

Golf Club

Minutes

Wednesday 1st Nov 2023 – 19:00

Apologies

Darren Lafon-Anthony	Chairperson	A	Derek Gillings	Captain	A
Nat Matchett	Secretary	A	Dale Marsh	Vice-Captain	
Paul Burford	Treasurer		Nigel Hart	Seniors Captain	
Dan Binch	H/Cap Secretary				
Alan Bite	Gen Comm		Henry Binch	Gen Comm	
Dave Hill	Gen Comm		Roy Cantrill	Gen Comm	
Dan Nelson	Gen Comm		Robert Bullock	Gen Comm	P
Grant Matchett	Management	P	Paul Bough	Management	P

P = Present

A = Apologies

N = Not Present

Previous Minutes

Were read & accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Paul Bough Seconded: Robert Bullock

Matters Arising

- N/A

Correspondence

- England Golf – affiliation fees due by each Club will be linked to the number of members they have on the World Handicap System rather than their own membership system. I can confirm that the affiliation fees for the year 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024 are as follows:
 - Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs (male members over the age of 18) - £10.00
 - Notts County Ladies Golf Association (female members over the age of 18) - £10.00
 - England Golf (Male members including juniors under the age of 18) - £10.50
 - England Golf (Female members including juniors under the age of 18) - £10.50
 - The NCLGA have already informed the clubs that from 1 November 2023 the NUGC will be collecting their fees as well so everything will be on one invoice.
- England Golf - iPlay is a free, average score indicator which will allow users to log scores from wherever they play, be it 9- or 18-hole courses, pitch-and-putt or adventure golf facilities. The iPlay offer is open to all outside of club membership or iGolf, making it ideal for someone new to the game, a growing enthusiast or infrequent player. iPlay is accessed through the MyEG app – but does not offer a Handicap Index®, instead it provides users with a means to collect scores and have fun, allowing all golfers to play together and use the same app regardless of who they are.
- Alan Bite – mid week winter league proposal. 10 holes, stableford format. From 1st Dec – 1st march. Players enter 5 cards with the best 3 counting, £2 entry. 2 divisions based on original handicap. League updated each month. Trophy proposed to be ‘Allen Coombes’ memorial. Committee all agreed this was a good idea and to meet next week to discuss further with Paul Bough and Grant Matchett (Club), Daniel Binch and Paul Burford

(Committee) and Alan Bite and Robert Bullock (Proposers). Rob Bullock kindly offered to purchase the trophy and to discuss with Allen's' family about the name of the trophy before any purchases.

- Derek Gillings - asked if the ropes could return around the greens as a more effective method than the blue paint. Management can report that the ropes were taken down temporarily for the alliance day and the greens staff have had to prioritise some drainage and ditch work but that the ropes will be returned this week.

Management Report

Events booked.

Brierley's 30th Birthday - Sat 4th Nov

Golf Presentation evening – 9th Dec

Childrens Xmas Party – 16th Dec

New Years Eve – 31st December

Big thanks to all of those that supported the above events and to staff and management for all their efforts to ensure the success of the events that ultimately bring much needed revenue to the club over winter months.

Golf Course

- Notts Alliance Golf Day – more on this in the Captains/Alliance report on Wed 18th October over 120 golfers from Notts golf clubs came to BFGC. Management would like to thank everyone that was involved in getting the course and club ready leading up to the day and to all those that kindly offered their time to volunteer or work on the day as additional staff serving food, ball spotting etc. A huge thanks to all the staff managing the bar and kitchen and of course all the green staff efforts against the weather prior to the event – but the sun shone on the day for us and the rest we will leave for the Captain 😊
- Course - Nothing much to report due to recent storms and with more to come unfortunately. On the course we've been working on drainage and ditches on the bottom holes but due to the weather we are finding it extremely difficult finish the jobs we've started on the 10th and 7th Holes. While we have the digger, we will continue to put extra drainage and ditches on the holes which are necessary but also maintaining the ditches we already.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Financial Report to 29th October 2023					
Money from previous report				£2,348.04	
Paid in	Cash received from Competitions			£644.00	
Total				£2,992.04	
Paid out	Competition prize vouchers			£440.50	

	Printer Subscription (final)	£20.00	
Total paid out		£460.50	
Funds		£2,992.04	
Paid out		£460.50	
Total funds available		£2,531.54	£2,554.14
			Bank Balance
We are £22.58 out after a miscommunication before Bank account was accessible This will be rectified on the next deposit.			

Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

Winter Rules now in force. Keep an eye out for any local rules in place on the 1st tee board and social media pages.

Some competitions may be changed if course conditions affect the way the comp is to be played, mostly holes available to play. Last few weeks have been extremely wet and either through course closure or low attendance NO comps have taken place over the last 3 weekends. We try to amend the comps to suit the conditions, but many people don't want to play in 10-hole competitions. Any ideas will be accepted and looked into.

The annual review of handicaps needs to take place before the end of the year. I will arrange with Paul and Nigel in the next couple of weeks.

An idea to create a Winter League has been put forward and looks a good idea. Some tweaks have been suggested and the organization need to be finalised, but we hope to have something in place by 1 st Dec. Jode Binch will produce new scorecards if the league goes ahead.

Christmas party and presentation planning is well underway, and posters should be up shortly. Date is SATURDAY 9 th DECEMBER. This will be members and their guests only. Tickets will be £5 each and include disco/karaoke, buffet and a drink (to the value of £3.50). Numbers are limited so get your tickets early. As this is a ticketed event, prizes not collected from the presentation will not be subject to the 2nd / 3rd chance rule. There are 41 people for 61 prizes.

Juniors Captain Report

No Report

Ladies Captain Report

No Report

Scratch Team Captains Report

No report

Captains Report and Alliance Team Captain Report

The NAPGA (Alliance) arrived at BFGC on 18th October.

The management team received great acclaim from the NAPGA secretary, Glen Wooley, for the welcome they received and extra effort with parking marshall and ball spotters in attendance, which all added to the success of the day and helped build our club's profile.

On a tough windy day with soft ground conditions, BFGC had a fantastic result at our home fixture by winning both the team and singles competitions.

Team qualifiers were Jayson Coupe, Jodie Collins, Paul Burford and Grant Matchett with a total score of 138 points, 10 points clear of league leaders Bondhay GC. This moves us to 6th place in the league.

Special mention for Paul Burford for a massive 43 points, which was 8 points clear of the next amateur or professional.

Next fixture is at Oakmere Park on 15th November.

Taskers Teams Captains Reports

No report

AOB

- 1) Dale Marsh – asked how many dry days before course can reopen, all agreed too difficult to answer with ongoing predicted rainfall.

Meeting Closed: 20.05pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th Dec 2023 - 19:00 start