

Minutes Tuesday 6th May 2025 – 19:00

Apologies

Reg Clayton	President	A	Paul Bough	Captain	P
Nat Matchett	Secretary	P	Danny Armes	Vice-Captain	P
Paul Burford	Treasurer	P	Shaun Ballentine	Seniors Captain	P
Dan Binch	H/Cap Secretary	P			
Matt Harvey	Gen Comm	P	Henry Binch	Gen Comm	P
Dave Hill	Gen Comm	A	Roy Cantrill	Gen Comm	P
Dale Marsh	Gen Comm	A	Paul Griffin	Gen Comm	P
John Webster	Gen Comm	A	Nigel Hart	Gen Comm	P
Derek Gillings	Gen Comm	P			
Dan Nelson	Gen Comm	A			
Grant Matchett	Management	P			

P = Present

A = Apologies

N = Not Present

Previous Minutes

Were read & accepted as a true record.

Proposed: PB Seconded: GM

Agenda

- AGM – Minutes now available usual spot in webpage after delaying due to website software upgrades and renewal
- NM – Handicap Master also due for renewal, all agree to continue with both systems of BRS and HM (£637.20 Gold Ed) as the most cost efficient and appropriate systems needed for bookings, comps, handicaps etc at BFGC
- NM – Bag tags, any new members to have a committee orange colour bag tag and Dale M and Paul Bough to pass their Captains and Vice Captains bags tags on

Matters Arising (Not on Agenda)

- None

Correspondence

- N/A.

Management Report

OVERALL COURSE UPDATE

- Rough Machine back after 4 weeks in service still awaiting cost, but hence why rough been a little longer than usual
- Tees and aprons machine needs hydraulic radiator coolant part and will be out of action for possible 2 weeks. Baroness company quoted 2K but green staff and

management trying to source from other companies and have designed for £800. Can use fairway mower to assist in the machines absence currently

- Bunkers all trimmed and tidied need filling with sand
- All ditched cleaned and tidied with Turan coming up
- Red 10th tee now complete needs bedding in
- X4 new flags arrived but two taken again at weekend. These cost £45 each printed at a time.
- New cups
- Mark T and Mick H have been helping extra on the course to assist in catching up as approx 3 weeks behind to where we want to be
- New sand and fertiliser spreader purchased at £1500

GREENS MANAGEMENT AND PLAN

- Top dressed all the greens
- Seed for tees and aprons arrived at cost of 2.5k but cannot seed due to temps not being high enough and was a frost this morning for instance
- Watering most days at moment, some members reporting that the greens are not being watered. Again, this is due to the above changes in weather being too hot or a frost (nothing will grow below 7 degrees) to be able to water, plus other factors to consider of disease on some, but where we can we have. Our water bill raised due to constant dry weather the invoice in April was £2500 from £250 a month – which we hope further demonstrates the amount of extra watering taking place.
- Chemical programme from Indigrow available for whole course incl greens of wetting agents, fertilisers etc at a cost of 10k, the report is on the bar for you to look at
- Nigel Hart added that he thought all was doing a great job and that other courses he had played in plus his daughter owning a golf club that all was in the same boat with struggling with hard greens etc.

PRO SHOP

- To be restocked in the next few weeks, GM in deals with Srixon, Adidas etc. This will also be hoped to be used again as the point of entry for all golfers when signing in so dedicated attention can be given to members and visitors when signing in on any comps, local rules in play, dress etiquette etc
- Once this occurs other changes such as the kitchen door will remain shut and we are looking to knock in a wall inside the clubhouse where the DJ stand is into the pro-shop
- New visitor loyalty cards have been launched since the AGM, plus for members we are using them currently for buggies and looking at other options to collect e.g. meals once further in use

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

- Beer garden open, new umbrellas given by Heineken for tables, new trampoline donated by one of members to arrive soon
- Planning for repainting of inside clubhouse underway, paint being fetched at the weekend to revamp, plus tables inside to be stripped and redone in next few weeks
- Work started on outside of clubhouse for new decking area at front to keep wheelchair access pathway clear and further seating for members at front of club on new decking
- Paint work on the outside being undertaken to revamp outside of building.

- Both the decking and painting outside have be paid personally by Paul B at a cost of 2.7K
- Looking to take down sim for 6 months to enable further room space and use and new netting for practice nets being sourced

Captains Report

I'm still in my infancy, just 5 weeks into my captaincy, I have already realised that you need organisation and communication skills and that you certainly could not do this role on your own.

Yesterday, we had the Mayday Captains Bank Holiday Funday Competition.

It was a huge success, due to the many people who assisted me: and I would like to thank,

The bar staff, Leanne, Lauren, Natalie, Gary, Grant, Tash and Libbie, they also did all the cooking in the kitchen

To Taylor Harvey who did the barbeque, outside.

To Caroline Matchett, who came in early and gave out the scorecards and collected the money for the competition and the raffle

To the people who donated prizes for the raffle

To Dan Binch for collecting and marking the score cards

To DJ Dan for setting up the music.

To the 68 people who played golf and the many other people who attended during the day.

Communication is difficult, despite the help of Natalie and Jodie Binch putting things on social media, producing posters etc. it appears a lot of people do not read or look at them.

I have a friendly golf match against Alfreton GC next Wednesday 14th May starting at 4pm.

Despite a list being on the captain's notice board for over 2-weeks, I still only have 6 players, and I need 12.

I would not like to be embarred having to ring them to inform them of my lack of numbers, so, anyone wishing to play, please either contact myself, our staff or put your name and contact on the list

Captain's away day is on Friday the 30th of May at Lees Hall GC, South Sheffield, currently, I have 48 people who ae playing, I have booked for 64 people.

I have informed Michael Ramsden, the PGA Pro at the club and he is fine about it and told me he will keep those tee times open to us in case anyone else wishes to attend and also if not, to act as a buffer between us and their members.

Anyone else wishing to attend, please contact myself or any of our staff to be put on the list.

Can I remind you that I need to pay in full soon, plus buy the prizes for the captains table and raffle, so would appreciate any outstanding payments has soon as possible

Paul H Bough IENG MIET S/M

BFGC Captain

Treasurer Report

Treasurers Financial Report to 3 May

Money from previous report	3 May 2025	£2,339.22
Paid in	Cash received from Competitions to 3/5/25	£487.00
Total		£2,826.22
Paid out	Taskers	£120.00
Total paid out		£120.00

Funds		£2,826.22
Paid out		£120.00
Total funds available		£2,706.22

Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

- The matchplay competitions from 2024 are now complete and the Majestic Trophy is well underway. Please ensure matches are played as soon as possible. The sign up sheets for the summer league will soon be on the bar.
- Major (board) comps are being well supported and can be entered through the BRS booking system up to 5 weeks before the date of the comp.
- Members are reminded that scorecards need to be fully complete and legible before being returned into the competition box. There have been many instances of cards being returned with names, dates, and signatures missing which have led to DQ's from competitions. An example of a completed scorecard can be found in the competition book situated near the computer or through the members section on the club website.
- We had the lowest number of players qualify for the Medal and Stableford Finals. This is mostly because our course rating and the introduction of the course rating - par. This means fewer players are achieving scores of level par or better. We have a couple of options available to us, one of which is to remove the 95% adjustment applied to singles competitions meaning players would play off 100% course handicap. We looked at the possibility of introducing this to singles comps but the Rules of Handicapping does not allow for this to happen. I would also like to consider looking at setting up a top 50 players qualify (or another number) as a safety net should the numbers remain low.

Dan

DB also asked NM to print out Summer League sign in sheet for the bar – NM to action

Scratch Team Captains Report

Played away 1st game of season at Notts City, we won 3 – 2 away and then won 3 ½ to 1 and ½ at home. Thank you to Mark T to stepping in when players were short.

To play Ruddington and Mapperwell x4 Home and Away

New team t-shirts been ordered and

Alliance Team Report NAPGA (Alliance) napga.co.uk

After 9 rounds, Brierley Forest lie in 6 th place in the league table of 22 teams.

Highest placed individual is Paul Burford who is in 4 th place, only 17 points behind the leader.

3 more fixtures remain, and we wish Paul the best of success and hopefully he can secure best amateur score at the end of the series.

Next round is at Norwood Park on the 7 th of May. The remaining fixtures are, Coxmoor (22 nd May) and Beeston Fields (28 th May).

Senior Taskers Report

Taskers A Team were beaten 2½-4½ against Branston GC in the Taskers Trophy on the 11th of April. The next fixture is at home against Chevin B in the Taskers Plate. Date to be arranged, either 24 th or 25 th May at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to be considered for selection, please add their name and contact number to the list in the cabinet (above the computer).

Taskers B – SB reported that they unfortunately lost 1st match 4-3, the next match on 19th May at home against Ashby De Coy 12.30pm.

Senior Captain Report

Lost to Bullwell Forest away, at home won against Beuchmon. Rematch away next. Then 3 home matches, Thurs 15th May need 12 players against Oakmere, Tasker 19th May and 2nd June

Juniors Captain Report

No Report

Ladies Captain Report

No Report

AOB

- Matt H – Asked about lift, rake and place as noted some Scratch Team clubs did this and could we. DB Handicap and Comp Secretary mentioned that id Handicapping we cannot, but Scratch team as a local rule you could look at this. Normally bunkers are in or out of play. Roy C added can you take relief or get a free drop in ball lands in bunker liner, Dan B advised relief in bunker
- Dan B – Sunday Bank Hol Comp was a great success but some feedback he heard on the day particularly from women and children was if the day could be moved from the Monday to the Sunday to allow for work and school commitments so could stay longer. This is something the management, Captain and Committee can look at for the next one in August this year
- GM – not many turned up for the Dave Gibson Open, which was disappointing due the Open being in honour of a past member, friend to many and staff members brother. Heard due to course conditions and members not paying. GM pointed out at the AGM where issues can be raised in the right way no more than a couple of members turned up and was a poor show. On the same note of raising complaints, no one has used the comments box or took

management aside as correct procedures, instead the management and staff team have had unprecedented verbal abuse in the clubhouse from members and often after alcohol has been consumed. This has impacted significantly on management and staffs mental health and not wanting to come to work. **This is not acceptable, therefore a new zero tolerance to any form of staff abuse will be implemented.**

- SB – Senior Open 16th May still spaces, try to plus as much as can. NM mentioned this was on a poster in clubhouse, on Empire Golf and BRS website and system plus social media.

Finished – 8.30pm

Next Meeting – Tues 17th June 2025, 7pm