

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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
Kathy Lane (KL)	Lady Vice Captain		

Item	Reports and Discussion	Action Owner & Target Date
1. Attendees	Apologies for Absence: Ruth Collins, Pat Phillips, Ian Brookes, Paul Tracey.  KD welcomed incoming Lady Captain Kathy Lane.	
2. Previous meeting	Minutes proposed by Peter White, seconded by Nigel Sim. Therefore accepted as Approved	PF to publish on members website. MF to place in folder.
3. Matters Arising	<p><b>Members Guide &amp; Constitution/Disciplinary Procedures:</b> TM confirmed that work on the Three Rivers website by developers in Dubai is underway to include England Golf requirements. Once this has been completed it will enable us to utilise the facility for a Members Survey.</p> <p>TM further advised he is liaising with England Golf to see if the potted version of the Disciplinary guide could be circulated to members. KD asked about the Members Guide and said he will speak with TM about this separately.</p>	<p>TM to advise on progress at next meeting</p> <p>KD to speak with TM</p>
	<p><b>Clubhouse Décor/Lionel Platt Area:</b></p> <p>NS presented a framed Lionel Platts memorabilia which will form part of the tribute wall in the clubhouse. He said he has another photograph of Lionel with Bruce Little and the Ryder Cup. RW is in contact with Lionel's daughter who has offered other memorabilia which could be loaned to the club for display.</p>	NS to progress.

	<p><b>Sponsorship/100 Club Funds:</b> PW outlined some Sponsorship ideas for 2024-25, which included the following:</p> <p>Team sponsor (tbc), quiz night (possibly in February), Casino night, speed golf, skills auction, Captains skydive.</p> <p>Full details on each of has yet to be finalised, and KD asked that he agree with KL which would fall under their Charity fund raising and what would be used to raise Club Section funds.</p> <p>100 Club funds - NS suggested that 100 club funds could be used to facilitate the implementation of electronic competition payments and entry. Previous investigation had shown an estimated initial cost of somewhere around £500-800. Residual funds could then be used for other areas such as teams and engraving etc. NS will contact Craig Laurence to establish the way forward as Stockbrook have already implemented this.</p> <p>TM said he would investigate the Club V1 upgrade path to support the above. Initial thought is that upskilling of both club staff and Committee members will be required to support this</p>	<p>PW/KL to report at the next meeting</p> <p>NS to speak with Craig Laurence</p> <p>TM to advise Club V1 implications.</p>
	<p><b>Newsletter:</b></p> <p>August Newsletter had been issued on the day of the Committee Meeting. Initial response amongst those present was positive.</p>	
<p>4. Captains Report &amp; Competition Secretary Report</p>	<p><b>Captain &amp; Competition Secretary report:</b> As I come into my last month of captain I can't believe where the last few months have gone.</p> <p>We have had mixed successes in the team competitions and some thought has gone in to how we move forward with the struggles of player availability and ensuring we can field sides. With that said I would like to thank all my team captains for their hard work this year.</p> <p>We had my captains day which was I slightly different format to normal but seemed to go down well with all involved, I'd like to thank Nigel Sim for all his help on the day and also his help in running club championship in my absence.</p> <p>We then move on to our charity day which again was a great success and good money was raised! I would like to thank all the Three rivers staff for the fantastic service, great food and course conditions.</p>	

	<p>Competition numbers seem to be very hit and miss and a look into what we can do is planned prior to next season. As many of you know the last couple of months have been a struggle for me with health and family issues, after a long chat with some valued colleagues on the committee I have decided to stay on as competition secretary and apologise for the manner in which I stood down.</p> <p>With all this said I think with the potential of sub committees to sort problems and come up with new ideas in between main committee meetings that this committee is moving forward in a way we can truly represent the membership and move the club forward and ensure Three Rivers Golf Section has a successful and sustainable future.</p> <p>I would like to thank you all for your support in my captains year and know I'm handing over to the safe hands of Peter White, and wish him all the best for his Captain year. Pete's Drive in is on 12th October.</p> <p>MF then outlined plans for a winter "best score" competition. Final details will be finalised and then advised to Members. The committee also discussed the introduction of an Order of Merit comprising the main board competitions but culminating in the Club Championships next year. Details to be agreed in due course.</p>	<p>MF to finalise plans for winter Competition.</p>
<p>5. Lady Captains Report</p>	<p><b>Lady Captains Report:</b></p> <p>August has been a busy month, Three Rivers and the Ladies' section hosted the Essex Ladies Bronze Shield on 15 August, provided a splendid half-way house refreshments complimented with some homemade cakes supplied by Jennie Wilson &amp; Wendy Buck. My sincere thanks to Kathy and Ruth for taking control of the reins for the day, assisted by committee ladies Jane Hatfield and Jackie Lythgoe. The feedback from ELCGA was extremely grateful and complimentary, and, of course the Kings was in excellent condition thanks to the hard work of the ground staff.</p> <p>Jo Stentiford had an amazing win in the semi-finals of the IDA Bunting at The Colne Valley, but sadly lost after a nail biting head to head final with Crondon on Monday 19 August at Boyce Hill finishing on the 18th on the last putt.</p> <p>The Captains' Charity Day on Friday 23 August was a great success, which I am sure Matt will report on more fully. We managed to field a ladies team as well as a few individual ladies playing, although sadly this year the date seemed to clash with summer holidays.</p>	

	<p>Caroline Crispin manned the registration desk and we managed to sell £450 of raffle tickets which went on the help the total raised on the day to over £4,000. Charity money to date held in the ladies section is £5,201.50 with one outstanding Auction bid of £200 to be settled, in addition to a further £1,000 business donation and the funds raised at the Quiz night – the funds are looking good!</p> <p>We were blessed again with good weather for the Mixed Millenium Bowl on Bank Holiday Monday, with 15 mixed pairs taking part. The scores coming in were all extremely close, with the winning pair Jackie &amp; Lythgoe collecting the Millenium Bowl, runners up Gill Grout &amp; Richard Jordan.</p> <p>Three Rivers has again been chosen by Essex Ladies to host the Harris Bowl Semi-finals on 12 September, both myself and Wendy Buck will be on hand to welcome both teams and hopefully Ruth can advise on any course updates or rules procedures on the day.</p> <p>Coming up, we have the Autumn Meeting &amp; Prizegiving on 16 September; the Captains Charity Trophy &amp; EYM on 23 September; the 3-Course Challenge encompassing Stockbrook, Kings and Jubilee; which leads us to the Lady Captain Drive in on 7 October.</p> <p>This is my last report to the Advisory Committee this year, and I know I will be leaving this position in the capable hands of Kathy Lane.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>The financial year end for the Section is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. I am awaiting a response from Leisa in Accounts regarding outstanding invoices she may have for the Men's Section. I am not expecting any that will impact on our bottom line. On the basis that there are no outstanding invoices, I am anticipating a small excess of income over expenditure of for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.</p> <p>We currently hold 10 team shirts in stock which has a maximum potential return of £250.00 in income. I have also ascertained that the Men's Section trophies haven't been engraved for two years, 2022 and 2023. I will be assessing which trophies will need to be engraved and I have allocated £500.00 out of this year's accounts for that cost I have also allocated £200.00 out of this year's accounts for the retiring Captain's Gift.</p>	

	<p>Once all the outstanding information is received, a more detailed Report will be prepared for presentation at the AGM.</p> <p>The third monthly draw of the new 100 Club will take place next weekend with 68 paid up members. If you are not already in the 100 Club, please consider joining. Further advertising of the 100 Club will continue going forward.</p>	
7. Handicap Secretary Report	<p><b>Handicap Secretary Report:</b></p> <p>No Report submitted.</p>	
8. Rules & Liaison	<p><b>Rules &amp; Liaison Report:</b></p> <p>No Report submitted.</p>	
9. Green Keepers Report	<p><b>Green Keeper's Report:</b></p> <p>No report submitted.</p> <p>TM advised that work on the 7th tee has recommenced and is due to be completed within this week, although the tee will not be in use for at least 6-8 weeks after the turf has been laid.</p> <p>Green renovation work is due to commence on 16th September and will involve hollow-tining and top dressing.</p> <p>TM also mentioned that other course improvements have started including clearing of ditches, work around the 3rd Green and that bushes on the 15th are to be cleared.</p>	

<p>10. Any Other Business</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>KD thanked Rob Wells for his support and contribution to the Committee in various guises over the last few years.</p> <p>He also thanked Jenny Cook who will have finished her 'service' as Lady Captain by the time of the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Sub Committees:</b></p> <p>KD had circulated his proposed Committee structure for the year 2024-25 which included establishing a number of Sub Committees. These would focus on Handicap (already in place), Competitions and Treasury matters, with consideration to others in due course. Some members had been identified and agreed upon but the respective Secretary's can enlist who they wish.</p> <p>The rationale is to formulate proposals for submission to the main Committee to speed up the decision making progress, as well as identify potential successors.</p> <p>This concept was agreed by the attending Committee members and will be presented to the AGM in October.</p> <p><b>AGM 2nd October 2024:</b></p> <p>KD advised that this years AGM will be held on Wednesday 2nd October and asked that a suitable notification be sent out to the Membership.</p> <p>Annual Reports to be submitted to KD 2 weeks before the meeting, with JH to present Seniors &amp; Jubilee Section. Brian Collins/Ruth Collins to provide last years AGM Minutes.</p> <p>Committee Members were asked to encourage attendance and get initial feed back.</p> <p><b>2024-25 Priorities:</b></p> <p>KD asked for all Committee Members to formulate their priority ideas for 2024-5 and have these for discussion at the November meeting.</p>	<p>PP to email Membership.</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: -</p>	<p>Members AGM to be held on 2nd October 2024</p>	

Signed.....

**Chairman**