 2 down. Therefore lost 2 down overall. Played in good spirit with players enjoying the evening.

A team played Gedney Hill away. Fielded a strong team on one of the trickiest courses in the south Lincs league. End result 3-3 good result. Unlucky not to get the win as 2 pairs lost on the 18th 1 down.

The B team had a great start to the season winning 4 ½ to 1 ½ at home against South Kyme. Well played to all those who took part.

The Bramley singles match took place at home Belton Woods v Market Rasen . Team players Matt Haynes, Chris Haynes & Robin Harris. Belton having won the first two matches were declared the winners without the final match having to be finished. Next round will be either against Sleaford or Waltham Windmill away.

A great start to the 2021 season and many thanks to all those that have taken part.

Paul informed the committee that one of the A team players Nick Dent had suffered a heart attack at the weekend. He was pleased to say he was recovering well in hospital.

Andrew Mulhall – Junior Captain

Well into the season golf now with competitions and course practise. We have now had 50 juniors attend at least one session of junior activities either on a Thursday or Saturday. A number have now started competing in competitions away from Belton. Andrew finished 10th in the recent Lincolnshire Junior Boys Championships while Izzy Linsley won the best nett at the Girls Championship winning the Justin Rose/Jenny Wren Trophy. Edward was runner up in the Wortley Golf Club Junior Open in May. At least 3 of the younger juniors have qualified for the finals of the national Wee Wonders competition.

The junior team start their league campaign with a home match on the 13th of June against Spalding and Sleaford. Sutton Bridge have unfortunately dropped out. There is friendly match against Thorney Lakes arranged and others against Woodhall Spa, Sutton Bridge and Spalding in the pipeline.

We are hosting two matches in the South Lincolnshire Golfsixes series this year. One is a mixed event and the other for girls teams. The dates for these are mixed Sunday 11th July and the girls teams Sunday 1st August. We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day to act as starter and marshalls. Matches start at 2.30pm and last around 2 hours. If you are interested please contact Ken or Iain for further details.

The idea of an Adult/Junior league has been suggested. We have a list of the juniors interested in playing and will be seeking Adults interested in taking part. Matches to be arranged by the teams.

AOB

Max confirmed that the boards would be completed later this week and hopefully displayed by the weekend.

Discussions need to take place on where and how these should be displayed also how this is funded. It was suggested that a small group gets together with possibly a representative from each section to discuss this further.

Meeting closed at 19.42pm

Next meeting 7th July 19.00pm

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