

## Minutes

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 19:00

#### Apologies

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

Seconded: Roy Cantrill

#### Matters Arising

- Feedback anonymously has been provided to discuss in the in the comments box – the comment read *'grass needs cutting behind pond on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to tidy it up'*. Both Committee and management had checked course today and this has been actioned. (Matters Arising)
- Nat Matchett has created with the help of the previous Committee a welcome pack for new members, recently updated with BRS information for Committee to review and comment. Thank you to those that have contributed, and this is now in use. Any members wanting to see the new welcome pack please contact Nat Matchett on [brierleyforestgc@gmail.com](mailto:brierleyforestgc@gmail.com) for a copy.
- Pitch marks – committee raised about ongoing issues with pitch marks and needing all members to assist and be proud of the course. To try and encourage all members to replace divots by putting in new welcome pack, introduce a social media campaign for reminders about the 'Brierley 4 R's' - *Respect our course, Replace divots, Rake bunkers, Repair pitch marks.*

#### Correspondence

- Feedback from Jeremy Sheppard – email asking for soil & seed boxes on the tee box especially par 3's and if the community service could do this. Have the management got anywhere with the cashless/card system for payment. For NGU card holders courses in the area have given discount green fees i.e., played at Bulwell Hall at 12.30 midweek £6. Does our club do anything similar?

Committee and Management response – the change to a card voucher system to replace the paper vouchers has been on the back burner due to the cost of installing a new card system for vouchers with other financial priorities such as the repair to the wear tank,

securing additional green staff etc. however, in preparation we have taken steps already by purchasing a new till that will accommodate a card system which is a cost at £35 each month for its software and we are just in the process of installing it now/entering all our stock into it.

You will see it on the back of the bar. The next phase would be the voucher/card system but there is not a definite date on when this will be, as we are always conscious, we will be heading into the winter months soon so this maybe an April 2024 investment.

We have had sand and seed boxes in the past and unfortunately, they have been damaged. Grant is looking at putting 4 boxes of sand and seed on par 3s but need to be movable due to cutting the tee boxes, we have also spoken to Ian Clarke regarding designing some sand and seed bags which we can attach to the notice board on the first tee for golfers to take out,

We are always looking for volunteers and advertise this on social media pages and if you ever know of anyone do send them our way, we also regularly take work experience and summer work for school leavers to assist with this, we unfortunately cannot get the community service volunteers back due to a change in management and contracts with the community services,

NGU fees and members guests will be a discount of £5 off for all.

This has been discussed with staff and the discounts are on our website.

For instance, if you were to bring a guest in the week before 1pm for 18 or 10 holes it will be £15. If you bring them after 1pm it will only be £10 (due to twilight pre-discount). Weekends before 1pm will £20 and after 1pm £15.

- Feedback from Dale Marsh - email enquiring about other courses having a reduced fee for a member's guest to play to encourage them to bring other players to play the course as a thought after the poor turn out at the invitation day. Committee and management response as above.
- HP Instant Ink Service – due for renewal for the first time since bought from new at £9.99 per month for 300 sheets. Committee discussed thoughts on usage and price renewal, which has been at no cost so far due to the previous deal but now up for renewal agreed the committee do not use this amount of sheets at the club with tendency to use own personal home printers. Therefore, to look for a cheaper deal around £4.99 a month.
- From Dave Hill - The Brierley Forest Golf fantasy football league will be running again this year and wanted to let members know. The code to join [free] on the official fpl website is :- rat1si

Anyone can contact Dave Hill if they need help with joining the league, which provides a bit of competitive fun through the winter months. And Chomp wins it every year, so he needs a bit competition this season!

## **Management Report Clubhouse.**

**We have been refurbishing some of the clubhouse and painted:**

Men's and Ladies toilets

Passageway into the toilets

Back Room

Passage and both landings to upstairs kitchen and old locker room

All the old locker room.

### **Upstairs.**

What as the Beauty Salon is now available again as a fully decorated room for hire, anyone wishing to rent this room, please contact Natalie Matchett, either through the golf club or on her mobile, 07843 681121 for further information.

The old events room is being emptied and it is our plan to fully empty it and turn it into a changing room.

3 bays will be built to allow changing facilities, the shower and toilet upstairs will be available.

We will install a sink in the new changing room and a mirror above it.

The landlord has a room upstairs that is current full of his filed paperwork, he has agreed to remove all of this and work will start on this during the winter months.

### **Downstairs**

Both ladies' toilets have been blocking for quite some time and the day before presentation night they blocked completely.

We had to call Dynarod in during the evening, this cost us nearly £400, unfortunately they were unable to clear the blockage.

A massive thank you from the management to John Gibson and Mathew Harvey for coming in at 5am on the morning of the presentation, they found and lifted all the drainage lids and found that one of them had a tile mostly covering the outlet pipe.

Obviously, this then blocked up with paper and raw sewage, they cleared not only this drain but also the drain that had caused the flood from outside.

So far, we have had no further issues.

### **BRS System**

BRS Golf is now up and running for all members.

Each member needs to book online via BRS Golf, Handicap Master is now suspended.

Each member needs to sign up to BRS Golf, so far 248 members have signed up, 107 still have not.

If any member is having difficulty, please contact a member of the Bar Staff.

### **EGU/NGU Fees.**

**A Total of £5,075 has been paid out this month for EGU/NGU fees.**

**We are currently chasing 71 outstanding payments leaving the club with a financial deficit of £1,400.**

If you have not paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, your handicap will be suspended, and you will therefore not be able to play in any competitions.

## **Kitchen**

The kitchen has been operating under new lease since April this year, after a recent meeting it is not financially of benefit to operate Mon-Fri due to poor turnover. Therefore, the opening hours have been changed to Thurs night only for fiddle and Sat and Sun. We thank your ongoing support and to help with efficiencies in the kitchen please feel free to pre-order your food at the 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

The kitchen staff will also communicate any timings to how long food will be particularly around fresh homemade chips/breakfasts etc and when the kitchen is busy. We have also installed a new electric bell system for bar staff to alert the kitchen when orders have been made for collection to further improve efficiencies.

## **Events booked.**

Trisha Medium	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Halloween	Friday & Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Brierley's 30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Dec Presentation	December 2nd or 9 <sup>th</sup>
Childrens Xmas Party	December 16 <sup>th</sup>
New Years Eve	December 31 <sup>st</sup>

## **Pool**

The pool league has been split into two divisions; new teams have entered.

We are in division 1.

The league has already started, results have now improved.

We have now moved from bottom of the league (out of 11) to a respectable 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Course**

The greens have been hollow cored, which are struggling. Sprayed with iron, worm cast remover, fertiliser, wetting agent etc.

Weeds are being removed from the greens. Sprayed the fairways, tees and aprons with weed killer.

A second cut of the rough has been introduced with the new Grillo machine.

We are going to rope off the tee boxes again due to members/visitors driving over with trollies and buggies.

We have taken 2 trees out at the back left of the of the 5<sup>th</sup> green due to tree roots taking the water from the green.

We continue to clear all the broken branches and over hanging branches in the trees around the course.

Introducing a new turf nursery next to the 5<sup>th</sup> tee box. Looking at GUR/Drop Zone to protect turf nursery.

Green seed has been ordered and will be delivered this week

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Financial Report to 19th July 2023				
Money from previous report				
Paid in		Cash received from Competitions		
Total				
Paid out		Competition prize vouchers		
		Trophy bases		
		Captain's fees		
		Handicap Secretary's fees		
		Trophy engraving		
Total paid out				
Funds				
Paid out				
Total funds available				
Bank access active				
All fees paid and trophies for the presentation				

Discussed if Dale Marsh as new captain wants to return to x3 presentations a year we can or leave as 2 but look at a Captains evening.

## Senior Captains Reports

2 matches played won first one at Tapton 109/107 and 2<sup>nd</sup> one away at Alfreton unfortunately lost 5 ½ - ½

## Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

- Thanks to everyone who attended the presentation evening earlier this month. Special thanks to Nat, Paul Burford, Derek and Dale for their efforts making everything run so smoothly. Than you to the Kitchen for the amazing burgers despite the rain moving us from the BBQ to inside!

- We are getting towards the business end of the OOM season. All still to play for. Current standings are up to date and can be found on Master Scoreboard.

- The BRS booking system is now the main way to book tee times, however, to book into majors / drawn out comps members should still use Master Scoreboard. There are messages on the BRS booking sheets directing you over to Master Scoreboard, where tee slots and times can still be booked 5 weeks in advance. I am gradually adding the opens to BRS, and theses can still be booked through M/S.

- The remaining opens this year are starting to fill up, and I would recommend booking asap to avoid missing out. (The Edna Davis is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August and already has over 80

entered)

- I have been asked by Captain Derek if we can rearrange the Capt. v Vice competition due to be played on the 2nd of September. This fixture will be swapped to the 9th of September with the Pairs better ball medal moving to the 2nd of September.

### **Juniors Captain Report**

No Report

### **Ladies Captain Report**

No Report

### **Scratch Team Captain Report**

#### **3rd July 2023 Home to Southwell**

As Captain I couldn't ask for a better result against Southwell with the team winning 3.5 to 1.5. Some really strong performances, some struggles and fight backs. This match had it all. I've never been so on edge on a golf course, and I wasn't even playing...

This puts us in the driving seat, as Southwell drew with Oakmere Park last week leaving us top of the table with one match to play away at Oakmere Park on the 7th August where we need just to half the match to win the division and promotion.

<b>DIVISION FIVE:</b>							
<b>Golf Club:</b>	<b>Played:</b>	<b>Won:</b>	<b>Halved:</b>	<b>Lost:</b>	<b>Games won:</b>	<b>Games Lost:</b>	<b>Points:</b>
Brierley Forest	5	4	0	1	17 - 1/2	7 - 1/2	12
Oakmere Park	5	3	1	1	15	10	10
Nottingham City	6	2	0	4	10 - 1/2	19 - 1/2	6
Southwell	6	1	1	4	12	18	4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **Alliance Team Captain Report**

No report, awaiting 2023/2024 fixtures.

### **Taskers Teams Captains Reports**

B Team still in 4th round. 7-0, last 8 drawn at home Uttoxeter C next Fri 4th August.

#### **Captain's Report**

Request change of date for Captain vs Vice Captain, due to Captain returning from holidays. Handicap Secretary is aware and looking into alternative date.

### **AOB**

- 1) Nat Matchett – could we finalise dates discussed last time this year's Dec Presentation (Sat 9th Dec), Kids Xmas party (Sat 16th Dec) and Brierley's 30th Anniversary (Sat 4th Nov). All agreed. These will be advertised.