

SCARBOROUGH NORTH CLIFF GOLF CLUB LIMITED
MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 20th APRIL 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr P Bang (Captain), Mr D Arden (Chairman), Mr A Richardson (Vice Captain), C Duck, D Ellard, M Almond, SF Trowsdale, Mrs C Chapman (Lady Captain), Mrs M Collier, Mrs D Holmes, J Hunter, D Parrott and the Secretary

Apologies: Mr B Hinchliffe, S Hardy

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2010 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Rent Review – as no reply to the clubs letter dated 31st March had been received it was decided we should contact the LA & offer to progress the matter with the RICS.

The wording of the revised ruling regarding fairway mats, giving dispensations not to use fairway mats in (4 only) national competitions, is to be drafted with due caution on the wording, to ensure clarity and the allowable circumstances.

MEMBERSHIP

Nominations

Mr A Thurling, Mr A Trousdale – approved. Mrs D Haith rejoining - approved

Resignations

none

Transfers

From House to Full – Messrs B Mills, G Bristow and T Hartley - approved

Vacancies

131 Full, 42 Country and 43 Juniors

Interviews

Mr A Tighe

Membership now stands at;

Male full	399
Lady full	70
Honorary life members	2
Honorary playing members	9
Country members	8
Male junior (10-12)	7
Male junior (13-17)	19
Male youth (18-21)	5
Lady Youth (18-21)	1
Young Member 22	1
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Lady House (honorary)	9
Male House (honorary)	24

Given the falling Junior numbers it was suggested that discussions between the Lady Captain, Lady Vice captain, Nick Hartnett and Stuart Hardy are held to examine the possibility of approaching schools. The objective would be to promote golf as a school sport and liase with those interested to provide coaching, inter school competition etc and thereby provide opportunities for potential new junior members.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Reference was made to the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2010 with the following additional discussions;

The Centenary Fund – the total available is now standing at approx. £28000 after the clubs' year end audit. The club do not intend to provide any further detail on the progression of the fund, above that required by and given to the auditor. It was again emphasised that the members forum would not take place until due committee process had taken place. The structure of the forum would be to discuss a total of 7 proposals to utilise the funds. There would be 6 projects with the 7th option to be to retain funds in reserve for major club developments. Any requests for further information will have to be in writing to the committee.

Greens

Reference was made to the report dated 14th April 2010.

It was agreed that the Course Manager's report to March could be published.

The question of method and quality of raking bunkers by both staff and members was discussed. A new method of raking was to be adopted by staff and it was hoped that members would also contribute to an improvement. Also the Course Manager is researching new types and blends of bunker sand in order to achieve a more consistent playing condition.

The Chairman pointed out that while it was the responsibility of **all** members to advise others on matters of course care and etiquette (repairing pitch marks, raking bunkers, route of trolleys around bunkers etc.) it was important that members of the committee were seen to be active in correcting poor examples of course care.

House

Reference was made to the minutes of a meeting held on 12th April with the following additional points;

The Charity Night for Tom Davis Lawlor raised £1500. A letter of thanks to all those who helped to organise and attend the night is to be published.

The Robbie Williams night had sold out.

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Bar B Q tickets (June 5th) will be on sale soon.

Discussions are to take place as to the type of function that can be held on the Saturday of Captains Weekend.

The new dance floor had been successful on its first outing and had resulted in significant savings in time and effort for the installation team.

Handicaps and Competitions

Reference was made to the minutes of the meeting held on April 7th. With the following additional discussion;

In "other items raised";

The matter of qualifying competitions throughout winter whilst using fairway mats was discussed and generally found to be unsatisfactory given the measures that would have to be put into place to make this happen. It was decided that the Handicaps and Competitions sub committee should consider this further.

Playing more medal competitions throughout the golfing season is in the power of the sub committee to try. However it was pointed out that there are already opportunities to play qualifying strokeplay golf on Saturdays.

It was agreed to create an over 60's column in individual competitions to allow this age group of members to fund their own prizes and sweeps.

The matter of mid afternoon shotguns was discussed and, because of reservations on the logistics of achieving a clear course in the middle of a playing day, the sub committee were asked to present proposals on how to achieve this.

Ladies Section

Reference was made to the report dated 20th April with the following additional discussions;

The group that encroached on a reserved tee time had been approached and had accepted that more attention to reservations was required. This will be monitored.

Members will also be reminded that it is expected that the hole behind the point where a golfer intends to "cut in" should be completely clear.

The Fashion Show on April 14th raised £300 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Juniors

No meeting had been held.

Centenary Fund Working Group

It was expected that the group will bring 6 proposals to distribute the remaining centenary funds to General Committee for the next meeting.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the Chairman had given the group the target of achieving its aims by the end of August and to be disbanded by the end of this financial year.

Marketing

Reference was made to the report dated 14th April.

The report was approved.

Membership

No meeting had been held.

CORRESPONDENCE

A precis of a letter from the Secretary of Scarborough Golf Week was given. A new Chairman had been appointed – Mr Brian Ball. Mr John Barber had decided (subject to approval) to continue as Secretary for the foreseeable future.

A request by EYLWGA for an alliance fixture on 1st March 2012 was granted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Captain thanked everyone involved or attending his changeover celebrations. He had thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and hoped that everyone else had too.