

## Harefield Place Golf Club Committee Meeting Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Present: - M James, R. Cooper, G Reynolds, S Littlejohn,

Apology: - M. Gallagher, A. James, S. Hartley, Z Matev, P Thorpe

June minutes unavailable for this meeting.

### **Secretary Report**

£13,932.65 in bank.

92 current members.

### **Captains Report**

Captain Steve Littlejohn reported that there were sadly, few club competitions to report on due to losses in previous rounds / fixtures.

**Coronation Bowl** – Maurice Hennessy, Kristian Mower and Stuart Lynn competed in this competition and placed 12<sup>th</sup> of 17. Thank you for your efforts on the day.

Steve has arranged a club match again Haste Hill home and away. He is currently looking to base his selections on performances in the upcoming Club Championship.

In readiness for Captain's day, Steve is looking into a singer/entertainer for the evening. Steve is also looking at ways to promote the day and asked for input from the committee. Facebook and Harefield What's App groups plus word of mouth was suggested.

Steve is looking into a bespoke 4 balls format for the golf on the day (TBC), with prizes for the winning team, best individual prizes and individual guest prize.

### **Handicap Report**

- Computer moved to a new location where it can stay powered on at all times
- One new handicap issued to a new joiner
- Competition handicap rules clarified for the participation in mixed events

## **Competitions Report**

Competition Secretary's report July 2023

Evening all,

Since the last meeting, just the 3 competitions have been held with the following results.

The results of the club competitions played are as follows.

Lavender Cup	Maurice Henessey	Debbie Littlejohn
Ancient Clubs trophy	Gareth Reynolds	Lee Morgan
July Medal	Michael Gallagher	Stuart Lynn

I think we all agree the course is a lot better than it was, nowhere near perfect but slowly we are getting there.

After the Ancient Clubs Trophy the point was raised that lady members should be receiving additional shots due to the difference in the Course rating when played from the red (70.0) and white tees (69.2). The competitions will be adjusted so that any lady members will receive 1 extra shot to there Playing handicap, this will need to be manually adjusted when playing matchplay events.

This weekend we play the club championship, The greenkeepers have confirmed the holes will be re-cut again this Saturday.

Last Monday night I gave my notice to resign my position on the committee which read as follows. I have always loved being part of this club but just lately being on the committee has been more of a distraction and taken up more of my personal time than I am now willing to give up. It is therefore with regret I wish to give notice to resign my position of competition secretary and position on the committee. Happy to give as much notice until a replacement is found with an end date of 31/12/23 if required. I hope a suitable replacement can be found in due course.

Gareth Reynolds

Competition Secretary

## **AOB**

Ray and the other members of the committee, expressed their sadness at Gareth's resignation, hoped that he will reconsider but also thanked him for his contributions to the role and the club, noting what a superb job he does and how valued he is by everyone.

Ray tabled a proposal, that had been in consideration for a number of weeks, to offer Gareth an honorary membership and offer £400 to support with costs incurred as part of the role.

This was then discussed and voted on with the committee in favour of this proposal. Club President Mick Gallagher was also consulted on this proposal and was also in favour.

Gareth commented that the offer was very generous, and he was very appreciative of the offer. He has asked for some time to consider it and will respond by the next committee meeting.

Ray discussed the new defibrillator that had been installed at the club and he advised that due to member Gus Payne's first aid training, he was happy to come and provide a demonstration for the club members. A message has been cascaded by Steve Littlejohn, to all members via the What's app group, inviting them to attend a demonstration on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm. Steve will extend the invite to the charity that provided the equipment.

Gareth noted that the contact with the council with regards to the maintenance of the course is ongoing, but improvements are clearly noticeable now. The council advise that they have now issued out communications to the club members who have volunteered to support with course maintenance. Gareth also has ongoing dialogue with regards to green fees for the course.

Matt James, as requested in June's committee meeting, followed up with a number of members, around renewing memberships. He was pleased to report that Clive Peter has now rejoined, and we have another few members that intend to rejoin when personal circumstances allow it. One member had decided that the condition of the course had influenced their decision not to rejoin.

**Next meeting on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 commencing at 7:00 pm.**