

Minutes

Wednesday 31st Jan 2024 – 19:00

Apologies

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

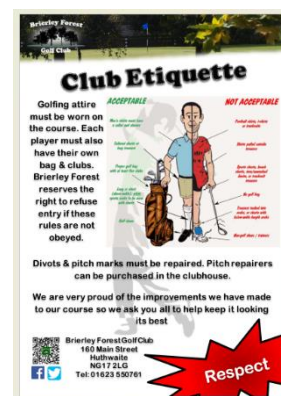
Seconded: RC

Agenda

- **Darren Lafon Anthony – raised about some confusions on competitions** particularly the 'Medalford' and details of comps being displayed. Daniel Binch (Handicap and Comp Secretary) apologised for any confusions. Medalfords are difficult to manage on the computer systems, and when less than 18 holes in play needing manual input, They are looking at being removed because of this from next year's fixtures because of these administrative difficulties. But that gross scores DB will sort and will be 8/8 holes medal/stableford. Apologised with weather of late not been as many comps played and the last being Oct 7th but assured the updates of local board, start up sheets for comps will all be sorted as we head into the main playing season.
- **Darren Lafon Anthony also raised to discuss some issues of conduct** of late such as
 - Members on course when closed
 - 5-ball groups on competition days
 - Visitors playing attire and behaviour on the course.

The Committee and management agreed appropriate actions and consequences are being taken and all the above have been addressed individually when staff are alerted via the clubhouse. There is formal complaints and in place when there is repeated offences that follow as per policies the issuing of verbal, written and consideration of bans etc.

The issue of 5Balls has already been and previously discussed at length as in Sept 27th Committee Meeting Minutes under Correspondence point 3, Page 1 with the same stance of '*Management discussed and agreed the club will continue to limit groups to a maximum of 4 players*'. All issues other raised including dress etiquette, 5ball rules etc are in our competition book, health and safety, code of conduct policies etc and posters are also up in the club house and on the website, as well as enforced by



staff on arrival. A new dress etiquette poster is being revamped by Jode Binch to continue to help reinforce.

Dress Code Please note we expect players to adhere to the dress code and observe proper golf etiquette as well as R&A and local rules of the course. The dress code includes the wearing of a t-shirt and trousers or tailored shorts with appropriate golf shoe wear. Jeans, trainers and football/sports wear is not allowed. Golf shoes are not permitted in the clubhouse.	Wed		9°	2°
	Thu		7°	5°
	Fri		12°	9°

Members can continue to help by alerting staff by the clubhouse house where marshalling on the course cannot occur with staff not able to leave the bar. We remind all members and visitors to sign in for all safety and insurance purposes as well as assisting staff to mitigate and check on the above issues.

- **Danny Armes - has asked that we discuss the possibility of adding a Nearest the Pin (optional) to our weekend comps.** This could be used to raise money to go back out onto the course.

The committee and management agree this would be a good idea and look to bring in come April/March.

- **Nat Matchett – raised as Managers Nat and Grant are members of the Golf Manager Club Association** they have regular regional and annual meetings and Committee and members welcome. These sessions are informative and include guest speakers from England Golf to talk about new handicap ruling, sustainability on the golf course from green keepers and turf management companies, managing mental health etc. Lunch and coffee are provided. Dates and agenda of these meets will be displayed in the clubhouse for anyone wanting to attend let Management know.
- **Nat Matchett raised there is new wayward posts and signage –** new health and safety signs and wooden posts with yellow tops have gone up around the course on public footpaths. Management secured funding from Notts CC for these to be installed to assist the general public/dog walkers etc to adhere to public footpaths. Phase 2 is for turnstiles to be put in to further deter motorbikes on the course.



Correspondence

- **Notts CC recent tree safety survey - need to remove two mature ash trees** on the boundary between the trail and golf course due to being in severe decline with to ash die back and will be dismantled. They are within County Council's land ownership, on the trail side, but close to our number 8 hole. The works will be completed within the next four to five weeks.

- **England Golf – WHS 5 important changes**, series of workshops leading up to April 2024 when the changes take effect. Dan Binch will be further communicating these with members via emails/posters in the clubhouse for when they take effect. To surmise the main points:
 - 1) Moving to course rating minus par
 - 2) Courses can standardise par
 - 3) Fourball betterballs scores can now count for handicap
 - 4) Introducing 'expected score' for when not all holes in play
 - 5) When playing over a non-standard number of holes e.g. less than 18 they can now be used for handicap purposes
 - 6) Shorter courses/holes can be eligible for WHS course rating
 - 7) Course handicaps will now be unrounded
- **England Golf - Community Golf Instructor Courses**, these are now live to book and are a mix of online and one face to face. Once trained, Instructors will be able to lead beginner and introductory activity independently, working in a paid or voluntary capacity, without it affecting their 'amateur status' as a golfer. Booking details on the embedded poster below:



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- **Handicap Master new addition** – been updated to allow for some of the above changes and the updated version has been downloaded in clubhouse

Management Report

Weather and record-breaking number of storms have been a huge factor in what the ground staff have been able to do and when working on the course. Therefore, they have had to complete jobs as and when weather permits and move around whilst waiting to complete others. For instance, the drainage work on the 7th and 8th will be worked on again as soon as the machines can safely go down in better weather and paths have been done in the interim.

They will continue to work on drainage, aeration and paths etc to enable the course to be winter ready and or all year round. Additional ground staff will join the team as normal of a seasonal basis from approx. March/April to assist.

Any course closures/hole closures/target greens, which can change daily have been communicated with members/visitors via the BRS on the course status as well as the website.

Drain located on 13th, discovered the pipe/drains circled in red on the picture are too high to allow drainage and needs to be lower. All drains to be connected from 13th down to 7th and 8th.



Ditches and drainage on the 7th and 8th



Hedge rows created on the 13th and 16th for better sunlight and aeration onto fairways with new paths on 1st to 2nd, 3rd and the 16th created



Treasurer Report

To 19th January 2024:

Money from previous report		£2,531.54
Paid in	Cash received from Competitions	£798.00
	Captains Charity to be paid to	£5,175.04
Total	Prostate Cancer	£8,504.58
Paid out	Competition prize vouchers	£547.00
	Printer Ink	£82.50
	Showstoppers Trophies	£592.32
	Food for presentation	£200.00

		Prostate Cancer	£5,175.04
Total paid out			£6,596.86

Funds		£8,504.58
Paid out		£6,596.86
Total funds available		£1,907.72

£7,088.52 Cheque and Interest
£5,180.80 from Captains charity
Bank
Balance

PB investigating who the cheque should be sent FAO - this is a lot of money to send in to the general address for the charity.

No reply as of 28th Jan but will update once a reply is received.

Competitions are starting to increase in frequency and numbers participating as the weather improves and the course is playable more often.

Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

Due to persistent poor weather conditions there has been very few handicapping events over the last several months. Just as a reminder single comps and general play cards can still count for handicapping purposes over reduced holes and under pick and replace conditions.

Some teething issues with open comp booking through BRS have been identified and hopefully rectified (looks ok as of Saturday 27th)

Knock out competitions have fallen significantly behind schedule (weather playing its part again) Please arrange your matches ASAP. Knock outs can be played over as many holes available and off of any tees that are open, as long as both side agree before starting the match.

Winter League is going along nicely and I believe will be a good addition to our winter fixtures. There has been occasions where players have entered cards with 'Temporary' or 'Target Greens' in use. This competition has been introduced as a trial run to help increase the number of players visiting the club over the winter months. It does not count for handicapping and there are bound to be many different course set ups over 3 months where some greens , tees , bunkers or even holes may not be in play. Where the course is open the competition may be entered. The local rule for temporary/target greens (big ring / small ring where no hole has been cut) must be followed in the same way GUR and bunkers not in play rules are followed. Where the ball lands on the line this doesn't count and the ball must be inside the line. If the ball lands in the big ring its then add plus one or if lands in the small ring this is classed as in the hole. When wanting to enter up to 5 scorecards its remined that no more than one scorecard per day could be entered as per rules of golf we cannot play the same course twice.

I have started to add this years fixtures to both BRS and Handicap Master and members should start to see these appearing on both platforms.

From this year, entry into drawn out (major) comps will be on the clubs BRS booking system. It is very straight forward and easy to navigate and will reduce the cross over and double booking from using 2 different systems, an easy to follow quick guide will be displayed in the clubhouse and across our social media platforms. If you require any further information please contact an member of staff or the committee who will help get you set up.

The draws for Major comps will take place on the Thursday of the week before the comp. this will allow members, who do not wish to play in the comp, and visitors 9 days to book any tee times not being used in the comp.

All of our opens are now available to book tee times through BRS for both members and visitors.

Captains Report and Alliance Team Report

NAPGA (Alliance) Roy Fletcher Memorial, at Oakmere on 13th Dec.

Brierley submitting 3 teams. This was a pairs competition with a twist. Team members were not in the same fourball, with scores of both players simply added together at end of the round.

Unfortunately, we were not in the prizes but a notable individual score of 39 points was returned by Kev Coupe.

Taskers Trophy. A Team has been entered into this competition, which starts in March.

(Inter-Club Knockout Golf Competition for the Over Fifties' competition is sponsored by Taskers UK Ltd.)

Anyone who wishes to enter should look out for entry form lists on notice boards in early March.

A Team Captain, Derek Gillings
Derek Gillings

B Team Captain ??????

Seniors/Taskers Teams Captains Reports

Ten fixtures arranged for 2024.

Brierley Forest B team entered for this year's Tasker trophy.

Juniors Captain Report

No Report

Ladies Captain Report

No Report

Scratch Team Captains Report

No report this month

AOB

- 1) **Paul Bough** – raised about the next **AGM** coming up Sat 23rd March 2024. Nat Matchett as Secretary to advertise upcoming details and Committee Positions for 2024-2025 via email and posters in clubhouse.
- 2) **Dale March** – raised **Captains Day** filling well, with 28 players so far, to email Dale on black_coffee1@icloud.com to book a place for May 31st at Dore and Totley. Also looking at a friendly at Alfreton in May for Captains Charity.
- 3) **Nat Matchett and Dan Binch** – raised the new **Competition book and Fixtures book** going through final checks and will be released for print aiming for 1st March.

Meeting Closed 20.31pm

Next meeting Wed 6th March

Next Annual General Meeting Sat 23rd March