

Minutes Wednesday 17th May 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	A			
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
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: Nigel Hart and Roy Cantrill

Matters Arising

- Course Record and hole in one board have not yet been installed. Natalie checked with Liam and the hole in one board is updated including Steve Beadle's and is ready to print. Natalie to check with Dan Binch who has passed his apologies today to gain all course records and liase with Jode Binch to print copy of scoresheets onto board, may look to separate course record and hole in one board, Paul Burford has spare one for this (Matters arising).
- Jeremy & Dan Nelson to provide update on new trophy bases Jeremy & Dan Nelson were looking to provide update on new trophy bases. Dan Nelson was to provide costs today but has passed apologies, Grant confirmed he had spoken to Dan Nelson who is aware and has measurements and to provide price before next committee meeting to be done for next presentation evening. (Matters Arising)

Correspondence

- A Club Handicap Workshop was ran by Notts Union on Monday 13th March in which Dan Binch and Paul Bough attended. Was informative and well attended.
- Mark Sheppard a visitor asking about open results list (not just winners) being published on website after attending the Dave Gibson open. Management asking if this could be considered for all opens. Committee agreed would be good idea to publish results via the use of social media, Natalie to liase with Dan and Jodie Binch to publish next opens on social media and Natalie to upload on website.
- NGU and EGU being finalised at £20 per person, a list will be published in the club house for people to be able to tick off when paid due end of May. This is for insurance and handicap upkeep purposes.

- Annual Maintenance Renewal for HandicapMaster Software is due 31st May 2023 at £615.60. management and committee agreed to pay half each for this Natalie to liaise with grant and Paul Burford for payment.

Management Report

Clubhouse.

We have now leased our kitchen to Carl & Vicky.

Their current opening hours are as follows:

Monday Closed

Tuesday to Friday 9am – 2pm

Saturday & Sunday 8am – 3pm

They are also opening during the fiddle on a Thursday evening. Opening will continue to be reviewed, thank you for all your support so far and we hope it can be a success.

They also offer 'Just Eat' for deliveries under 3-mile radius.

The food has had very good reviews for quality and price.

Events

Coronation Weekend

Celebrating the coronation of a King Charles, the main event was held on Sunday the 7th of May, luckily, the weather was good and it was very well attended, thank you for all your support to this and the Dave Gibson open which was on the same day.

Other Events booked.

Trisha Medium	Monday June 19 th
Marie's Charity Party	Saturday June 26 th
Trisha Medium	Saturday 23 rd September
Halloween	Friday & Saturday 27 th & 28 th October
Childrens Xmas Party	December Date TBC
New Years Eve	December 31 st

Advertising Social Media

Natalie and the management team would like to thank Jodie Binch for all her expertise, help and support in her assistance with the advertising across the BFGC social media accounts. Jodie is also helping us with posters in the clubhouse and has produced a new fiddle card. Thank you - we hope you have all enjoyed the new look, information and feel on the pages.

Bingo & Card Bingo.

We have bingo and card bingo now every Tues and Friday night, unless an event is being held in We always welcome your support.

Pro Shop

As promised, we have set up in partnership with Steve and Martin, 2 golf professionals from Forest Hills Golf Club, the pro shop has re-opened and is now stocked with quality equipment and clothing.

They will also offer golf lessons/tuition and golf clubs can now be purchased made to measure for you with length, loft and lie.

They have a large stock of clubs and equipment at their golf course and have promised to match or beat any price from any online retailer or golf shop.

Please feel free to visit the pro shop.

Clubhouse Hire

Ian Clarke hires one room for furniture restoration.

Gail Noble hires out a room for hair and beauty.

Carl & Vicky hire out the kitchen.

Course

We are continuing to lay paths to ensure that buggies can get around the course during wet conditions.

We appreciate everyone's frustrations of late due to ongoing wet weather. But we now have x 3 members of green staff to start next week due to the change of conditions, Grass seed, sand and week killer has arrived this week to dress the greens.

6 flag poles damaged or stolen in the last 4 weeks, we have therefore purchased 10 more new flags.

A new ditch has been dug on the 6th fairway and access bridge has been laid.

Currently trying to negotiate a greens roller and tree cutter, which has been in demonstration and we have been happy with the results, which hopefully will be a welcomed investment by the management to improve the course.

Pool

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

We are in division 1.

The league has already started, as yet, we have not had a fixture, but have a cup game next Thursday 18th May.

Anyone interested in joining our pool team, please let any member of our bar staff know and they will put you in touch with Sarah Keeling, our pool team captain.

BRS System/Golf Now

Been in contact with BRS/Golf now for new system for booking online for members and visitors, which is in use for over 200 courses in UK and Ireland currently.

Currently in transition and going through staff training, we will then be able to introduce a up to date system to benefit the visitors and our members to book.

Communications will be sent about this and the associated app to use. Handicap master still in use for Major comps and handicap purposes.

Treasurer Report

No report

Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

Competitions

The new season is now underway after a very wet, rain affected start. We have seen several comps postponed due to the weather, but hopefully everything should run as scheduled from now on (fingers crossed).

Can everyone please arrange their match play games as soon as possible. I am aware that the dates have needed to be changed over recent weeks due to the weather and bank holidays, but we need to get these caught up ASAP.

Major competitions are open for bookings 5 weeks prior to the date of the comp, so to avoid disappointment please book in as early as possible.

The 1 st few comps of this season have been added to the OOM leader board and Stableford and Medal Finals qualifying tables have been re=reset and can be viewed on Master Scoreboard.

Handicaps

Before the season started, the handicap committee carried out a review of members handicaps. This review was carried out using all available evidence including many reports that are available to run from the World Handicapping System platform.

We identified 7 reductions and 11 increases from these reports. 3 of the players identified for increases to their handicap asked if they could not have the increase applied, as they didn't want their handicap to go up. We accepted their wishes and their handicaps were left as they were.

Juniors Captain Report

No Report

Ladies Captain Report

No Report

Seniors Captain Report

Thank you to the senior members for their continued support.

Two matches played to date

Away at Bulwell Forest won 4-2

Home to Alfreton won 5.5-0.5

Next match away at Bulwell Hall on Wednesday 17th May

The seniors Tasker team won their first round Match at Worksop A by 5.5 to 1.5

Second round home to Ormonde Fields A on Saturday 27th May

Scratch Team Captain Report

Brierley Forest Golf Club scratch team are entered in Division 5 this year with myself as Captain for the first time. There is one goal in mind – promotion!

We have had a decent response for playing members and I believe we have a decent squad who can definitely get us to our goal. And what a start we had...

27th March 2023 – Home to Nottingham City Golf Club

The first match was at home and what a result we had, an emphatic 5-0 victory.

Aaron Hopkinson won 3&2

Dan Stonham won 6&5

Brian Slaney won 2up

Tony Hunt won 7&6

Lewis Rutter won 2up

I would like to congratulate all the players and I would also like to thank Grant and the team for putting on sausage and chips after the match.

17th April 2023 – Away to Southwell Golf Club

Unfortunately 2 players from the victorious team in the previous match couldn't make this one and we fielded a slightly revised team.

Tony Searston won 2&1

Jason Burnham lost

Jack Giles halved

Dwayne Soar halved

Aaron Hopkinson won 4&3

Great away win for the team at a tricky course.

Next match is at home to Southwell on 2nd May – bring it on.

Alliance Team Captain Report

BFGC lie in 5th place after 11 of 12 rounds.

With the top 8 teams to qualify for the finals, BFGC look set to be eligible for Harry Brown Trophy team play offs at the end of May.

We have four players in the top 20 amateur standings, with Jason Coupe, lying in 10th position after 11 of 12 rounds.

We are looking to have a good final round at Oakmere (24th May) hoping to elevate some of our players into the top ten slots to take part in the national finals.

Team Captain, Mr David Foulstone.

Taskers Teams Captains Reports

BFGC A Team won their first round match at home against Matlock, 6 – 1.

Round 2 is against Lutterworth at home on 27th May.

Anyone wishing to be considered for selection should add their name to the sheet on the Captains notice board.

(Terms and Conditions of eligibility, age and handicap, are on the sheet).

AOB

1. Discussed the frequency of committee meetings, all agreed to keep 4 weekly in summer and 6 weekly in winter
2. Discussed a date for the upcoming Summer Ball/presentation. provisionally looked at using June 17th Alongside invitation Since Natalie has liaised with committee members who weren't able to be present and due to Dan Binch and Pau Burford and others being on holiday agreed to change the date to July 1st Sat to allow for a 6 month cut off of trophy's and time.
3. Friendlies. We recently played two friendlies at home. Alfreton, where we won 6-0. Ormonde Fields where we won 5 – 1. Both visiting team captains complimented BFGC on our friendly hospitality. Return fixtures (away) next year, where they will both surely seek revenge.
4. Paul Burford explained been unable to access bank in Jeremy absence awaiting his return from holiday but gave update of ingoing/outgoings of previous (£2183.00) and current balances (£2643.89)
5. Grant gave update on meeting with England Golf regarding course rating and slope rating to be assessed again due to refusal of BFGC members into open competitions and allegations of cheating, they explained only assess 2-3 golf courses a year and BFGC not due until approx. 2028. They are currently happy with our rating despite previous appeal, Dan Binch informed and is deeply frustrated over these allegations and is contacting Val Dalwaite regarding these serious allegations that is upsetting for management, the committee and whole club to resolve.
6. Paul Burford raised from management report the position of the white out of bound stakes on the 8th. Grant and green staff to review current position and adjust accordingly where possible. Paul Burford also asked if paths were being edged and they currently are belong to keep in as much as possible
7. Derek raised from the management report regarding stones getting into the bunkers and if management could look at storage of the sand, management to review current storage and look at possibilities for alternative ways of storing sand. Green staff to review current bunkers with stones and remove.
8. Dereck mentioned for Captains Away Day 2nd June 2023, all money is due the coach included is £20 PP ,7.30am carpark and its card payment only at the venue.
9. Alan and committee mentioned need for a comments box and Darren agreed as will help filter across management and committee to aid comments and provide responses together.

Meeting Closed: 20.05pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th June 2023 - 19:00 start