

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES REPORT



Meeting Date: 14th April 2025 7.00 pm.

In Attendance

Peter Furnival – President / Paul Davis – Captain (PD) / David Dudley (DD) – Vice Captain / John Burnett (JB) Handicap Secretary / Terry German (TG) – Treasurer / 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

None

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

Correspondence

PD received letter from the Canal and River Trust in reference to arranging a meeting on fence repair (14th & 15th). Meeting arranged for Wed 23rd April.

Suggestion Box

1 received, request for dustpan and brush in changing room. Answer - not required as changing rooms are cleaned on a daily basis and any cleaning of shoes and equipment must be done outside of changing rooms.

Matters Arising

Matters still outstanding; -

Captains 4 Club trophy, PF to discuss with Ken Jones.

NH to confirm details of any Junior comps available for Jack Feerick to enter.

Fairway mats – waiting on feedback of survey – action next manager meeting.

Club Ties – agreed that Men's committee will pay for Men's committee members ties.

all previous AOB closed out.

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

Captains Report

Captain's report for March

Monday 14th April committee meeting

On Sunday 2nd March the captains 4 club competition was held with 17 pairs entering the competition, congratulations to Paul Hayward and Carl Potts on the win with 42 points.

On Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March we held a 9-hole midweek Stableford competition on the front 9, it was a poor turnout with only 7 entries but congratulations to Anthony Bradley on the win with 19 points.

On Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th we held a monthly Stableford competition with a very impressive 54 entries spread across 2 divisions, congratulations to Dez Sillery on winning division 1 with 35 points, also congratulations to Andy Hopcroft winning division 2 with 42 points.

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd we held another monthly Stableford competition with 45 entries spread across 2 divisions, congratulations to Plum on winning division 1 with 43 points and congratulations to Nick Cooper on winning division 2 with 42 points.

We held another midweek Stableford competition on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th but this time on the back 9 with 21 entries, congratulations to Kevin Kelly on the win with 23 points.

We held a random draw Texas scramble on Sunday 30th with 9 teams of 4 players which was an impressive turnout considering it was the day after our presentation evening, congratulations to Dave Beale, Scott Wilcox, Richard Bowring and Jack Feerick on their win with 48 points.

And lastly, I was disappointed that we had to bring the captains 4 club forward a week for coarse maintenance which did not happen, because of this we lost out on 4 players who could not attend the new date.

Paul Davis

Club Captain.

Income & Expenditure report

Reviewed incomes and outgoings, this month will always be more bias towards outgoing's but with the competition season starting this will change.

Handicap / Competitions report.

The competition year has commenced positively, with weekend competitions receiving full support. However, the 9-hole mid-week medal held last week did not meet expectations, possibly due to lack of attendance by senior members. The committee needs to decide whether to continue with these medals or to change them to stablefords.

I have generated a competition versus general play report from the WHS platform, which has identified certain members for further discussion. I will convene with the rest of the handicap committee to consider appropriate action.

The BRS sign-up process has functioned effectively, and the club has efficiently managed the collection of entrance fees.

There appear to be some members experiencing difficulties signing into the BRS/Handicapmaster system this weekend. I will consult with Adrian upon his return, as this issue may be related to membership renewals.

The above may have something to do with this correspondence I received today (17.04.2025).

Handicapmaster is experiencing problems obtaining overnight Handicap Index updates from the England Golf WHS system provided by DotGolf, which we wish to make you aware of. Included is an action that you may perform to mitigate any problem update received from the WHS system.

1) Handicap Indexes out of date.

The DotGolf system is not always providing a full and complete list of players who have had a recent Handicap Index change on their system.

This can leave the Handicap Index out of date for some players in Handicapmaster.

2) Handicap Indexes missing.

Occasionally, the DotGolf system is reporting some player's handicap index as 'null', indicating that the players no longer hold a Handicap index with their Golf Union (possibly incorrectly). The DotGolf system does not report that the Index is restored, until an update is made to a player's record on DotGolf.

This can leave the Handicap Index missing for some players in Handicapmaster.

Handicapmaster Ltd has been in contact with DotGolf in respect of both of these problems and we understand that DotGolf are investigating fixes for their systems.

I have had to amend the Stewards Bowl competition as it is capped at a maximum of 8 the system did not record this again not sure if this was due to the handicap glitches. The competition has been reset to a maximum of 8 to align it to the past years and the result will be published tomorrow evening.

John Burnett

Handicap secretary.

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

February greens report 20/02/25

April 14th committee meeting greens report.

This month of March was the first month of our new head green keeper Simon Marshall, he comes to us with plenty of previous experience in this role and hoping he can carry on the improvements made by Matt Jupp and his team.

We had a very dry spell since 1st March with only 54mm of rain throughout these 6 weeks which has resulted in the course significantly drying out. The mowers have been out continuously keeping fairways and rough cut to a consistent level to improve the consistency of the playing areas throughout the course. The current course measurements are tee boxes 12mm fairways 15mm and greens are at 5mm. The greens have been cut shorter than previously to improve speed of ball roll and to speed to the growth of the previous infected areas from the past winter.

Regarding the firmness of the greens over the next week they will be being over seeded top dressed and drag Matt's used to give good coverage off all greens (weather permitting) we are looking into new irrigation tech systems to see if we can improve the current system and water pressures through the course.

We had an incident last week where 3 burst pipes in various locations caused significant water pressure issues and required almost 3 days and significant man hours to repair.

Bunkers are being raked every day and have much less hard dry areas in them.

The recent tining on the greens has worked well and plenty of air has been added under the greens to help root development and help with ball reception. The works will be on going throughout the season and with the hoped improvements in the green watering systems we should see softer greens with an even coverage of blemish free grass.

Ropes around the greens have been taken down and trolleys and buggies now have full access to all playing areas of the course.

Lift clean and place rule has been removed due to the dry nature of the course.

Matt Highway – Committee Leader, David Dudley and Craig Andrews

A.O.B.

Arranged in subject sections.

Handicap / Competition questions

PD – suggested random draw for Hogget – agreed by committee.

DD – Member suggested for the Bowker Cup that all entry fee's for the 5 counting competitions are paid up front at time of entering Bowker competition, committee agreed this would not be a good idea as many members cannot be sure of playing all comps and this may lead to a reduced entry to the Bowker.

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

PD – Dates for 2026 presentation 21st March, end of season party – October 25th

Halfway house – to be brought up at next Management meeting.

JD – Drinks buggy not there until 10.00am, can this be earlier?

MH – quality of paths around course poor and getting worse

DD – Ropes around teeing areas, improve appearance by using white plastic chaining?

Bridge on 8th rope in place, can a stump / post be added to prevent buggies being taken over it, JD can supply a post.

NH – Trolleys being taken into locker room again, BRS message to be sent out again to members.

CA – congratulated MH on a well organised “bucket” charity day.

RA – congratulated the 17/24 team on a winning start to the league season.

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

NB – the tree's that overhang on the 16th fairway, opposite the pond, need trimming back.

Back of 17th green needs to be marked on GUR – not growing with bare surface.

Removals of stumps, ongoing?

DD – Tree on 12th to left of green needs trimming?

JB – asked if new Head Green Keeper can improve / add barriers between bunkers and green to prevent members from taking trolleys between them.

AR – can we ask at Managers Meeting what is happening with the wild seed planting between 13th and 14th holes.

RA – the new drainage ditch coming the bunker next to the 8th green needs to be marked as GUR.

Updates /News.

None

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm Next meeting **TUESDAY 6th May–**
7.00pm