

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Members:**

Kevin Drane (KD)	Chairman	Peter Fricker (PF)	Systems Administrator
Matt Fawcett (MF)	Club Captain & Competition	Pat Phillips (PP)	Secretary
Ian Brookes (IB)	Handicap Secretary	Toby Morgan(TM)	General Manager
John Hatfield (JH)	Chairman	Nigel Sim (NS)	Treasurer
Peter White (PW)	Club Vice Captain	Jenny Cook (JC)	Lady Captain
Gary Peachey (GP)	Management	Rob Wells (RW)	Past Captain
Ruth Collins (RC)	Rules & liaison	Paul Tracey (PT)0	Head Greenkeeper

Item	Reports and Discussion	Action Owner & Target Date
1. Attendees	Apologies for Absence: Peter Fricker, Paul Tracey	
2. Previous meeting	Minutes proposed by Ian Brookes, seconded by Peter White. Therefore accepted as Approved	PF to publish on members website. MF to place in folder.
3. Matters Arising	<p><b>Committee mission statement/Members Guide &amp; Constitution:</b></p> <p>KD advised that he was still awaiting information from MF, JH, PW, and NS to complete the Mission Statement. NS questioned this as it was his understanding he had issued all information, KD to review.</p> <p>GP stated that all this would have to be reviewed along with the Disciplinary Procedures and the updated Members Guide/ Constitution Document as England Golf are making it mandatory that all affiliated clubs adopt their statements/ processes by no later than December 2024. An example of the Seniors Section excluding people from their allotted tee times if they haven't paid a £5 Section Membership fee was given as something that would not be allowed.</p> <p>GP advised that although he does not necessarily agree with all their documents it would be the simplest way forward to follow their guidelines.</p> <p>KD asked if the Disciplinary Process document that has been drawn up could still be used, TM to discuss the whole issue with England Golf.</p>	<p>MF to issue information for KD to complete.</p> <p>TM to contact England Golf and ask them the question</p>

	<p><b>Clubhouse Décor/Lionel Platt Area:</b></p> <p>NS presented photos of Lionel Platt that he had managed to find and would get them framed. TM asked about the pennant from Gary Romang, NS will speak with Gary to find out if this is still being donated. MF to ask James Webber if he has spoken with the family.</p> <p>RC stated she has a photo to donate as well</p>	<p>MF to speak with James Webber</p> <p>NS to speak with Gary Romang</p>
	<p><b>Sponsorship/100 Club Funds:</b></p> <p>PW stated that he was awaiting feedback from various parties he had spoken to on sponsorship before this could be moved forward.</p> <p>KD stated that members are asking how are we using the funds from the 100 club. KD stated that we need to be more transparent what's happening with the funds. KD Asked NS to prepare a statement for the end of August Newsletter on the 100 club funds. NS was also asked to advise how many team members were in the 100 club to justify team support expenditure.</p>	<p>PW to report at the next meeting his responses</p> <p>NS to prepare response for next meeting</p>
	<p><b>Newsletter:</b></p> <p>PP Stated he would issue an email to all parties asking for information for the August Newsletter</p>	<p>PP to issue email and dates to all those involved to allow time to format and issue</p>
4. Captains Report & Competition Secretary Report	<p><b>Captain &amp; Competition Secretary report:</b></p> <p>Would like to start by thanking everybody who supported my captain's day, I think everybody enjoyed it and the day was a success, I for one really enjoyed my day so thank you. I would also like to thank Nigel sim for all his help on the day, this made the day flow so much easier and took the pressure off.</p> <p>We are now out of all the team competitions with just the final match of the curry cup this Sunday. I think as a committee we need to look at how viable some of the teams are next season with the cost and availability and the lack of members in the lower handicaps.</p> <p>The numbers for competitions are still low but having spoken to several different clubs we are not the only ones to be struggling with this. We seem to have to push harder and harder to encourage people to enter but when they do they enjoy their day.</p>	

	<p>Overall as we are now well into The season, I think we can say there is definitely a core of people that support on a regular basis, I will be emailing out a what's on style email 1-2 times a month as this seems to get the attention even more than posters but will also continue to put posters up as and when advertising upcoming events.</p> <p>The club seems slightly segregated in what they want from the competitions and by pleasing half we seem to upset the other half, so feel we need to support the formats that the core people support with a view to finding ways to encourage others. It's nice to see new members getting involved and hopefully they continue to support future events as the feedback has been excellent.</p>	
5. Lady Captains Report	<p><b>Lady Captains Report:</b></p> <p>And so,</p> <p>It's August with the Ladies event calendar in full swing.</p> <p>On Monday 22 July we held a successful Lady Captain's Day, the theme being the Paris Olympics where 30 ladies put on their red, white &amp; blue for a fun packed event. In addition to the 'team' competition we ran a chipping comp at the half-way house and the ladies had an Olympic themed quiz to test their Olympic knowledge whilst playing their 18 holes, it was also nice to see some Jubilee Ladies joining in on the occasion. The event culminated in a two-course meal along with a full medal ceremony. All results and photos have been uploaded onto the Facebook pages. My thanks go to Kathy Lane, my Vice Captain, for her invaluable support, this is never taken for granted. We held a raffle for a 4-ball voucher, kindly donated by Stoke By Nayland, in which we raised over £150 on the day for our Captains' charity Help4Heroes.</p> <p>As many are aware, Three Rivers has been chosen to host the final of the Essex Ladies Bronze Shield on 15 August, the ladies' section is providing the half-way house refreshments, including Jennie Wilson's infamous bread pudding and a GF lemon drizzle cake by Wendy Buck, for which I thank them both. I'm again, very appreciative that Kathy and Ruth will have control of the reins that day, along with a few willing volunteers from the lady's section.</p> <p>Harris Bowl update, Wendy confirmed that the team had won both home games but lost the 3 away games. My thanks to all those who had played and caddied in this competition, especially Ruth who had taken on Captain role for the 2 home games. Caroline Crispin has agreed to organize the 2025 Harris Bowl. Forms have now been completed, sent off and payment made.</p>	

	<p>We are fast approaching the final chapters of my year's golfing calendar with the captain v Vice Captain match taking place on Monday 5 August and not forgetting the Captains' Charity Day on Friday 23 August, followed by the Mixed Millenium Bowl on August Bank Holiday Monday.</p> <p>The ladies Section Committee have welcomed the support and endorsement of the Advisory committee in putting together a comprehensive disciplinary procedures document.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>For the period to 4th August 2024, we are currently showing an excess of income over expenditure of £1,405.94.</p> <p>We currently hold 10 team shirts which have a maximum potential return of additional income of £250.00. Also, this does not include the £350.00 raised from the raffle at Captain's Day on Saturday. On the expenditure side, we do have to pay the balance of the Captain's Honorarium, which is £922.95.</p> <p>I have also ascertained that the Men's Section Trophies haven't been engraved for two years. I'm estimating a cost of £800.00 to get this done.</p> <p>I have other invoices to pay, as well, totaling £110.</p> <p>Excluding the stock of shirts, this leaves us with a £78 current deficit.</p> <p>The second monthly draw of the new 100 Club has taken place and to date we have 68 paid members. Further advertising of the 100 Club will continue going forward</p> <p>IB raised the issue of the 4 ball vouchers being issued as prizes due to the poor numbers entering the medals. This was to be reviewed and a minimum number of entrants be agreed to use these vouchers.</p> <p>NS stated that he felt that the senior's section are playing too many competitions/friendlies which is having an affect on the numbers playing in weekday medals, which in turn is influencing funds for the main section. KD agreed with this statement</p> <p>It was agreed that posters need to be displayed around the tables and in the changing rooms, toilets. TM asked for the posts to be sent to him and he would ensure they are printed and displayed. MF to issue to TM</p> <p>NS also asked if his proposal to use the 100 clubs' funds for team expenditure was agreed. It was in principle, although the committee would like to understand how many team players are in the 100 club before formally ratifying.</p>	<p>MF to email TM all posters for up-and-coming Competitions</p> <p>NS to review and advise the numbers at next meeting</p>

<p>7. Handicap Secretary Report</p>	<p><b>Handicap Secretary Report:</b></p> <p>We discussed at the last meeting regarding penalty scores I have been in touch with Ian Bullock and the way forward is to alter their gross score so it doesn't count in their best 8 scores it will still show a penalty score that is non counting.</p> <p>I have noticed a large number of people who sign in on the red tees which generate the penalty score</p> <p>I have been changing to correct tee</p> <p>I am not sure this is user error or maybe a system error I will look it to this</p> <p>As I sent an email after the president's putter comp regarding 4 ball vouchers being given as 1st prize, I still think we should have a minimum number of players in board comps that can win the voucher</p> <p>I think we need to discuss further so we make the maximum amount for the golf sections</p>	
<p>8. Rules</p>	<p><b>Rules &amp; Liaison Report:</b></p> <p>I note that the area behind the 3rd green has been cleared leaving now a bare mound of earth. We can leave that area as OOB for the time being or make it GUR, dropping at your nearest point of relief no nearer the hole. However, we need to make the 4th tee area OOB, and I feel the best option would be to say over the ditch alongside the 4th tee, anyone else have any thoughts.</p> <p>I note that the OOB posts down the 13th hole along the public footpath cannot be seen from one to the other so players are unable to say whether a ball is OOB or not. The posts can be brought forward, or the grass and bushes cut back which we will have to ask Paul to do.</p> <p>The PGA event changed the OOB markings on the 18th so that they run the length of the ditch on the 1st, a post has been put at the end and the OOB line and then runs along the footpath in front of the 1st tee. If this is okay with the committee, I suggest we keep it the same rather than a diagonal line from the start of the hedge by the ditch.</p> <p>RC to contact county to review the new Out of bounds suggestion at the back of the 3rd Green</p>	

9.Green Keepers Report	<b>Green Keeper's Report:</b> No report issued, TM advised that there are various aspects of work taking place on the 3rd by the rear of the green. Various ditches are being cleared as it was found that a culvert was blocked. The 7th tee box work will recommence after the club championship at the end of August. This will take up to 6 weeks to allow turf to bed in with a view to open in October	
10. Any Other Business	<b>Any Other Business:</b> PW raised an issue with the fold line on the New Score cards. TM to review before ordering the next batch. NS asked about the £5 surcharge that had been suggested to be added to membership renewal. TM/GP stated this was still under review	
Date of next meeting: -	2nd September 2024	

Signed.....

**Chairman**