

Minutes of Arscott Golf Club Board Meeting  
Monday 7th October 2019 at 8.00 p.m.

**Present:** Nick Jones (Chair)                      Paul Buckley  
                 Geoff Harding                              Trish Harding  
                 Keith Morris (Seniors' Captain)  
                 Jacqui Mullineux (Ladies' Captain)  
                 Paul Owen (Men's Captain)  
                 Dave Wallace (minutes)

**1. Apologies**

Chris Brace, John Simpson, Claire Evans.

**2. Declaration of Any Other Urgent Business**

None

**3. Declaration of Interests**

None.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September were received and confirmed as a correct record;

b) Matters Arising:

PB circulated a copy of the letter that he had sent to Glyn in reply to his letter, as discussed at the last meeting.

**5. Reports from Directors**

**a) Managing Director**

NJ ran through a draft agenda for the AGM being held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, which was agreed after discussion and amendment, including the handover to a new President, reports from Directors and Captains, introduction of new Captains, consideration of the Club Improvement Funds raised and their possible use, and questions to the Board (to be submitted in advance and by 31<sup>st</sup> October).

NJ: at the last meeting, the Board had endorsed the Section Captains for 2019/20.

**Further to this, he proposed that the Board agreed that the Club Captain for 2019/20 should be the Men's Captain, Dave Wallace. This was agreed unanimously.**

NJ: Martin had reminded the Board of the need to run plans for changes to the Clubhouse past him first. NJ commented on a number of other Clubhouse matters, including the need to re-varnish the tables in the bar – **Action: NJ to talk to John Ecclestone.** NJ stressed the need for the Captains to support the Clubhouse revenues through events being held, food arrangements etc.

## **b) Finance and IT**

TH had circulated a finance report for September prior to the meeting, showing 290 member renewals to date – Sian was actively chasing members who had not renewed yet. The CASC application to HMRC had not yet progressed due to the lack of audited accounts (still draft). For a number of identifiable reasons, September income had been lower and costs higher than last year, resulting in a lower profit. This reinforced the need for a tight rein on expenditure in all areas until the CASC application was approved and the question mark hanging over the rates bill resolved.

TH commented that more members would be welcome and the Board needed to consider marketing a Christmas deal ready to go out in November.

JM queried the amount of bank charges shown in the accounts – TH explained that this was due to increased card machine activity in July/August, processing the members' fees.

## **c) Business Compliance**

Nothing to report.

## **d) House**

In his absence, CB had circulated a report prior to the meeting including staffing matters, remedial work to the oven, a report on the gas boilers (to be discussed with Martin), and the fitting of an airflow grill and new bolts to the external door into the kitchen. NJ provided an update on staffing, with a new member starting in the week. PO/DW reported a number of issues raised by the Men's Committee relating to the bar and service – the Board was hopeful that there would be improvements with the changes to staffing now in place.

## **e) Course**

GH had emailed information on the Course that was being published in the next Club newsletter relating to the planned winter work programme, including leaf blowing/collection, drainage work on fairways (15<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) and bunkers (with re-sanding to be addressed in early spring), some tree husbandry particularly on the left of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fairways, re-shaping of some fairways, and work on pathways, particularly on the 15<sup>th</sup> from the car park towards the tee. Priority would be given to extending the concrete bases on the winter tees before they have the new mats put out and brought into use. The first five would be on the front nine, but they would also do the other bases ready for further new mats when purchased. **Action: GH to provide revised mats price to the Seniors.** There were also 45 new tee signs to put in place around the course and a new double practice net to erect (needing a concrete base and mats).

GH reported an offer from Martin Oakley to provide £300 for a practical project on the course (e.g. observation steps near the 10<sup>th</sup> tee).

## **f) Marketing and PR**

No report in CE's absence. NJ commented that he would continue to post articles on facebook and twitter. JM queried whether it was planned to have golden tickets available for sale in time for Christmas – NJ confirmed that this was the intention.

**g) Company Secretary**

PB: nothing further to report.

**6. Health and Safety**

Accident Book: No further incidents reported.

**7. Feedback from Section Captains**

PO: as discussed under the Clubhouse agenda item, the Men's Committee had raised a number of issues relating to the bar and service. The Committee had also asked about progress with the new winter tee mats, which had been covered under the Course agenda item. On use of the Club Improvement Fund, PO advised that the priority previously indicated by the Men's Committee had been the changing rooms.

KM: echoed PO's comments regarding the bar and service – not on Thursdays, when the demand was expected and planned for, but at other times. KM confirmed that Joe Rimmer would be attending the Board meetings as Seniors' Captain for the coming year.

JM: interest in a Ladies v Men's match next year. PO: how about a competition with one member from each section in each team? **Action: DW thought that this was a good idea and would raise with the new Section Captains for next year.**

**8. Any Other Business**

JM: on the use of the Club Improvement Fund, JM confirmed that the Ladies Committee had identified the changing rooms as a priority.

**9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 4 p.m.**