

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REPORT

Meeting Date: 1st September 2025 7.00 pm.



In Attendance

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

Apologies

Terry German (TG) – Treasurer

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

Correspondence

Walsall council – new contact for Healthy Spaces team, PD will set up meeting to review holes in fence alongside Arboretum.

Suggestion Box

- 1) None

Matters Arising

Matters still outstanding; -

PD awaiting feedback on Captains Breakfast suggested move to a midday carvery and later tee off times.

Captains Report

On Sunday 27th July we held the Calderfields cup major competition with 37 entries.

This was won by Carl Guy with a score of 70 net, congratulations to Carl.

On Sunday 10th August we held the captains cup major competition with 44 entries.

This was won by Gary Brown with a score of 39 points, congratulations to Gary.

During August we have held another 3 Stableford competitions both midweek and weekends, congratulations to all the winners.

I am very impressed with the competition entry numbers this year and I hope this will continue throughout the season.

Congratulations to Rob and his 17 - 24's team whom have won the league this year, this just shows the commitment of our members to represent our club, good luck to our alliance team whom have got one more match and are in the running to win their league, this would be a very successful year for the club if they could win.

Lastly I had my captain's away day at Bromsgrove golf club last Friday, I was very impressed with the turnout that I had and I hope that everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did, the support for me this year has been overwhelming and I can't put into words how much that it means to me so thank you all.

Paul Davis

Club Captain.

Income & Expenditure report

Below is the incomings and outgoing for July and August.

Outgoing

£12 - Engraving of trophy for Alliance team

£304 - Team Polo Shirts

£95 - Vouchers collected

Incomings

£3216.00

This puts out balance as of today at £8441.03

Terry German

Handicap / Competitions report.

Not too much to report this month.

All Matchplay competitions are on track.

There has been a lot of confusion with members initial handicap cards, I have spoken to Adrian, and he has posted a BRS message out stipulating the minimum information required and to post them in the box when all 54 holes are completed.

May I take this opportunity to remind all members that they should record the following on all score cards.

- Handicap Index.
- Course handicap.
- Playing handicap.
- Which tee played from.
- Name in full (first & surname) no nick names.
- Date played.
- Name of competition e.g. monthly Stableford/medal or general play.
- Markers and Players signatures.

John Burnett

Handicap secretary.

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

Greens Report

No Report this month due to unavailability of the Head Greenkeeper.

Although there has been a steady stream of information released via email and social media covering light maintenance work to more detailed work on greens and fairways.

Matt Highway – Committee Leader, David Dudley and Craig Andrews

A.O.B.

Arranged in subject sections.

Handicap / Competition questions

July

PF – Presidents Putter comp all ready.

Congratulated PD on an excellent Captains Away day.

PD – Bunkers – rake and place in bunkers is this possible – Committee answered not acceptable for WHS.

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

CA – A member had to stop someone from using a driver on the driving range – can we have a sign on the range to remind people that that no higher than a 7 iron to be used.

JD – Donated a clock to be added to the 1st tee to assist in maintaining tee off times.

NH – Price of buggies for members at weekend too expensive (£25), Seniors get them for £15 can this be looked at?

Also state of buggy cleanliness poor.

DD – Fishermen encroaching on to golfing areas, can the management remind shop and marshal to monitor this.

NH – can we get an update from the Management on the use of winter mats; we know the survey wasn't 100% for but was it down to several members as the advantages of using these must be taken into consideration against the small possibility of members leaving?

We are still looking at arranging a Texas scramble using winter mats but need the assistance of the clubs in having mats available.

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

DD -Bunkers inconsistent – need rotavating.

Fringes getting bare / bumpy especially where green are being made smaller – this needs an action plan to improve and marked up as GUR whilst awaiting action. Not all members are aware that the greens are being reduced insix?

Hole in fence up the 1st, PD to look at.

The Captains Pool on the 16th is getting overgrown and cannot be seen from the 16th tee – how can a golfer be certain their ball is in there if no visible.

Also, no drop zone – committee confirmed this was removed, now with yellow penalty rule in operation.

Kites – what has happened to the kites, not in use? Committee agreed to purchase several birds of prey statues and trial them around four greens, 3rd / 12th / 13th / 18th (2 for each).

AR – Leaves on course – exceptional amount has fallen early than normal can the greens team ask for these to be collected.

JD – 2nd hole red stakes down left side not visible or pulled out, this need replacing.

8th hole crossing bridge currently closed off can they strengthen the bridge as crossing at the lower bridge is bringing more golfers into range of golf balls from the 16th. Als there is no path down to the 16th from the 8th so this will make it slippery in the winter months.

RA - OOB on the 18th where does it end, no markings from the end of path behind the green to the fountain in front of the club.

Updates /News.

Following discussions about the effectiveness of monthly meeting and very often lack of feedback / response from the management it was decided to trial having the meeting every other month to fit around the Management meetings. Any urgent business in between these times can be raised either via WhatsApp group or by phone.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting

Monday 3rd November. – 7.00pm