

Minutes of Arscott Golf Club Board Meeting
Monday 2nd November 2020 at 5.00 p.m.

Present: Nick Jones (Chair) Paul Buckley
Steve Turner Barbara Parnell
Trish Harding Jacqui Mullineux
Dave Wallace (Club Captain/minutes)

1. Apologies

Alex Hughes, Joe Rimmer (Seniors' Captain).

2. Declaration of Any Other Urgent Business

None.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th October were confirmed as a correct record. There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the main business of the meeting.

5. Covid-19 Measures

The Board discussed the latest Government Lockdown announcement, noting that it appeared unlikely that the Government was going to allow an exemption for golf courses.

TH: even if the Course was to be open, the Clubhouse would be closed and no sales of alcohol permitted on a takeaway basis, so it made sense to close the Clubhouse down completely for the month, to furlough the regular staff on 80% of their wages and to seek any business support grants provided. The Club would be responsible for the payment of furloughed staff N.I. and pension contributions. The detailed Government guidance on arrangements for businesses, including grants, had yet to be published, but assistance of £2,000-£3,000 seemed likely.

The Board reviewed the position in relation to all of the staff.

Agreed: Clubhouse to be closed and staff furloughed where appropriate. Greenstaff to continue to work normal hours (not overtime) on maintenance of the Course, as in previous Lockdown. Subject to any late change of heart by the Government, Course also to be closed during Lockdown.

Action: TH to meet with Nia to discuss details with regard to hospitality staff and arrangements for cleaning and closing down operations. TH also to apply for any business support grants made available through Shropshire Council.

6. AGM Arrangements and Reports

PB referred to the email that he had sent setting out the proposed process for running the AGM electronically. PB had also circulated the draft Managing Director's Report for comment. The AGM agenda would include the Minutes of the previous AGM, the MD's Report, TH Finance Report, the 5 Year Plan, the election of Directors and Questions/Responses. Agenda and Reports to be sent out a week before the meeting i.e. 10th November. **Agreed: Agenda and proposed process.**

The MD Report would be updated to include information on the Club Development Fund and donations from members, and to incorporate comments received from the Board (including re SHUGC grant and latest Lockdown).

TH: would aim to send accounts out with Finance Report on 10th November.

PB: As discussed at the last meeting, the new Members' Survey could be used to update the 5 Year Plan.

NJ: England Golf were keen on Club's having a Nominations Committee to consider and recommend people to join Club Committees and Boards. DW expressed reservations on this unless it was a positive process i.e. not a mechanism for reinforcing cliques. TH: could be linked to mentoring potentially interested persons.

7. Projects

1st Tee Improvements

ST: considering using a compacted gravel surface with protective mesh to finish off the path, to be done by volunteers with a possible cost of approximately £2,500.

Decking

ST: have decided to do an extra area beneath the Pro Shop windows using spare materials at minimal cost.

NJ: considering using glass panels on two sides to contain the main decking area – one could be etched as an Arscott GC sign. Tables and chairs had been purchased at low cost.

NJ: thanks and congratulations to ST and his helpers on doing a fantastic job.

Balcony

NJ: one quote received so far, waiting to see what other prices come in before deciding on next steps in terms of scale, detailed design and funding. England Golf were happy with progress/timescales. DW: suggested writing to England Golf to confirm agreement to extension to timescales.

IT Improvements

TH had submitted application – should hear outcome next week.

8. Any Other Business

DW: Men's AGM process running satisfactorily, with a Men's Committee on 3rd November to resolve any matters arising and decide organisational arrangements for the coming year.

DW: Drive-In obviously postponed, probably to the Spring.

DW: second meeting of Junior Section organising group held on 15th October, including further discussion of potential for additional professional support for promotion through local schools. The group had discussed whether this might be an England Golf priority area and whether there was any funding available from EG to support an initiative to promote increased participation by juniors/promotion in schools (in normal circumstances). BP agreed to enquire when next in contact with Mark Romasiuk.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Monday 9th November 2020 at 6 p.m. by Zoom.