

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10TH June 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)	Vice 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
Ian Bullock (IBu)			

Item	Reports and Discussion	Action Owner & Target Date
1. Attendees	Apologies for Absence, Jenny Cook, Ruth Collins, Pat Phillips, Ian Bullock, Toby Morgan	
2. Previous meeting	NS highlighted a section of duplication on the May meeting minutes - PF was asked to remove this and then they could be considered approved.	PF to publish on members website. MF to place in folder.
3. Matters Arising	Committee mission statement: KD advised that certain input has been received from relevant individuals but that areas still needed completing and that he would circulate the current document to members highlighting outstanding and responsibilities.	KD to circulate and outstanding to be completed by July meeting.
	Penalty scores: IB said that he has been working through the 'outstanding' cards to identify any that may impact on individuals handicaps and that the workload is manageable from his perspective. It was agreed that this item is considered closed.	Item Closed
	Clubhouse Décor: The Lionel Platts 'area' has been agreed by Management and will be incorporated into Clubhouse refurb - NS will speak to Chris Platt to collect photos and memorabilia.	NS to provide update at next meeting.
	Members Guide/Consistency in club matters: KD still reviewing the document.	KD to review and update as progress is made.

	<p>Newsletter: Next Newsletter due to be issued by end June.</p>	<p>PP to issue email and dates to all those involved to allow time to format and issue</p>
	<p>Sponsorship/100 Club Funds:</p> <p>100 Club - renewals have been invited for 2024-25 and there have already been several new subscriptions from last year. Committee members are asked to encourage members to subscribe with the key message being that there is an opportunity to win £100 per month for a £60 outlay.</p> <p>Sponsorship/Funds Held - Discussion was held over what funds should be used for as comments had been received from Members that this was not transparent.</p>	<p>NS to draw up some options for appropriate use of funds and present to Committee at next meeting</p>
<p>4.Captains Report & Competition Secretary Report</p>	<p>Captain & Competition Secretary report:</p> <p>So with the better weather now here we have managed to get both club and inter club competitions under way. Medal and board competitions seem to be well supported as was the WATS trophy which although I was absent I believe was an enjoyable day. With this said Wednesday medal numbers are down and we need to consider with the amount of senior compete to a whether the midweek medal is actually justifiable. It has been proposed we trial shotgun starts on a Sunday, I truly believe that this will not work but will happily follow what the committee decide on this one.</p> <p>Inter club wise it's been a mixed start and the club have had some great results, I would like to congratulate the Norman Plum team on reaching the third round this i believe is one of the furthest we have been in this competition. Also the jubilee cup team have guaranteed progression from the group stage with a game to spare.</p> <p>The area of concern at the moment is the lack of single figure golfers and the fact we seem to be losing the ones we have to other local clubs, this makes it very difficult to field strong teams, or even teams at all.</p>	

	<p>I am aware of some unrest in the fact the course is playing harder due to the increased levels of rough. Although the rough has been extremely punishing this is due to abnormal growing conditions due to the weather, but with that said the course needs a level of rough to ensure it plays as it was designed and this has been evident with majority of competitions being won on below 40 points, a stark contrast to last year.</p> <p>Finally a reminder that 5th of July is captains charity day and we will be having a big push this next week, the format will be texas scramble to bring a more fun aspect to the day.</p> <p>After review of the Report a further discussion was held regarding the drop off in the entries for Wednesday medals comps, which is probably due to conflicts with Seniors matches and other Seniors competitions. A vote was subsequently passed to move the midweek medal to Fridays from July in the hope that this will provide more midweek players the opportunity to play in medals. Friday is deemed to be the busiest day of the week for members and it is planned to play from the yellow tees.</p>	<p>MF to amend Calendar and advise Membership.</p>
<p>5. Lady Captains Report</p>	<p>Lady Captain Report: Since our last meeting I've seen a glimmer of hope that the golf season is getting underway.</p> <p>At the April Ladies Section Committee meeting, a discussion took place over an issue which occurred following the Treasurers Bowl. It has been agreed for future reference that if the course is non qualifying on the Monday, then competition is rescheduled to Thursday allowing the weekend scores to stand. If that's not possible then whole competition is postponed and rescheduled. No changes if some have played. For 2024 the Challenge Cup and Treasurers Bowl will be removed from Golfer of the Year points</p> <p>We've held our May medal and the summer knockout has commenced, although the weather has at times been atrocious for those playing. Also the Charnwood foursomes knockout matches are being played.</p>	

The Spring Meeting was held on the early May Bank Holiday, the weather was kind to most of us, apart from the last few groups who couldn't dodge the rain and came in soaked! We had 7 teams taking part and the theme of the day was in memory to our dear friends Bridget and Dolly. Their commemorative plaques were in place on the ladies bench on the 15th tee, along with some fresh flowers. Sadly, the rain came in early rendering the competition to 13 holes, which meant that the flowers were bought in, and apart from two hardy souls in a buggy (Jennie Wilson and Carole Birch) most were unable to take a seat on the bench and say hello! We also held an auction of a 4-ball at The Burstead Golf Club, which raised just over £100.

More recently the re-scheduled Mixed Easter Bowl took place on the late May Bank Holiday Monday, with 40 (20:20) men and ladies taking part. The friendly and cheerful banter from all taking part made up for the postponement of the event - miraculously the Easter Eggs were still in date. Congratulations to Elaine Atkin and Trevor Collett on winning the Mixed Easter Bowl trophy and the runners up Jackie and Joe Scollen who won on countback between two other contenders. Well played everyone.

Notable events in June we have the ladies away weekend at Tudor Park on Sunday and Monday 9/10 June, fingers crossed for warm dry weather and, the Ladies Club Championship and Big Bertha on Monday 24 June.

Plans are now in place for a mighty charity day on Friday 5 July, in support of our Captains' charity Help for Heroes. Further information will be released soon.

Lastly, congratulations Jo Stentiford on getting through her first qualifying round of the Ida Bunting competition, we wish her well for the next round to be played at home. Also recent successes of the Hi/Lo competition saw Sharon Warrington and Jackie Lythgoe going through to the third round, with Jo and myself playing our second round qualifier in under a few weeks' time.

20 June – Chigwell – home
23 June – Stoke By Nayland – home
28 June – Langdon Hills - away

<p>6. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>For the period to 29th April 2024, we are currently showing an excess of income over expenditure of £748.66. In addition to this, I have outstanding income due totaling £39.00 and outstanding payments to make to competition winners of £135.00. These items leave a net surplus of £652.66. I also currently hold 12 team shirts in stock which has a maximum potential return of additional income of £300.00</p> <p>As the weather has improved, so has competition income. We are on a par with last year for weekend medals but badly lagging behind on the mid-week medals. The Men's section has to compete with the Seniors Section during the week, especially in the summer with the Seniors friendly matches and their summer league. We are also feeling the effects of WHS which is also affecting our medal income. The question is, do we discontinue with Mid-week Medals when the maximum that have entered any one competition this last year was only 25 people?</p> <p>Renewal invitations were sent out to all club members for the new 100 Club starting in July and I can advise that to date we have received 41 renewals. If you haven't already renewed your membership for the forthcoming year, please consider doing so. It not only gives you a chance to win substantial prizes, but also other benefits during the year. Prizes totaling £2,265 were paid during the first 100 Club to lucky winning members so it is worth joining.</p>	
<p>7. Handicap Secretary Report</p>	<p>No Report Issued</p>	

<p>8.Rules</p>	<p>Rules & Liaison Report:</p> <p>The extended Winter rules have now finished which must also include the cup inserts which must be removed prior to this date which will normally be the end of April.</p> <p>The club is organising new cards to be printed, I have amended and updated the rules on the back of the card along with the full rules on the board. As new printers were being used, we have to produce the most recent measurement and sloping rating etc, these used to be kept on the boards but have disappeared but I had copies on record.</p> <p>OOB posts on the 13th have been moved to create a more visible area along the tees on the 14th. This is where they used to be some years ago but got moved for some reason. Hopefully this will stop confusion as to any ball landing on the 14th being OOB or not and not cause an issue for the greenkeepers cutting the grass.</p> <p>OOB with black tops appear to have disappeared at the back of the 8th hole before the ditch and there is only one visible at the back of the 2nd hole where again, it is the ditch that is OOB, as stated on the card. Thanks to the greenstaff who are doing a great job making these posts more visible.</p> <p>The stroke indexes for the ladies red tees on the Kings for holes 10 & 12 have been swapped with permission from England Golf using form CR004 and with agreement from the club. I was going to change hole 11 as well but the red tees have been moved back by over 15 yards which will make the hole harder. Also due to this, the cut for the start of the fairway needs to be brought back as some ladies are finding it harder to reach the fairway off the tee on several holes. I will monitor the scores for these holes over the year.</p> <p>I note that the Drop zones for the path on the 15th are not being put in, so it may be better to keep, nearest point relief but we definitely need a DZ for the fence on the 13th. I can put this in when we have matches, when I use my own white paint but not every week.</p> <p>I had an email from the Essex Golf Union re the Veterans Trophy where we have 2 members entered asking for details of the competition to be forwarded to any members. So I have forwarded the email to Steve Hammersley and Ken Smith.</p>	
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9. Green Keepers Report	<p>Green Keeper's Report: PT advised that 2 new staff have started this week and this is allowing the greens staff to catch up with the heavy growth and changing conditions of the course. This will improve the playing conditions and allow routine maintenance to ramp up. Strimming around trees, bunkers etc has started and the mower blades are being lowered on fairways and rough so as to allow a fair balance between course difficulty and playability and therefore speed up play.</p>	Email communication to members to be issued by MF/TM/GP/PT
7. Any Other Business	<p>Any Other Business: KD advised that JC had submitted an item for AOB but as it related specifically to the Ladies Section and there was no Ladies Section representation it would be carried forward to the July meeting.</p>	
Date of next meeting: -	8 th July 2024	

Signed.....

Chairman