

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE HELD ON  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Members:

Kevin Drane (KD)	Chair		
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)	Vice Chair	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
Attendees	Apologies for Absence: Nigel Sim	
Previous meeting	February Minutes proposed by Matt Fawcett , seconded by John Hatfield. Taken as approved.	PP to publish on members website. MF to place in folder.
Matters Arising	<p><b>Members Guide:</b> KD asked for an update from TM. TM stated he had now found the original Members Guide booklet that was given to new joiners and advised this was a combined document with Stock Brook. He will now need to review both documents and then speak with GP to understand if the original document is still useable.</p> <p>KD asked about the Members Survey. TM Stated that following issues lately with members not receiving emails, there will be a review of all data and email addresses on the system first with a proposed date of end of April for the survey issue.</p>	<p>TM to advise at next meeting.</p> <p>TM to issue survey end of April</p>
	<p><b>Electronic Payments:</b> This will be discussed at the next meeting due to NS absence. KD had met with Richard Jordan (RJ) and discussed this with him - RJ had confirmed that this is possible within the Club V1 system. RJ will discuss further with NS when practical.</p>	NS/RJ to discuss.
	<p><b>Team Clothing:</b> 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. Item considered closed.

	<p><b>Cadet Section:</b> KD still to arrange meeting with Matt from pro shop to discuss.</p>	<p>KD to arrange meeting with Matt</p>
	<p><b>Members Website:</b> PP advised that there had been a meeting with Peter Gillion (PG) which PW &amp; MF attended. PG presented what had been done to date and advised that the running costs per year would be approx. £100. PP asked if this could be agreed, the committee agreed this was acceptable. PP also advised that PW had suggested away that this could be self-funding by getting small companies to advertise on the website for a cost of £10 per month. PP advised the anticipated launch date would be during the first week of April KD to meet with PG for demo on 30th March</p>	<p>KD to meet with PG 30th March</p>
	<p><b>Club Cabinet:</b> PW advised he would contact Roy Parker for update</p>	<p>PW to contact Roy Parker</p>
	<p><b>Signs on Tee Boxes</b> KD asked about the signage on the 14th and 18th Tees that had been requested previously. TM advised that he had a meeting with the signage supplier, and he would update at next meeting. He also advised that new Jubilee signs had been made and were awaiting delivery. Additional signs were asked for on the Jubilee 13th 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> holes</p>	<p>TM to update next meeting</p>
	<p><b>Revised Job Descriptions</b> KD asked MF and IB if they had completed the update for their Job descriptions following the takeover of Peter Fricker responsibilities. Both responded that they would review and issue before next meeting.</p>	

<p><b>Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Captains Report</b></p> <p>With the way the weather has been, and the course being shut. It's great to members back out playing and enjoying it now we are back open &amp; hopefully we will now stay open for the rest of the year. The green staff have been working hard, and I think we can now start to see the results. We had the men's team trials</p> <p>On Saturday which went well &amp; possibly some new faces to join the teams. With the start of the competition season coming up I look forward to playing in the seniors after becoming one last month</p> <p>Please remember if you haven't already put a team down for our charity Quiz night on the 21st March please add it to the sheet.</p>	
	<p><b>Lady Captain Report</b></p> <p>Our winter league is being played when possible, up to March 28th and all is going well. Winter K.O. and Plate competition, we have extended 'play by' date by 2 weeks, however the finals should be played by 30th April as scheduled. Daily Mail Comp first round, after many conversations with The Warren regarding dates conditions etc the match was conceded as our course was carry only. Our thanks to Toby and the green staff for all their hard work in getting the bunkers back in play. We wish Jo Stentiford and Sharon Warrington all the best for their next round. We have purchased 6 ladies club tops (whilst in stock) with the £75 from the 100 club, these will be held until required.</p>	
	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>I am pleased to report that we are currently showing an excess of income over expenditure of £2,376.53 which includes £1,530.00 contributions from members regarding their share of the cost of the new team kit</p> <p>This money (£1,530.00) will finally go towards the cost of the new shirts and tops when the invoice comes in, with the balance coming from the 100 Club Special Projects Account. Currently 52 members have contributed towards the cost and the remainder (approximately nine members) are aware that they have to pay before they receive their shirts and tops and have been reminded.</p>	

	<p>I have a further £180 to pay into the bank from a competition held in January. When this is all accounted for we will have a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,020.53. This compares with £324.96 for the same period last year.</p> <p>The 100 Club continues with 81 entrants, with some members having two numbers. Since the inception of the 100 Club in July 2023, lucky members have won a share of £3,405.50 in prizemoney.</p>	
	<p><b>Competition Secretary Report</b></p> <p>It's been relatively quiet from a competition point of view with the cha cha cha having to be moved due to course being closed. It's great to see the course starting to come into its own and the hard work from the greenkeepers clearly paying off. Chris Hitchen and Chris Hersey represented the club in the daily mail foursomes away at the warren sadly losing 1 down on the 18th.</p> <p>Team trials on Saturday was a great success and nice to see some new faces and plenty for the captains to think about, I would also like to thank rob wells for all his hard work over the years with the Jubilee cup team, Rob has sadly decided to step down and I would like to wish him all the best.</p> <p>With the season nearly with us some points have come to light with regards course markings of which I would like to elaborate more on in Monday nights meeting.</p> <p>Medals will return in April as well as the first board competition of the year with the spring bowl. The Leslie wood team have an away friendly at Braintree this weekend which is a great preseason practice for everyone.</p> <p>Finally, we have had a donation from a member and will be buying some memento trophies for winners of all this year's board competitions.</p>	
	<p><b>Handicap Secretary:</b></p> <p>Handicap secretary report march</p> <p>As we still haven't really started the season yet thing are still going slow Atm ,</p> <p>One issue that was raised by a lady member who contacted me regarding having cards entered from abroad so I would like to thank matt for resolving the problem and now we can enter everyone's cards who wants cards put on their whs record</p>	

	<p><b>Rules &amp; Liaison:</b></p> <p>Following the notice from England Golf re your personal liability insurance, I spoke to Toby who has passed on the relevant details to Richard who appears to have added names to the WHS system which weren't previously on, and I am informed that he has been working with Leisa regarding any names that shouldn't be included. These inclusions have brought our member count to the highest in Essex, but it does mean that if there is an issue out on the golf courses, members are covered through England Golf's insurance.</p> <p>Matt asked me to look at the Stroke Index (SI) reports re the Kings course, and I sent him the Stroke Index allocation report and statistic reports for all tees. We are never going to get every hole totally accurate as far as its SI is concerned due to where certain SIs should be allocated and looking at the list, they are not too bad but perhaps the committee should like to look and discuss where necessary. KD asked RC &amp; MF to use Sub Committee process to review current SIs and recommend any changes to the Committee along with supporting justification.</p>	<p>RC &amp; MF to review current SIs and propose changes to Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Seniors Report</b></p> <p>Presented by JH on behalf of Richard Jordan:  With the recent bad weather, some of the Winter league rounds were cancelled. Providing no further bad weather, remaining rescheduled round to be played 12th March.</p> <p>Further to note concerning Senior's Sub, received conflicting advice on whether this can be done, with club management insisting it can't. This is still being investigated.</p> <p>Apparently, we can potentially still charge our sub, but we can't stop someone from playing in a Senior's competition or play within the Senior's tee times if they haven't paid. This therefore seems unfair on those that could have paid. Needs further discussions.</p> <p>On a slightly different point. Has anyone ever told the Ladies they can or can't play within the Seniors?</p> <p>First interclub friendly scheduled for 26th March at Ballards Gore.</p>	

	<p><b>Club V1.</b></p> <p>Presented by JH on behalf of Richard Jordan</p> <p>With recent announcement by England Golf that only golfers with a CDH number will be covered by Indemnity Insurance, some 112 people were found to not have a number. This has now reduced to a handful including some staff. No new players will be added without a CDH number.</p> <p>A lot of records for Three Rivers members on the WHS system do not have any category listed, ie 7day kings, 5 day Jubilee. This will be addressed over the coming months as there are some 600+ members to be recategorised.</p> <p>Reply received back from ClubV1 re electronic payments for competition entries. This will be looked into with Matt F &amp; Nigel S once Nigel is up for the work.</p>	
	<p><b>Course Report</b></p> <p>After another wet winter we have finally got some great drying weather which has helped dry out the ground. During February we had to take 3 greens out of play due to saturated playing surface. While they were out of play we carried out deep air fracking, this consisted of a 21" air rammed spike driven to the drainage layer of the greens. When down there it releases compressed air which creates cracking in the sub soil allowing air and water to pass through making the surface drier and able to drain so much better. We are going to do this again at the end of the season to help keep all greens in play a lot longer over the wetter months. We have also scarified the tee tops, with an overseeded, top-dressed and fed, we will be looking to get these back in play as soon as we can. We will also be doing this to the approaches too. Now the warmer weather is here we have been getting the mowers out and starting to get some definition back out there. We have changed the layout of some fairways and approaches, this is to help speed up the cutting process and to give a fairer playing surface.</p> <p>This month we are going to be doing a lot of work on the greens to get them ready for another season of play, this will include:</p> <p>This week W/c 10th: Small solid spiking of the greens to help get some air into the top surface.</p>	



	<p><b>Team Food</b></p> <p>KL also asked TM if they could use their 10% discount on their members cards to purchase match day food. TM responded that this is not possible but advised that the management were reviewing all food costs at present.</p> <p>MF raised the possibility of food being offered for ‘away leg’ matches such as the Norman Plum matches and asked if we should be offering this at Three Rivers. For 18 hole matches it was agreed that this would not be offered at Three Rivers and away matches would decline, in line with agreed Policy.</p> <p><b>Pace of Play</b></p> <p>KD raised his concerns over the amount of negative comment on things like Facebook and in general over the pace of play, and asked Management to determine what is an acceptable time for 18 holes of golf. Wednesdays are particularly slow. He also questioned whether it falls within the Course Marshalls remit to police this and if so why is it not happening. JH advised timings used to be on the old scorecards and suggested these be reintroduced on future orders. KD also asked why there were so many 2balls on Sundays and TM advised that the Kings and Jubilee Courses are supposed to be ‘4ball courses’ and will look into it.</p> <p>It was agreed that KD and JH will formulate an email to membership about pace of play and etiquette in general.</p> <p><b>Member of the Year 2024</b></p> <p>KD asked all Committee Members for member of the Year proposals ahead of the next meeting.</p>	<p>TM to update re Food prices at next meeting.</p> <p>KD/JH to send out email.</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 18.00</b></p>	
	<p><b>Signed ..... Chairman</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b></p>