

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REPORT



Meeting Date: 3rd March 2025 7.00 pm.

In Attendance

Peter Furnival – President / Paul Davis – Captain (PD) / David Dudley (DD) – Vice Captain / John Burnett (JB) Handicap Secretary // Jason Dudley (JD) – Outgoing Captain / Rob Ashfield (RA) / Matt Highway (MH) / Neil Beech (NB) / Craig Andrews (CA) / Nick Hirst (NH) / Alan Ratcliffe (AR) Club Secretary

Apologies

Terry German (TG) – Treasurer

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

Correspondence

None this month.

Suggestion Box

None this month, JD to pass keys over to PD

Matters Arising

Matters still outstanding; - last month's report issues are still below with any new AOB raised listed below, will be reviewed at next Management meeting.

Invitation day – this section to be used for update reminder.

Captains Report

Captains report Monday 3rd March

On Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th February there was a midweek Stableford with 31 entries. It was won by David Blacker with 38 points so congratulations to Dave.

On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February there was a monthly Stableford competition with a very impressive 53 entries spread over 2 divisions.

Congratulations to Jack Feerick winning division 1 with 39 points and congratulations to Andrew Stone who won division 2 with 40 points.

On Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February we held another monthly Stableford competition with 35 entries spread across 2 divisions.

Congratulations to Nick Fellows winning division 1 with 38 points and James Dutton winning division 2 with 37 points.

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February we held a Texas scramble with 14 teams entering the competition.

Congratulations to the winning team consisting of Dave Simeon, Matty Highway, Carl Potts and Paul Hayward with an impressive 48 points.

I am really pleased with the number of members entering the competitions so far this year and long may this continue.

I would like to wish Matty Highway and Lee Coney good luck in tomorrow's daily mail doubles competition which we are hosting here a Calderfields.

Paul Davis

Club Captain.

Income & Expenditure report

Nothing to report this month.

Handicap / Competitions report.

All majors are now uploaded onto BRS for members to enter, timeline for this is entries open 6 weeks prior to the competition and close two weeks before the comp to allow for the draw and monies to be taken. This procedure was used on the recent Captains 4 club and went well.

Note from AOB – Bowker Cup now on BRS ready for registration.

John Burnett

Handicap secretary.

Handicap sub-committee to assist John will be Alan Ratcliffe, Rob Ashfield and Nick Hirst.

Greens Report

February greens report 20/02/25

Matt Jupp and Matt Highway

The lads have worked extremely hard over the winter on more drainage work to again improve the conditions during winter and reduce course closures. This will be ongoing as moving forward, the club is committed to carrying on investing in drainage to improve course conditions for you and in years to come you will see the benefits of all this work that has been done over the past couple of years.

The greens are in a good place heading into spring, and it won't be long before all the disease scarring will fill back in nicely. Again, the club is committed to carrying on with the overseeding programme that I implemented 2 years ago.

All the finer detailed jobs such as weeding and edging all the bunkers up ready for the main playing season are in place to be done over the coming weeks.

All the hazard stakes have been knocked back into place and re painted. We have made some new 150 markers for the fairways, which have all been put into place apart from the par 3s.

Fairway distance markers have been edged and re painted as well as the tee distance markers as well.

The lads will be going around when they get spare time picking up tree branches and sticks etc. that have come down over the past few weeks.

Trees that have been removed, the club will be hiring in a stump grinder to remove all stumps around the course in the coming weeks.

When it dries up, the pathways will all be tidied up, and potholes repaired and paths finished across the 18th fairway, and the path leading back to the clubhouse will also be completed.

Rainfall figures thus far as follows; January - 96mm, February to date - 31mm, Cumulative total - 127mm

There are plans in place for at least 6 weeks of work on the course until a new head green keeper is appointed and can implement their own plans.

Matt Highway – Committee Leader, David Dudley and Craig Andrews

A.O.B.

Arranged in subject sections.

Handicap / Competition questions

NB - Suggested trying out a competition for new members only, as many may not be able to play in major comps until they met the entry criteria this would help them get used to competition play and add to their required qualifying rounds.

Committee agreed this would be a good idea and JB would review.

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Additional question raised can this be used to reduce the entry criteria (number of qualifiers) for Majors – answered, not as at present as we need to implement and try the revised criteria for 2025 and any alterations would not be beneficial and also cause confusion.

PD – status on trophy for Captains 4 Club, Ken Jones was looking into this, action - PF to check with Ken.

Jack Feerick (Junior) can he be entered into local Junior competitions (i.e. those run by Staffs Union). NH to investigate this.

MH – Can we rename generic majors (i.e. those without specific names) after recently passed members, answered – committee do and will review this. Usually when a member has contributed / served in office for the club / members.

General – to be brought up at next Management Meeting by President / Captain and reported back to committee.

JB – Fairway mats, will need management involvement to introduce a local rule to use these in general play and competitions and to insist visitors use them. This would mean the shop stocking mats to hire out / give to members and visitors (with a returnable deposit) there is no argument that using these mats will help protect the course and therefore should be introduced in time for next winter. Matt Jupp had agreed this would be of help not only with protecting the fairways but reducing costs in repairing / reseeding damaged areas.

Better discipline where ropes are used to stop trollies being taken into roped off areas, regular communication from the club to members and visitors.

PD - Contacted the River and Canal Trust, they have agreed to come out and review the repair / replacement of fencing down the side of the 14th Fairway and canal side. Along with the work already carried out between the 16th and Arboretum this should help prevent unauthorised access to the course helping to make the course more secure.

Can the management look at installing Chemical toilets on the course, around maybe the 10th or similar position?

DD – Practice nets and practice area / bunkers in poor state, what are the plans to repair / improve this area. Can the committee help to look after this area

Recently there was a Van parked across the no parking area in front of the path that's leads from the entrance tunnel to the carpark, the no parking area needs repainting

JD – Mat on 10th is too small can we, in the short term, use the other mat there to increase this area and purchase larger mats in time for next winter?

Noticed members are using the side gate to go from the 18th to the men's changing rooms due to the poor condition of the path from the 18th to the changing room area, can we have a BRS message to remind members to not use the side gate and what are the plans / timescales to repair the paths.

MH – Feedback from AGM, why are repair costs to Cabins and Club roof put against against the membership fees, no revenue from Play and Stay visitors shown. Should these also be used for the upkeep of the course rather than increasing membership costs?

Suggestion – can shelves be added below / above Honour Boards in the players lounge, this would help show off the trophies next to the appropriate boards.

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PD - thanked Adrian and Wayne for the work carried on the course for the Captains 4 Club competition.

Can the club look at subsidising members when representing the club in local and national competitions?

PF – can tee mats be made ready for next year, i.e. frames supplied are used and / or tidied up. RA suggested permanent matting areas are built and used on all holes where there is a lot of wear and tear over the winter period and no alternative yellow teeing areas.

DD – thanked PD and JD for repairing the practice nets.

MH – Children are again running and playing by or on the 18th, can the management reiterate or use fencing to prevent this as it's a H&S issue.

RA – What is the plan to repair / improve the Patio area as this is an eyesore and with the season / better weather approaching needs to be completed

Course – to be actioned by Greens and reported back to committee.

AR – 13th green has large holes dug into it, probably from birds, this need repairing or marking up.

JD - When greens staff are walking the course could they take a lump hammer with them and repair any stakes that have come loose.

Bushes around the path from 15th green to 16th tee need trimming as they are encroaching onto the path.

03/03/25

NH – Message on BRS that yellow tees were now back on, this was not the case for the 10th and 17th tees which were still on mats – JB to speak with Adrian.

DD – Member asked on the 16th can the White stakes for the ditch be extended to cover the mound on the corner where the brook ends by the cross ditch in the front of the green. It would probably need a red stake on the other side of the ditch to indicate where the Out of bound and penalty area ends, the mound itself is not OOB, if ball goes into there and cannot be found then stroke and distance applies.

Updates /News.

03/03/25

PF – showed new design of Club tie, this was agreed, and PF would look at prices and minimum orders required.

Presentation Night, DJ has been booked, table runner received

JB – noted that in recent days there had been 7 requests for club changes on WHS (away from Calderfields) – will monitor this although as its year end this may just be natural movements and members taking up offers at other clubs.

Race Night is booked for the 10th of May, please bring in any bottles etc for raffle prizes.

What is the take up like for presentation night, PF to check with reception.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm Next meeting Mon **7th April – 7.00pm**