

Minutes

Tuesday 12th Dec 2023 – 19:00



Apologies

Darren Lafon-Anthony	Chairperson	P	Derek Gillings	Captain	P
Nat Matchett	Secretary	P	Dale Marsh	Vice-Captain	P
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	A	Robert Bullock	Gen Comm	P
Danny Armes	Observer	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: Nigel Hart

Seconded: Roy Cantrill

Matters Arising

- **Winter League** – kick off 1st Dec! With special thanks to Alan Bite, Rob Bullock and Dan Binch particularly for all their hard work in getting this up and running and to the rest of the committee for their input. Rob B has kindly donated a wonderful trophy last week. Thank you to all the members who have signed up and supported this competition so far, we hope its successful as this trial period.
- **Competition Book** – new edition underway. Will be in print from and available on the website from April 2024.
- **Next year's fixtures book** – new addition underway. Will be in print and available on the website from April 2024.
- **Majestic Trophy** – replacement trophy has arrived this week to replace the damaged trophy
- **Old Honours Boards** – discussed ongoing room/storage with developments in the clubhouse Management are struggling to find a suitable place to store. **Call to members** if anyone would be interested in them and to get in touch with management or the committee by Jan 24th. After this date the boards will be looked to be repurposed by an interested rugby club.



- **Lost Property** – building up with lots of items being in storage for months/years. Discussed any proposals to help re-find owners e.g. Charity second handrail, any lost or unwanted members clothes, can be purchased with part of funds going to Captains Charity. Committer decided to have the items brought into the clubhouse and tagged for a month and by that date to be thrown if unclaimed. **Call to members** – please do check the lost property items when you are next at the clubhouse.
- **Committee members** – we welcomed Danny Armes to observe today's committee meet as he wanted to be involved and have input. The committee thanks Danny for his interest. Before votes from Danny was included the Committee checked the constitution and confirmed that for votes/how many members allowed on the committee was 15 plus the Executive positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. Welcome aboard Danny!

Correspondence

- **Derek Gillings** – to discuss Taskers Trophy entry/entries for competition in 2024. Decided to have x2 teams again and A team to be led by Derek Gillings and B team kindly volunteered to be led by Nigel Hart. Derek Gillings to arrange entry fees with Paul Burford as Treasurer and submit.
- **Jeremy Sheppard** – email correspondence received regarding some queries for competitions/the Competition Book. Please see the Committee responses below in italics. Thank you to Dan Binch for all his expertise and advise in this area to guide the Committees following thoughts and discussions:

- 1) Max handicap on Major competitions is this 24 or as the competition book states 28? Can this be confirmed & updated in the competition book please.

The Committee can confirm max handicap for men is 28.

This was brought up at AGM in March 2022 to be followed up in matters arising in April committee meeting on Wednesday 27th as below caption:

'Majors handicap allowance being reduced from 29 handicap index for men to 24. Dan advised that the average handicap index is 22.5 in recent Majors with only 4 above 30. Majors are set up in equal divisions to allow all levels of player the chance to win money. 24 is possibly too low as it would wipe out Div 3. Dan Binch proposed reducing to 28 shots received. Derek proposed seniors handicap being higher which Dan Binch advised wasn't possible with the software even if we wanted to. Grant advised most opens are max 28 shots received. Liam advised that we currently work on handicap index rather than shots received & this could mean additional shots are given in team events due to percentages being removed but only max of 1 shot more so deemed not to be an issue. Liam also suggested reducing the ladies down by the same amount from 37 handicap index to 35 shots received. Voted & Not Passed! Voted on Dan Binch's proposal of 28 shots received & Passed! This is a trial until the next meeting to see how it runs. If successful, this will be updated in the Competition Book (AGM AOB 1)'

This is up to date in the Competition book.

Handicap percentages are taken off the course handicap. This means your Handicap Index is converted using the conversion table into the course handicap. The playing handicap is then calculated using the following formula.

Course Handicap x Percentage as decimal = Playing Handicap
 $20 \times 0.95 = 17.1$ (Rounded to 17)

Maximum strokes received for all Majors is 28 for Men & 37 for Ladies.

- 2) Can you also confirm if this relates to the Handicap Index, Course Handicap or Playing Handicap as it's not very clear in the competition book. It states in the competition book "Maximum strokes received for all Majors" maybe we should change the wording for strokes received to playing handicap for consistency.

The Committee agreed maximum strokes received is an easily recognisable golf term used in most golf clubs around the world and refers to the maximum shots a player will receive after all calculations from Handicap Index to Course Handicap to Playing Handicap. If, after all the calculations, their playing handicap exceeds the maximum strokes, it is then reduced to the stated maximum. Our handicap operating system does this automatically when the parameters are set.

☒ Set a limit to Course Handicaps used to calculate Playing Handicaps

Men:

Ladies:

Screen shots from Handicapmaster.

- 3) Also, the maximum handicap for Major competitions does not change if the competition is only for 10 holes. Theoretically someone could have a handicap index of 42 and play off yellow tees with a course handicap of 44. This would give them a playing handicap of 24.44 with the 10/18s applied so still being below the max 24. In my opinion, the maximum handicap of 24 should only relate to 18 holes and be reduced pro rata for Major competitions played over reduced holes e.g. max handicap 13 over 10 holes.

While it may not happen too often, both the Dave Smith Shield and Valentines have been played over reduced holes in the past. This could apply to any major over any reduced holes. For example, if only 9 holes were open, we could limit at 14 max. Committee agreed easiest way to navigate this would be to add a Reduced Holes section in the Competition Book stating for these competitions to work out the max shots that can be received it will use the number of holes open / 18ths to. Nat Matchett to action for the updated Competition book for April 2024.

- 4) Finally, countback on competitions with reduced holes currently follows the same rules as 18 holes so last 9 holes. I would like to propose that the count back should be 50 percent of the round e.g. 5 holes then 3 holes and 1 hole thereafter in a 10-hole competition. I think this is a fairer system rather than just excluding the 1st hole. Whatever the decision, can this be added to the competition book as this would reduce misinterpretation in the future.

Again, our handicapping software automatically takes care of this. Using recommended guidance from the rules of golf, e.g. for 18 holes the winner is determined based on score for last 9, 6, 3 holes and finally 18th hole. For a round less than 18 holes, the same format of the last 9, 6, 3 and final hole played – see below screenshot. Whilst Jeremy's point was appreciated by the Committee it was agreed to continue the same ruling as per rules of golf coupled with how the system works as explained by Dan Binch the Handicap and Competition Secretary, who is unable to change the way the system conducts the countback. Committee agreed to continue with the same ruling but to add a Reduced Holes section in the competition book as above. Nat Matchett to action for the updated Competition book for April 2024.

Matching Scorecards ("Countback") to resolve a TieFor Previous Next

Where the option **Match Scorecards ("Countback")** is selected as the method to resolve ties in a stroke-play competition, the method used in HandicapMaster follows the R&A and USGA recommendations in the Rules of Golf (Committee Procedures, Section 5A(6)).

<https://www.randa.org/en/troq/2019/rules/committee-procedures/5a6/>

This method is

- For competitions over more than one round**
For 36, 54 and 72-hole multiple-round competitions, the winner is determined based on the best score for the last round.
If the tying players have the same score for the last round, then card matching for over the last 18-holes is employed, the same as a single round competition.
- For single-round competitions (18-hole rounds)**
The winner is determined based on the score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole in turn.
If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn.
- For single-round competitions (Rounds over less than 18 holes)**
The winner is determined based on the score for the last nine holes played, last six holes played, last three holes played and finally the last hole played in turn.

Management Report

Upcoming Events

Childrens Members Xmas Party – 16th Dec

Christmas Craft Fair – 17th Dec

New Years Eve Party – 31st December

Clubhouse

- **New EV Car Charging Points**- to soon go live and hope to boost revenue of wet sales/food from customers who use the charging points
- **Sports Massage** pop up clinic hopefully monthly and ongoing discount for members
- **Welcome to Birra Moretti!**
- **Xmas Party and Presentation evening** – enormous thank you to all involved and to our Captain Dereck for keeping smooth running's and to Dan, Paul Burford and all the Committee for the planning and organisation of the event to make it a success. Thank you also to Jode Binch for all the new printed Honours Boards which look great and the wonderful catering.
- **Opens** – all BFGC opens for 2024 have been added to Empire Golf

Golf Course

- Much the same with difficult weather conditions but the green staff have been working on drainage and ditches with many trees removed on the 13th green and the hedge row to allow more sunlight and ventilation. A stump grinder will be used when dryer conditions.
- Logs – management want to make it clear that the green staff attend to the course first and foremost. As part of this it is sometimes necessary for tree removal due to ash die back, drainage or damages to trees. Only when the course is unable to be reached by green staff in adverse weather conditions and the clubhouse is up to speed will the green staff as a byproduct of removing the trees for drainage/damage, work on them to store them. Any money is reimbursed back into the club.



Thank you for all the members, committee, visitors and staff support in 2023 – Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, here is to continuing to develop and improve our membership experiences for 2024 with all your ongoing help and support.

The Management Team and All the Brierley Staff.

Treasurer Report

Not much to report. There has been approx. £100 go in with the reduced comps of late due to the weather and approx. £200 paid out for our recent members Christmas presentation buffet. Approx. £500 to the 'Show Stoppers' shop for the presentations trophy's.

Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

- Due to recent weather and course conditions, very few competitions have taken place over the last couple of months. Where the course has been playable comps have taken place over reduced holes under normal Club rules with our operating system (Handicap Master) conducting the necessary calculations to keep us in line with England Golf's rules of golf.

- We recently conducted the Annual Review of Handicaps as required by England golf. This automated review highlighted five players for handicap adjustment and a further eight were picked up by the handicap committee. Almost all of the players highlighted were for increases to their handicaps and most have asked not to have their handicap increased. Thanks to Paul Bough and Nigel Hart for their help.

- The New winter league competition is now underway, and a lot of work and planning has gone into getting this comp going. Thanks to all the committee involved and we hope this first trial of this comp is successful. Information posters are up around the clubhouse and on social media. There is also a booklet behind the bar with information on key details.

- All opens for 2024 are now set up and available to book for members and visitors through BRs here is the link: [Open Golf Competitions in England \(brsgolf.com\)](https://brsgolf.com)

- Many thanks need to go to everyone involved in the running of the recent Xmas Party and Presentation Evening. There was over 80 Members and their guests in attendance and the night was an enormous success. Special mentions need to go to all the Management and bar staff, our Secretary Nat, Treasurer Burf, Captain Derek and Vice Dale for all their efforts on the night and the smooth running of the presentation of prizes. Also, a special thanks to my wife Jode for the catering. I hope a great night was had by all and thank you to all the members for their continued support.

Merry Christmas to everyone and a happy New Year. Handicap and Club Competition Secretary Dan Binch.

Juniors Captain Report

No Report

Ladies Captain Report

No Report

Scratch Team Captains Report

The fixtures for 2024 have been released with Brierley Forest staying in Division 5 with the following fixtures:

Round 1: 8/4/24 Brierley Forest v Nottingham City

Round 2: 22/4/24 [Bye]

Round 3: 7/5/24 Ruddington Grange v Brierley Forest

Round 4: 20/5/24 Southwell v Brierley Forest

Round 5: 10/6/24 Brierley Forest v Bulwell Forest

Round 6: 24/6/24 Nottingham City v Brierley Forest

Round 7: 8/7/24 [Bye]

Round 8: 15/7/24 Brierley Forest v Ruddington Grange

Round 9: 5/8/24 Brierley Forest v Southwell

Round 10: 12/8/24 Bulwell Forest v Brierley Forest

We came so close to promotion last year only to be pipped at the post away at Oakmere Park. Unfortunately, our last game will be away as per last year but I believe we can go on and win promotion this year.

I'll be looking for a good solid team that can win both home and away and will be asking the majority of players from the last team to commit again for next years' matches.

We also have the Interclub Foursomes 1st Round fixture which is against Beeston Fields at Bulwell Forest on Monday 29th April. I will be asking for two volunteers from the scratch team to play in this match (or someone to partner me if it's anything like last years tumbleweed-esk response).

Captains Report and Alliance Team Captain Report

REACH Learning Disability.

A donation of £2000.00 was made to Captains Charity, REACH Learning Disability.

By donating early, (within a time slot of 30 th Nov to 5 th Dec,) as opposed to end of Captains tenure in March, our donation was doubled.

- Donation date: 1 December 2023, 12:03 GMT

- Donor: Derek5460 Gillings

- Total for Reach Learning Disability: £4,000.00

- Donation: £2,000.00

- Gift Aid: £0.00

- Match Funds: £2,000.00

Donation reference: pi_3OIVP3KkGuKkxwBN0rbxKvMg

A Christmas raffle, with prizes to value of over £300.00, is running over the next week and will be drawn on Sunday 17 th Dec. Please purchase your tickets from the bar to help us continue our efforts to support REACH Learning Disability into 2024.

NAPGA (Alliance)

Oakmere, 15 th November. BFGC finished mid table in the team event, but enough to keep us in 6th place overall in the league after five order of merit events. Top scorer in team was Kevin Coupe (35 points).

The fixture at Ruddington Grange (28 th Nov.), was postponed until 2024, due to course conditions. An alternative pairs competition was held at Oakmere, with our highest placed pair, Paul Burford and Jason Coupe, scoring 52 points.

Next fixture, Roy Fletcher Memorial, is at Oakmere on 13 th Dec. This is a pairs competition, with Derek Gillings and Darren Lafon-Anthony representing BFGC.

Captain.
Derek Gillings.

Taskers Teams Captains Reports

Not a lot to report but Nigel Hart will be standing down as Senior Captain, anyone interested to discuss with Nigel. Nigel has organised x 10 matches already for the Seniors for 2024.

It is also the Seniors annual Xmas Dinner Party at the clubhouse tomorrow and thanks all those in advance for their attendance and the staff/management for hosting

AOB

- **Nat Matchett** – informed the Committee of ongoing issues with motorbikes vandalising the course, Management to try and reduce this risk has got in touch with Ashfield District Council for their advice. Since they have pointed us to Notts CC and they have sent out a 'Rights of Way Officer' who is looking at funding x6 wayward posts around the course to encourage anyone around the course to adhere to public footpaths. They are also looking at the possibility of styles to prevent the entry of motorbikes.
- **Sponsorship of holes** – has been met well and you will start to see the new sponsor signs appearing on the hole boards, If anyone else is interested please do get in touch with the Management team

Meeting Closed 8.23pm

Next Meeting Wed 24th Jan 2024