

Harefield Place Golf Club Committee Meeting Wednesday 8th November 2023

Present: - G Reynolds, S Littlejohn, M James, R Cooper, Z Matev, S Hartley

Apology: - A. James, P Thorpe, M. Gallagher

Minutes of last meeting proposed by G Reynolds seconded by R Cooper

Secretary Report

In bank £16,294.41

99 current paid up members

We have paid the Bull Hotel in full for 65 people for the Dinner and Dance, which is the number we have guaranteed.

We are gradually getting the ticket monies in. Mick to confirm final numbers but we have 65 at the very least, if not more.

Captains Report

Haste hill game was previously agreed for Sunday 19th November. However, Steve is struggling to get confirmation from Haste Hill Captain. Steve to set a deadline to hear back other wise we will cancel. Deadline will be Friday 10th - 6pm.

Handicap Report

The R&A and the USGA are planning an update to the WHS system which will come into effect on 1st January 2024. It includes some changes to include shorter courses, to allow holes not played to be counted, etc. I will attend a workshop at the end of January and will provide more details after that.

Competitions Report

Evening all,

Since the last meeting the following competitions have been held with these results.

Alan Eeles cup	Liam Hind	George Gallagher
Secretarys cup	Stuart Lynn	David Keepin

GGT final round	George Gallagher	Darren McNutt
GGT Final standings	Darren McNutt	Robert Thomson
Coral Challenge	George Gallagher	Darren McNutt
November Medal & Eclectic rd 1	Abandoned	Abandoned

Due to a dry October we were able to complete a number of competitions, George Gallagher picking up two wins beating Darren McNutt into second for the Final round of the GGT and the Coral Challenge. Liam Hind picked up the Alan Eeles with a fantastic score of net 60, Stuart Lynn also returned a fabulous score of 44 points to win the secretaries cup whilst Darren McNutt wins the prestigious Golfer of the Year. However the course was not able to stand up to the amount of rain that has fallen recently and unfortunately we have had to cancel the playing of the McNally trophy, Novembers medal was abandoned due to only 3 members entering . The course layout has also had to be changed due to holes 8,9&10 being out of action due to the waterlogging. We are currently playing a 15 hole layout so that we can continue to have handicap counting competitions, there is an 18 hole card that has been created for those playing the Saturday morning roll up.

The summer doubles is still to be resolved, the winter doubles has been drawn with just 9 pairings entering. Good luck to my successor with the winter doubles and next years fixtures.

A.O.B.

England Golf have sent 2 policies which we need to adopt. Scott has agreed to pick up with Mick on Tues 14th to review. They will then share with committee for final review before committee sign off.

Trophies for winners and runners up to be presented at Dinner & Dance were shown to committee for approval. Approved by committee.

Summer Doubles final did not happen on Sunday 5th November as scheduled. The final was to be played by Stuart Lynn and Tom Ward vs Ashley Clancy-Jones and James Larney). This was due to James Larney being unable to play due to work commitments.

Complaint received by Gareth @ 2:45pm on Sunday afternoon (5th) from Stuart Lynn. Informed Gareth that notice of not being able to play the match was only received at 11pm Saturday (4th) Ashley would have been able to play still. Stuart also informed Gareth that he had taken annual leave in order to play the match. James and Ashley offered to compensate Stuart.

Gareth raised the point that Ashley and James did not notify him regarding the cancellation or permission to rearrange the game and have an extension,

The committee considered the circumstances and the majority thought that in spirit of the club and not wanting a final to be decided by concession, the match should be re-arranged by 19th November and conclusion must be reached by this date and no later. The committee will also need to re-emphasise the rules around matches and deadlines in the new year.

Handover for the Competition Secretary role was conducted between Gareth Reynolds and Ross Baker. There was a technical Issue with downloading the software required on Ross's work laptop. If the issue cannot be resolved, the club will need to look at funding a club laptop that could be used for the role moving forwards.

Gareth raised that the completion calendar for next year needs to be worked on as there are no competitions past the 'Turkey Trot' which is 6 weekends from now (Saturday 16th December).
Matt to sit down with Steve, Mick and Ray next week.

Matt talked through a proposal for a "Welcome Pack" for new members. The idea behind this, is to help them integrate into the club and help with the common questions that tend to come up for new joiners. The proposal would be to send this pack as part of the current email that we send once a membership form is submitted and subscription paid and received.

Matt did a quick overview of the *draft* document with those present and the pack was well received. Matt will share the pack for review with the committee for feedback / corrections / ideas, to include in the pack. Committee agree it is a good idea to incorporate and will benefit both new members and current members.

Venue for the December committee meeting to tbc. Possible offsite meal for all committee members.

Meeting ended at 19:33pm

Next meeting to be Tuesday 5th December