

Minutes of Arscott Golf Club Board Meeting
Monday 23rd March 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Nick Jones (Chair) Paul Buckley
 Geoff Harding Chris Brace
 Trish Harding
 Joe Rimmer (Senior's Captain)
 Dave Wallace (Club Captain/minutes)

1. Apologies

John Simpson, Jacqui Mullineux.

2. Declaration of Any Other Urgent Business

As notified by the Managing Director, the meeting would only discuss the current Coronavirus management and related issues.

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the special Directors only meeting held on 16th March were received and confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising were all covered in the main business of the meeting.

5. Coronavirus Management

Clubhouse

TH: TH was cleaning on days when Di was not in.

NJ: Glyn had successfully operated over the weekend and was to be congratulated on the initiative that he had shown, including the provision of basic refreshments outside the Clubhouse. **Action: bench outside Pro-Shop to be removed, with chairs from balcony set out (spaced and with an appropriate notice on social distancing) instead.**

CB: had been looking into the provision of a limited offer day service from the bar, with payment through Pro-Shop or contactless. However, Nia had gone into self-isolation due to an underlying health condition. Members asked whether Dan might be willing and able to do the work – PB then contacted him and established that he could and would, from the next day. **Agreed: Club to provide a simple, limited, contactless food and drink service via the balcony. Action: CB to discuss details with Dan.** PB offered to provide assistance to Dan. The Board then discussed the scope for Government assistance, including furloughing of staff and Business Interruption Grants. NJ stated that the Club could not claim on its insurance in this respect. **Action: TH to contact Shropshire Council to investigate assistance being administered by the Council.**

Course

GH had circulated notes from the Greens Committee meeting of 11th March, providing updates, including on the installation of the practice nets, the need for work on the bunkers and the clearance of fallen branches, plans for mowing when

conditions improved, progress with installation of the tee signs, Martin's view with regard to the hedge on the 10th fairway, the scope for new metal steps by the 10th tee, discussion of works to the 1st tee with a contractor, and the need to top dress the greens before the summer. GH confirmed that he would be keeping the greenstaff on unless and until instructed otherwise, with the staff maintaining safe distances, staggering breaks and disinfecting machinery etc. One member of staff was temporarily and voluntarily staying away pending clarification of family related risks. **Agreed: the member of staff could return to work subject to the precautions applying to all the greenstaff.**

GH: Andrew to remove remaining bunker rates and to cover ball washers.

JR: noted the works done to the path to the 15th tee by Martin – a good job. NJ: path not suitable for use by buggies.

GH: Andrew may try to do some slit drainage on the fairways.

GH: asked the position regarding competitions. DW had circulated the approach planned to be taken by the Men's Section after discussion between interested parties, including Glyn. **Agreed: Sections can operate competitions as long as done safely. Action: PB to include information in the next newsletter on the planned approach once confirmed by DW and to include the Board's earlier instructions on safe golf.**

Staffing

The Board discussed the best arrangements for the various staff, noting that Glyn was self-employed. **Action: NJ and TH to have discussions with Sian regarding her options.**

JR: what happening regarding phone calls to the Club? PB: need an answerphone message put on.

Finances:

TH had circulated her report and spreadsheets for the month/coming months to the Directors, showing the effects of the Course and Club closures, together with various options and opportunities for financial assistance – discussed under 'Clubhouse'.

JR: was aware of a few seniors who wished to join. NJ: the pro-rata offer was £200 from April to the end of July – available now.

TH: Bringing in tee sponsorships would help the finances. Also could start selling Golden Tickets now or give away linked to early renewal?

NJ: Marketing Group – he was keeping in touch with Mike Kenyon and Mark Kudarenko, but hadn't arranged a meeting as yet.

NJ thanked the Board and Captains for their work and also expressed his thanks to the staff for their continued efforts, urging everyone to remain positive.

Other matters:

JR: The Seniors were cancelling their first Open.

DW: queried whether or not the Men's Section should be cancelling their first friendly match due on 4th April. NJ: if the course was open, then play could take place, but there would have to be social distancing and the visitors would have to consider safe travel arrangements.

DW: updated the Board on succession planning with regard to the Juniors Organiser – he had had conversations with Phil Sinclair and Kerry Roberts at the weekend and he would arrange and chair a meeting of interested parties (he understood that Jacqui and Anthony Mullineux also wished to remain involved, plus he would ask Martin Oakley, while Phil might be able to suggest parents of current Juniors e.g. the Sayces).

Date of Next Meeting

6th April at 3.00 p.m.

Note: Meeting took place in advance of Government announcements later on 23/03/20 introducing even tighter restrictions on social distancing and leading to the full closure of the Course and Clubhouse.