

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD
ON 7th April 2025**

Members:

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| Kevin Drane (KD) | Chairman | | |
| Matt Fawcett (MF) | Past Captain & Competition | Pat Phillips (PP) | Secretary/Vice Captain |
| Ian Brookes (IB) | Handicap Secretary | Toby Morgan(TM) | General Manager |
| John Hatfield (JH) | Chairman | Nigel Sim (NS) | Treasurer |
| Peter White (PW) | Club Captain | Kathy Lane (KL) | Lady Captain |
| Gary Peachey (GP) | Management | | |
| Ruth Collins (RC) | Rules & liaison | Paul Tracey (PT) | Head Greenkeeper |

| Item | Reports and Discussion | Action Owner & Target Date |
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| Attendees | Apologies for Absence: Nigel Sim, Kevin Drane, Paul Tracey | |
| Previous meeting | Minutes proposed by Peter White, seconded by Ian Brookes | PP to publish on members website. MF to place in folder. |
| Matters Arising | <p>Members Guide:</p> <p>TM Stated that he is now reviewing the document mentioned in February meeting. He asked if KD could confirm if this was the document that he refers to in his revised document. TM also stated that the new members do not receive this document on there joining as members. GP stated that he was unaware of this and does not no why as they should receive a copy of terms and conditions of the membership.</p> <p>PP asked about the members survey. TM response was that the email addresses had all now been updated and the survey will be going out the end of April. It was asked if this could as it has been discussed and in the minutes for a number of months now</p> | TM to issue survey end of April |
| | <p>Electronic Payments:</p> <p>This will be discussed at the next meeting due to NS absence. KD had met with Richard Jordan and discussed this with him, and he was going to contact Club V1</p> | |

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| | <p>Team Clothing:</p> <p>PP advised all team clothing had arrived and been handed out to 70% of members. MF asked the preferred colour for trousers, KD response was Black</p> | PP to issue remaining clothing |
| | <p>Cadet Section:</p> <p>KD still to arrange meeting with Matt from pro shop to discuss .</p> | KD to arrange meeting with Matt |
| | <p>Members Website:</p> <p>PP advised that the members website was now up and running and an email would be circulated to all members advising them of this</p> | PP to issue email |
| | <p>Club Cabinet:</p> <p>PW had spoken with Roy Parker and at present no date had been confirmed for the install</p> | PW to contact Roy Parker |
| | <p>Pace of Play:</p> <p>JH stated that there was not a set example for pace of paly. He also said it is difficult to encourage players to speed up and the etiquette of some players is not good. It was stated that the average time to play 1 Hole is 13 mins which equates to 4Hours for a round. TM Stated that if members are being held up they should ring the pro shop and advise, and management would investigate.</p> | |
| | <p>Stroke Index Review:</p> <p>RC sated that this would be difficult to change, MF responded that holes 1 &2 would be easy to change and RC agreed. GP sated that it was carried out at Stock Brook, but this was done from stats over a 5-year period on Whites and Yellow Tees. RC and MF to review the Kings course stats and come up with a proposal.</p> <p>TM asked if he can be advised as they will be looking at ordering new cards in the near future</p> | RC/MF to review and advise for next meeting |

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| | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>I am pleased to report that we are currently showing an excess of income over expenditure of £1,068.69 .</p> <p>Apart from a couple of competition winners, there is no further income to be accounted for. On the cost side, all outstanding invoices have been paid, which includes the new team kit and Peter Frisker's gift. The catering costs for the Stock Brook Manor match have been settled as well.</p> <p>On the shirt front, 55 people have paid their dues of £30. This meant that the cost to the 100 Club Project Fund was £2076.00. This leaves us with a surplus of £1,958.50 on the Project Fund Account. A small number of extra shirts have been ordered and will be settled upon receipt of the invoice. I have an accrual to date, of approximately £1,000 concerning the Captains Honorarium, which if considered, would reduce our excess income over expenditure to £68.09.</p> <p>The new 100 Club starts in July, so I will be sending out my annual enquiry to renew individual's membership.</p> <p>If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact as I am unable to attend the meeting tonight.</p> | |
| | <p>Lady Section Report</p> <p>Our competitions are now up and running and apart from a few changes all are being played as our fixture list. Our winter league is now complete, and our winter eclectic has also finished. The winter K.O and Plate finals are due to be played this month. Signup sheets are now on display for the Summer K.O. Charnwood foursomes and summer eclectic. Sadly, our ladies lost on the 17th to the Rayleigh Club in the 2nd round of the Daily Mail, disappointing but a sterling effort. We are now looking ahead to our Ladies Spring meeting on the 14th of April an invitation has gone to all ladies including the Jubilee members, and our mixed Easter Bowl on the 18th is filling up nicely, tee times for both competitions have been secured. And finally, our Quiz night raised a fantastic £1050 for our charity, apart from a few earlier concerns it was a good night, and the feedback has been positive. Many thanks to Toby and staff for all their help and support. Kathy Lane Lady Captain.</p> | |

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| | <p>Captains Report</p> <p>The month of March was nothing like the previous year, rainfall across the month was 6mm compared to nearly 70mm last year. With that comes a different challenge and approach to Spring growth. We usually have a Spring flush of growth which is brought on by rainy days and gradual warming of the soil. This year the rain has not come, and temperatures are already unusually high with cold overnight temperatures also. That has made us try and force the growth with irrigation that has been turned on a lot earlier than usual. When we primed up the system, we noticed that there were some wiring faults which we have spent days trying to locate and fix. We have got it to 95% working so we can try to get the growth going. The renovations on the Jubilee were a success with the closing of 9 holes a day which got us to complete the 18 from start to finish in 2 days. We hollow cored and layer down over a tonne of sand per green which is the most we can spread on one green at a time, this is because any more than that it would take nearly half an hour to brush in for a green, this is simply not visible due to the damage that would be caused to the green with turning around the brush. There is more sand to go down on the greens to top up the holes that did not get filled; this will be carried out at the first opportunity. Once these renovations have been completed, we will feed them and carry out our summer feed programmes which will give them the best chance to perform throughout the season. I am available for questions when you see me and we thank you for your patience while we carry out these essential works.</p> <p>Paul Tracey, Course Manager.</p> | |
| | <p>Competition Sectary Report :</p> <p>So, with the change in weather competitions are in full flow, this weekend saw the first board competition the men's spring bowl which was won on an excellent 41 points by Gary Romang. It's been a tough start to the season for teams with losses in all the first games, but I have full confidence we can still have a great season going forward.</p> <p>We have had excellent entries for the knockouts and the draws are now done and play by dates set up.</p> <p>I have agreed with Nigel Sim that for our board competitions this year we will pay a £40 best gross prize; this will enable the lower handicaps to have a chance of a prize as the board competitions are all Stableford.</p> <p>I would also like to vote tonight on my proposed bracket move for the club championship so that up to 18 course handicap will all play Strokeplay and 18 and over will play Stableford solely for the rabbit's trophy. This will not only make it a fairer club</p> | |

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| | <p>championship but encourage players to improve handicaps if they wish to play in the Strokeplay competition</p> | |
| | <p>Handicap Secretary:</p> <p>Again, we have blighted by the weather, but we managed to play the April medal of which. John Hatfield won div 1 with 33 pts and Nick fisk won div 2 with 37 pts</p> <p>The Wednesday week medal was won by Wayne Feltham but only had 5 qualifying scores entered</p> <p>The 1st board competition of the year was won by Graham Staples with 36 pts and winning the 4-ball voucher at Bentley GC John Hatfield won the best net score with 35 pts well done to all winners.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the home area cup has had to be rearranged when the weather finally gets better.</p> <p>Penalty scores I am aware that there is a couple of members that need their Penalty scores</p> | |
| | <p>Rules & Liaison:</p> <p>Abnormal Ground Conditions</p> <p>Any areas of abnormal ground conditions under the R&A rules must be marked and to just announce that areas on the green caused by work being carried out are GUR is not acceptable. Hopefully the notice that went out re putting out has had the desired effect and members themselves understand the rules.</p> <p>I'm attending a WHS course on the 10th April at Langdon Hills re WHS which will include, handicap manipulation, course rating issues, responsibilities of the attester and handicap committee and lots more. Will let you know of anything I find helpful.</p> <p>I'm also attending a course in September from England Golf re the role of a rules ambassador.</p> <p>I attended a ELCGA delegates meeting last week which will be the last but one meeting for lady delegates. I asked about how new directors for the unified County Golf Association will be selected which still seems a little vague, but basically anyone from a club who wishes to be considered can put their name forward with a CV and the committee who are looking into all the sections of the unification will decide who will be best for the positions with a maximum of only 2 directors from a club.</p> | |

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| | <p>Seniors Report</p> <p>We have started playing our friendly matches. 1st was away at Ballards Gore on Wednesday 26th March, which we unfortunately lost 6/2</p> <p>Our 2nd match was at home against The Burstead on Wednesday 2nd April, which we won 7/1.</p> <p>We have matches against Stockbrook (Away), Garons Park (Away) & Rochford Hundred (Home) this month.</p> <p>Email has been sent out to the leaders of the Wednesday schools, asking for feelings on the running of a Senior's Captain's Raffle which will replace the annual sub which we can no longer take due to England Golf Inclusivity requirement</p> <p>CLUBV1 ADMIN REPORT</p> <p>The clean-up of the information held on the England Golf WHS system continues. Since the beginning of March, some 450 member records have been updated, inputting the correct player category, i.e. 7Day Kings, 5Day Jubilee etc. There are still some 220 records left to do, which is being done alphabetically, with records up to the end of the 'Ps' done.</p> <p>All new members will be issued with a CDH number, even if they don't enter competitions, or wish to obtain a recognised handicap. This is to ensure they are covered by the England Golf Indemnity Insurance. Where insufficient information has been provided, contact is made with either the ProShop, or the member direct to obtain this information.</p> <p>No further progress has been made on the introduction of the electronic payments for competition entries on ClubV1, as awaiting Nigel Sims to be well enough to discuss and assist.</p> <p>On a personal note, please can all future golf related communications please be sent to richardj3rs@btinternet.com</p> | |
| | <p>Course Report</p> | |

A.O.B

KD asked through JH if all committee members can advise of there nominations for club member of the year. PP asked if they could be emailed to him with a brief explanation why and he would forward to KD.

MF asked about team food prices. TM advised these had all been agreed and issued them at the meeting

MF asked RC if she could do a GUR check on the course and mark up as we had up and coming team matches

TM advised that the machinery for the driving range post and net install was due this week and works would commence

MF raised the changing of the handicap levels for club competition this year. This was voted on and agreed

MF sated that the Seniors needed to vote on Strokeplay or Stableford for club Championship. The committee sated this was a committee decision, so a vote was taken, and it was carried to be Strokeplay.

Richard Jordan had raised a question via if The Seniors are a section or a school. It was agreed a section. It was agreed as they are a section they will receive a £75 contribution from the committee to go towards team shirts.

TM thanked the Management for the use of a buggy on a Monday morning at the 10th tee to allow the ladies to get to the toilet quicker to allow the pace of play to continue.

TM advised that we are running a junior camp over the easter holiday run by James Webber and Charlie. At present they had 8 juniors signed up.

TM advised that the club opening hours in the bar area are to be extended in the summer months

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| | Date of next meeting 19th May @ 18.00 | |
| | Signed Chairman | Date |