

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE HELD  
ON 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

**Members:**

Kevin Drane (KD)	Chairman		
Matt Fawcett (MF)	Past Captain & Competition	Pat Phillips (PP)	Secretary
Ian Brookes (IB)	Handicap Secretary	Toby Morgan(TM)	General Manager
John Hatfield (JH)	Vice Chairman	Nigel Sim (NS)	Treasurer
Peter White (PW)	Club Vice 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: Paul Tracey, Nigel Sim	
Previous meeting	Minutes proposed by Peter White, seconded by John Hatfield	PP to publish on members website. MF to place in folder.
Matters Arising	<p><b>Members Guide:</b></p> <p>KD advised that this had been previously sent to all members and that TM needed to review prior to publication on the new website. TM said he didn't recall having seen this and asked for KD to reissue.</p> <p>KD asked for an update on the members survey. TM stated the members survey is with him at present and he is developing this, it should be around 68 questions and take 13 minutes to complete, TM is aiming to issue by the end of February once it has been signed off by senior management.</p>	<p>KD to send to TM for review.</p> <p>TM to issue survey end of February.</p>
	<p><b>Electronic Payments:</b></p> <p>This was deferred until the next meeting due to NS absence. KD advised that he had met with Richard Jordan and this subject was part of the discussion. Richard said this may be possible within Club V1 and that he would speak to them and advise.</p>	
	<p><b>Team Clothing:</b></p> <p>PP advised all team clothing had been ordered through the pro shop and delivery was expected end of February, the only items that would not be delivered would be the XL out layer as they are on back order, they are expected end of March</p>	

	<p><b>Junior Golf/Cadet Section:</b></p> <p>KD advised that he hasn't been able to speak to Matt from the pro shop to discuss the subject of Juniors joining TR and said this should be carried forward. KD raised the issue of a Cadet Section and RC stated that Stock Brook are running a system for cadets. KD asked if the same could be run at Three Rivers. RC response was it would not be possible due to no Driving Range and that the Kings would be considered too tough. KD asked could we not use the Jubilee. RC stated The Jubilee would not be up to standard due to poor marker posts for Out Bounds and Hazards. TM response was this had not been raised previously, and he would review.</p>	KD to arrange meeting with Matt
	<p><b>Members Website:</b></p> <p>PP had spoken with Peter Gillion, and he had proposed we stop using the Club V1 system and go to 1dot.com. He had done a lot of work in the background on this. PP asked him to supply a quote for the committee to discuss at the next meeting but an initial expenditure of £100 if necessary was approved by vote.</p>	
	<p><b>Club Cabinet:</b></p> <p>PW advised that Roy Parker had been ill, but was now back at work and would update us on a date at the next meeting</p>	PW to contact Roy Parker
	<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 £2,008.95.</p> <p>Included in this figure is £930.00 we have received from members concerning their contribution regarding the new team clothing. This money 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. Currently 31 members have paid up, and the remainder are aware that they have to pay before they receive their shirts and tops. I will be chasing them soon.</p> <p>I have received £310 from management being the refund the cost of entry fees for the EGU County Competitions, which is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>The 100 Club now has 81 entrants, with some members having two numbers. As agreed at the previous Committee Meeting, we have given £75 to the Ladies Section out of the 100 Club Project Fund.</p> <p>Regards Nigel Sim, Treasurer</p>	

	<p><b>Lady Section Report</b></p> <p>Many thanks to the 100 club for including the ladies' section in the allocation of funds, the £75 will be held for embroidery on new club shirts as and when required for future county competitions. Registration forms have been completed and accepted for entry into the Harris Bowl and Ida Bunting comps. The Winter League and Winter Eclectic are being played whenever possible, however only a handful of ladies are able to carry. On 27th January I accompanied Ruth to the very well attended ECLGA AGM at Crondon Park, where the Unification vote by the delegates took place. I am sure Ruth will be including this in her report.</p>	
	<p><b>Captains Report</b></p> <p>Not much to report on this time of year. All of the competitions seem to have been well supported which is good to see and will hopefully carry on throughout the year.</p> <p>We are hoping to still run the Quiz night on Friday 21st March if we can find a new quiz master, if not this will be postponed.</p> <p>We are running a DJ night on Saturday 10th of May with all details going out 4-6 weeks before the event which is being organised by my sponsor.</p> <p>I'd also like to send my best wishes to Nigel for a speedy recovery.</p>	
	<p><b>Competition Secretary Report</b></p> <p>Since the last meeting we have had the 3 clubs and a putter and Texas scramble competitions which replaced the medals. These have been a great success and brought in good income as well as providing some fun winter golf for the members.</p> <p>The next competition is the cha cha cha In March which is filling up nicely.</p> <p>In addition, I would like to apologise to the committee and membership on my misunderstanding of the communication between me and Paul Tracy that lead to the confusion over the course opening for yesterday's Texas scramble. It was clearly a mistake on my part, and I will ensure this does not happen again going forward.</p> <p>MF stated that we have received a donation from a member to allow us to purchase trophies for board competitions so that the winners receive something for the achievement. This is instead of just having their photo taken and their name on the board.</p>	

	<p>Daily Mail have stated that no bucket holes will be allowed in their tournament matches and the First round is due to be played by the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Ladies have drawn The Warren at Home and have asked if the bunkers and tees will be playable. TM responded that at present the aim is to have all greens and tee boxes back in play along with bunkers by the 1<sup>st</sup> March, subject to weather conditions. The men have drawn The Warren away.</p> <p>MF advised that he has become aware that the dates on the Club V1 diary do not align with the diary that the club have circulated, and that he is in the process of updating this.</p> <p>MF also proposed that Kings Medals would be £5 from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, and this was agreed by Committee vote.</p> <p>Club Championship handicap brackets was also discussed, and it was agreed that this will be reviewed closer to the dates.</p>	
	<p><b>Handicap Secretary:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report as course has been closed a lot of Jan and no handicap competitions were played in Jan</p>	
	<p><b>Rules &amp; Liaison:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report re rules etc but there are some announcements from England Golf re new handicap reviews which will come into force this year for the annual review I did speak to Toby re OOB posts at the back of the 18th green. A white line is good for close but not for distance where a visible post is necessary for golfers hitting onto the green England Golf are delighted to confirm that all 1735 affiliated golf clubs and 60 county unions in the country have now achieved their Respect in Golf status, by completing the England Golf Terms of Affiliation. Maybe a note in the pro shop re Respect in Golf might be a good idea.</p> <p>Delegate Report</p> <p>The Essex Golf Union had their AGM on Thursday when the vote for unification between the EGU &amp; the ELCGA took place which was carried by a majority vote. Three Rivers now have another director of the Essex Golf Union, Gary Romang, congratulation to Gary. Any directors for the new unified Golf company (name to be confirmed) will need to re-apply as director of the new company.</p>	

**Seniors Section**

JH presented the Seniors Section Report received from Richard Jordan:

Vice Captain for this year and therefore next year's Seniors Captain is Wayne Feltham.

This year will see the re-instatement of the Senior's Friendly fixture against Garon Park. Hasn't been played for approx. 15 years. Dates are in the Club V1 Diary: Away at Garon Park 14th April, Home at Three Rivers 21st May.

Five Lakes were also looking for friendly fixtures, but we have declined this invite as the Senior's calendar is already busy, and Club Management are not keen on having another fixture which takes up tee times.

The Section are still awaiting details of costs for catering for Home matches/fixtures, but we believe we will have to increase cost to players to between £21 - £23 per match, to cover increase catering costs and prizes.

We haven't collected our normal £5 "fee" from the Senior members for playing on Wednesdays as it could cause issue with England Golf. This is being looked into, and one possibility is to run a raffle with a £5 cost per ticket with some prizes. At present income is therefore down by some £600.

I have been advised that the Club section is suffering from reduced income from things like medals. It has therefore been agreed that the Senior's give up running the Summer & Winter Leagues and turn those into Club competitions open to all members. We will continue to run the existing Winter League until its conclusion.

Club Championship fortnight. The Senior's will run a Championship competition on Wednesday 25th July. This will be in the format of a Strokeplay competition. It is hoped that the Veterans Cup will be used for this. Also looking to run the Over 70's Trophy on the same day, which will be Stableford and possibly the 5 Day Members trophy which the Senior's run at present, again Strokeplay format.

	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>KD advised that the disciplinary matter that was being dealt with has now been formally closed.</p> <p>KD is going to issue a statement to all members on discipline on the course and in the clubhouse especially towards staff.</p> <p>KD asked if we should look to issue something as recognition to Peter Fricker for his work over the years to the committee and the club. All Committee Members were asked to come up with some proposals for the March meeting.</p> <p>KD asked that new Job Descriptions be issued by MF &amp; IB for their roles taking into account the responsibilities inherited from Peter Fricker.</p> <p>PW reminded everybody that the Quiz Night was being held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March</p> <p>PW also discussed the possibility of a Music Bingo night, he also advised of a disco night on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, details to follow.</p> <p>MF asked if RC could issue an away captain's sheet for competitions.</p> <p>TM advised that he had 4 ball vouchers for this year's competitions and he would be splitting these between the various sections in the club.</p> <p><b>Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 18.30</b></p>	<p>Item closed</p> <p>KD to issue email</p> <p>All members</p> <p>RC to produce sheet ahead of Club Competitions</p>
	<p><b>Signed</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b></p>