

Minutes of Arscott Golf Club Board Meeting (Virtual)
Monday 7th December 2020 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Nick Jones (Chair) Paul Buckley
Steve Turner Barbara Parnell
Trish Harding Alex Hughes
Meurig Jones
Jacqui Mullineux (for Ladies Captain)
Joe Rimmer (Seniors' Captain)
Dave Wallace (Club Captain/minutes)

1. Apologies

None.

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 17th November 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 Issues

NJ: Clubhouse had re-opened under the Tier 2 restrictions, with the full bar service operating on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only. The scope for providing a takeaway service had been explored but there were uncertainties and restrictions which meant that the option was not being pursued at present. The Board discussed the current restrictions but recognised that there was not much more that could be done cost effectively, pending any changes to the Tiers on 16th December.

6. Finances

NJ: The finances were good to the end of October – figures for November had not yet been done.

NJ: The Club had received the Local Support Grant of £2,000 from the Council.

NJ: The Club had been offered an IT grant of £1,931 based on the lowest estimate submitted in the application to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) – for a touchscreen for score entry to go in the Bar and a PC and wall mounted screen for the Pro Shop. NJ outlined the screen options for the Bar – there was general agreement that a 22 inch flat screen would be better than a 10 inch touchscreen, if the LEP would agree to some flexibility in what was purchased. The funding could be claimed back once the equipment had been purchased and installed.

JM and JR: would like to see an additional screen in the foyer for those who did not want to go up to the Bar. DW repeated his view that more could be made of the

foyer as a welcoming waiting/meeting area.

7. Projects

ST: the 1st Tee Improvement and Decking projects had been completed - total costs approximately £2,700. Volunteers were continuing to help Andrew with strimming work on the Course.

NJ: for the Balcony project, he was chasing up other quotes to enable comparisons. ST: outlined possible scope for a deconstructed project, getting the steelwork fabricated then with the installation and completion being done by members, but explaining that a structural engineer would be required to do the design and that this approach would extend the timescales.

There was general agreement that the Board should await the receipt of further quotes but that a decision on the way forward would be needed in January.

ST: The balcony was going to need some significant repair/replacement in future years in any event.

8. Survey of Members/Forward Plan Review

PB: will be sending a draft of the proposed survey questions round for comment – based on the Forward Plan and covering both Clubhouse and Course. He would aim to get the survey out to members in January, including via a link in Club V1 and with a few hard copies provided in the Clubhouse for those who did not have access online.

9. Review of Constitution

PB: The Constitution Review Working Group would consist of himself (Chair), MJ (Lead), BP, AH and DW, as discussed at the last meeting: **Agreed**. The Group would initially have a 'round table' meeting in the Clubhouse and then meet as/when required, reporting back on a monthly basis to the Board.

MJ: the only Section not represented on the Working Group was the Junior Section.

PB: could interview Phil Sinclair as part of the process?

NJ: would like to see consideration of the issue of Directors having specific roles, with alternative approach of Sub-Groups with Chairs for each area of work.

DW: another topic to consider was the process for amending annual membership subscriptions, as raised by a member at the AGM.

10. Any Other Business

BP: the Club had been awarded the Women in Golf Charter – only the third Club in the County to achieve this. Promotion would start again in the Spring.

PB: congratulations to BP.

BP: referred to work needed to maintain SafeGolf accreditation – there was a need to put the name of the Club's Welfare Officer (Sian) up in a visible place in the Clubhouse and on the Club Website (PB: done). BP also planned to do the two online England Golf courses so that she, as well as Sian, was aware of the issues involved.

NJ: The England Golf Handicap Chart had been delivered to the Club. **Action: ST to install.**

PB: the Club Diary was going to the printers tomorrow – print run of 200. He had secured £100 sponsorship from Dyke Yaxley.

DW: thanks and well done to PB.

JM: questions relating to WHS – for Mark Lewis/Handicap Committee to handle.

JM: query re Club V1 settings to obtain members' contact details.

JM: Lady Captain's charity was going to be The Ark homeless charity – request for any old coats, jumpers etc (bagged up) to be put in the Ladies locker room for collection.

DW: Men's Section trophies going in to the engravers tomorrow. NJ sorting out Honours Boards.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Monday 18th January 2021 at 6 p.m. (either by Zoom or in Clubhouse depending on restrictions in force).