



## **Ramsdale Park Golf Club**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### **Chairman: Mark Northern**

Mark Northern opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

#### **Present:**

Mark Northern – Chairman & Handicap Secretary  
Theresa Plimmer – Ramsdale Park Golf Centre Manager  
Sachin Kanaiya – Captain  
Dene Parsons – Vice Captain & Junior Liaison  
John White - Competition Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary  
Hans Bauder – Treasurer & Alliance Match Organiser  
Martin Bettison – Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary  
Danny Harkin – President John Hilton – Discipline  
James Abbott – Scratch Team Organiser  
Terry Crofts – Seniors Captain  
Phil Abbott – Immediate Past Captain  
Daryl Woolley – Committee Member  
Richard Hone – Communications & Web Sites

#### **Apologies:**

Lynne Moon – Lady Captain  
Lee Bettison – Scratch Team Organiser

#### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

No matters raised from the previous minutes.

#### **General Managers Report: Theresa Plimmer**

Theresa reported that the greenkeepers have been fighting the recent heavy rainfall around the course. The average rainfall in September is approximately 34mm and this year it had been 132mm plus it had rained for almost all of the first two weeks of October.

Greens maintenance has been pulled forward to week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November as it will help firm up the greens after which verti draining will be carried out as the verti drain machine has now been repaired and returned into service.

Going forward the ropes will soon be out around the greens for the winter period and buggies will only be available weather dependant.

A decision has been made not to make hedgehog wheels compulsory throughout the winter for the foreseeable future.

A discussion took place around when it was the right time to move the tees forward and general consensus was that it should be reviewed weekly with the greenkeepers.

#### **Treasurers Report: Hans Bauder**

Hans had already issued the accounts to Mark Northern and Martin Bettison for verification and all are accepted as a true reflection of the account. The account is in a positive position but will drop into a negative balance with forthcoming subsidised events such as Presentation Evening and Turkey Trot. Hans also reported that the charity fund was in an excellent position and the amount will be revealed at the Presentation Evening when cheques will be issued to the two charities.

John White informed all that members of the charity committee, Danny Harkin, Theresa Plimmer and Sachin Kanaiya would be discussing the charity fund raising and how well it has done over the past years on Sports Scene radio presentation on Radio Nottingham on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### **Communications: Richard Hone**

Richard reminded all again that he would like some golf related information be passed to him to upload to the web site to keep the site current and fresh.

#### **Captains Report: Sachin Kanaiya**

Sachin stated that he would be issuing an end of year report to Richard Hone to be uploaded to the web site.

### **Lady Captains Report: Lynne Moon**

Lynne had nothing to report.

For all other information regarding the ladies section please visit the new Ladies web site at.

[www.ladies.ramsdaleparkgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.ladies.ramsdaleparkgolfclub.co.uk)

### **Senior Captains Report: Terry Crofts**

For all information and reports regarding the seniors section please visit.

[www.ramsdaleseniors.co.uk](http://www.ramsdaleseniors.co.uk)

### **Social Report: Danny Harkin**

Danny stated that he had arranged the posters for Presentation Evening and these have been put on the notice boards and also details are to go on the web site. The evening will cost £30 per head which is a slight increase on last year but this will include the 3 course meal, bottles of wine on each table and the entertainment.

Danny also mentioned that Sachin will be sorting the engraving of the trophies prior to the evening.

Richard Hone requested a list of the Honours Board winners from Mark Northern so that he can get the boards updated.

### **Competitions Report: John White**

John reported that all competitions for the next year are on the system and there are just a few dates to cross check with the centre. John went on to say that he is starting to load the Ladies competitions onto the system.

Danny Harkin asked if occasional 9 Hole team competitions could be put on throughout the winter season.

John answered that they would look at putting a some on going forward.

Mark Northern presented a letter from a 5 day senior member regarding the speed of play during competitions.

The committee decided that as it relates to senior weekday competitions that speed of play should be monitored/regulated by the organisers of said competitions and as such the letter was passed to Richard Hine to process.

### **Handicap Report: Mark Northern**

Mark reported that all handicaps are up to date.

A discussion took place about when the tees are moved forward and when to remove general play scores from the system and it was agreed to leave the general play entries open until the weather conditions are no longer suitable.

### **Junior Section Update: Dene Parsons**

Dene stated that he and Jack were looking at running free lessons in the winter.

Dene informed all that currently we have approximately 10 juniors with qualifying handicaps and a number keen to progress so things have improved slightly on last years numbers.

### **Discipline: Mark Northern on behalf of John Hilton**

There are currently 2 fines outstanding of which 1 has agreed to pay but has not been in attendance to do so recently.

John White raised the current fines and disciplinary process and offered a suggestion for consideration to be discussed further and implemented at the AGM.

### **Any Other Business**

Sachin informed all that as the Gedling Challenge had been cancelled this year that there would be two events next year with the first booked for 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the second date will be arranged for July 2024 with the exact date to be confirmed.

A further discussion around how best to run Club Championships over the two days next year to avoid the 5-6 hour rounds at the end of the competition on day 2. All were asked to consider the options presented and finalise at the next meeting.

Phil Abbott stated that he had been talking to some new members and said that they would like to see more drawn competitions.

A discussion took place around the pros and cons of introducing more drawn competitions and it was decided that at this time if anyone wants to play with different people they have the option of randomly entering any open slot. Also to run drawn competitions in the past caused a lot of upset when certain members had been left on their own when others either pulled out or moved

groups on the tee on the day which caused various problems for Brian the starter.

It was discussed that a lot of new members do not know the rules and it would be a good idea to include some rules in the centre newsletter that Theresa produces and also occasionally on the web site.

Meeting closed at 18:25pm

**Next Meeting 6:00pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Mark Northern – Chairman**

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