

**HAREFIELD PLACE GOLF CLUB
MINUTES MONDAY, 2nd July 2018**

1. PRESENT

Mick Gallagher
Justin Moore

Mick Dempsey
Andrew Pibworth

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Anne James, Steve Browne, Keith Neave, Scott Hartley

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed by:- M.Dempsey

Seconded by:- A.Pibworth

MATTERS ARISING

3.1 There were no matter arising.

PROFESSIONALS/GREENKEEPERS/REINSTATEMENT

4.1 Concerns were raised regarding the current standard of the putting greens.

4.2 It was felt strongly that the course at present was too difficult.

4.3 Rough around the course is very difficult. It is very long on all holes, very difficult to find balls, and if found almost impossible to play out to the fairway.

4.4 The rough either side of the second hole is really long and requires cutting back.

4.5 There is no semi rough on the course. Seemingly there is no suitable machine for this cut at the course.

4.6 Concerns were raised about the speed of the greens. The grass needs to be cut shorter.

4.7 The Committee makes no apology for repeating the above points from the last Minutes, there has been some further deterioration.

4.8 We are aware that members of staff are frequently hearing complaints from users of the course. Particular mention recently concerns the Par 5 8th hole, uphill for the second shot, which only has about a 10 metre wide landing width, with fairly deep rough on either side, an impossible and unfair situation.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

5.1 £8,914.76 in bank.

5.2 75 members as of 14th May 2018, 5 unpaid.

5.2 The Club has received an acknowledgment letter from the General Manager of Northwood G.C. regarding our complaint reference the behaviour of one of their members at the recent Harefield Open. He will be conducting an enquiry.

5.3 The recent Open was regarded as both successful and enjoyable. There were 27 players, producing an income of £405.00, whilst our expenses for food and prizes was £512.00, the Club subsidy from funds was £107.00 This was acceptable to the Committee.

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

- 6.1 Teams have been selected for the Middsx. 6's next Sunday 6th July at 13-00 versus West Middlesex G.C..
- 6.2 The Open results have been posted on the Board. Our congratulations to Ellis Cole who won both the Nett and Gross categories.
- 6.3 An entry has been submitted for the Coronation Cup, next Sunday 11th July.
- 6.4 Pete Smith and Ross Baker lost to Ealing in the Daily Mail Foursomes.

SENIORS/MIDWEEK

- 7.1 Nothing to report.

COMPETITION SECRETARY/HANDICAP SECRETARY

- 8.1 All new members who have submitted three cards have been entered into the system and updated.
- 8.2 The completion of cards is much improved.
- 8.3 There have been several queries concerning small changes in handicaps. However the system is the system, and we will be reviewing all handicaps at the Annual Review in December. There is however some case for reviewing a few handicaps sooner, and the Committee will consider this.
- 8.4 Both the Summer Singles and Doubles are progressing well and have created a lot of fun. Congratulations to all concerned.
- 8.5 It was suggested that the July Medal on the 7th and 8th should be used as the start of the Summer Eclectic. The Committee agreed.
- 8.6 Monthly Medal winners to date are as follows, January not played, February Gerry Devien, March Terry Simmonds, April Ellis Cle, May Gerry Devien, April Ellis Cole and June Steve Ward. Congratulations to the winners.
- 8.7 The Club Competition winners were, BG Cup Ellis Cole, Dr, Lambert Mick Dempsey, Easter Open Rob Thomson, Lavender Terry Simmonds, Odell Ellis Cole and McNally Gerry devien. Congratulations to all.

JUNIOR SECTION

- 9.1 Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 There have been concerns raised on a number of occasions, and particularly recently, regarding dust and debris on the course and in particular on the 5th hole. Members are concerned regarding health issues.
- 10.2 The Handicap Secretary raised this matter with Hillingdon Council and a reply has been received. This stated that officials will visit the course to assess the situation and that the Environment Agency would be involved. We will be informed of the result.
- 10.3 We would urge members to make full use of the phone number on the yellow card on the board to report instances of dust and rubbish on the 5th hole, whenever they are noticeable
- 10.4 The Committee thank Keith Neave for taking this matter up on our behalf, on top of the considerable amount of work he already does for us,
- 10.5 We are writing to the appropriate addressees regarding the current and future improvements necessary to return the course to a standard as good as or better than previously pertained, based on our collated comments from a number of individuals.

Next meeting will be on Monday, 13th August 2018.