



Ramsdale Park Golf Club

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024

Chairman: Mark Northern

Mark Northern opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Present:

Mark Northern – Chairman & Handicap Secretary

Theresa Plimmer – Ramsdale Park Golf Centre Manager

John White - Competition Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary

Martin Bettison – Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary

James Abbott – Scratch Team Organiser

Phil Abbott – Immediate Past Captain

Terry Crofts – Seniors Captain

Dene Parsons – Vice Captain & Junior Liaison

Daryl Woolley – Committee Member

Richard Hone – Communications & Web Sites

Apologies:

Lee Bettison – Scratch Team Organiser

Sachin Kanaiya – Captain

Lynne Moon – Lady Captain

Danny Harkin – President

John Hilton – Discipline

Hans Bauder – Treasurer & Alliance Match Organiser

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

No matters raised from the previous minutes.

General Managers Report: Theresa Plimmer

Theresa reported that she is currently working on the budgets for project works for the coming year to present to BGL.

Theresa also informed all that the kitchen refurbishment is now underway and a temporary set up is in place to ensure the food service is still available to all and asked that members are understanding of the disruption during this period as it has become necessary to carry out these works for the benefit of all as the kitchen hadn't been upgraded since RPGC opened.

Theresa also noted that there will be no disruption to the bar service during this time.

Theresa went on to state that even with the unprecedented amount of rain we have experienced over the past few months both courses have held up really well.

Ongoing works will continue to the paths around the course and suggested that the path at the rear of the second hole needs some work and will possibly be taken out of play. At which point a discussion took place around the options for members taking relief from the path during competitions and details will be issued prior to the works being carried out.

Daryl Woolley raised the point of slow play during competitions and asked if anything could be done to improve this. A discussion took place around adding signs around the course and potentially having more course marshals plus the option of timing all groups through 9 & 18 holes to find out if there are any particular groups that do hold up play. It was decided that for now the installation of reminder signage would be the first option to implement and review after a number of months.

Richard Hone asked if the new WIFI could be set to automatically log members back in when they are in the building as there had been a few minor complaints about having to login each visit.

Theresa said she would look into this but it was a BGL guideline and had security implications but she would ask the question and report back.

Treasurers Report: Mark Northern on behalf of 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.

Mark went on to read out Hans's email which detailed the fact that the accounts were now with our accountant to verify and sign off for the year ahead of the forthcoming AGM.

Hans will present all of the details to members at the AGM.

The main fact is that this years closing balance is almost the same as last year which shows no increase in the club funds and indicates that all surplus amounts have been paid out or used to subsidise the larger events throughout the year which has been the aim of the club for the past few years.

Communications: Richard Hone

Richard reported that there had been an issue with the web site which has now been resolved and that he has found a way of semi-automatically uploading competition results to the web site as some members had requested sight of the results and didn't use the unofficial Facebook page.

Richard went on to say that the honours boards will be updated shortly.

Captains Report: Sachin Kanaiya

Sachin was not in attendance so did not produce a report but will provide an end of year statement at the AGM.

Lady Captains Report: Lynne Moon

Lynne was not in attendance and therefore 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

Senior Captains Report: Terry Crofts

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

www.ramsdaleseniors.co.uk

Social Report: Danny Harkin

Danny was not in attendance but as there are no social events in the immediate future there was nothing to report.

Competitions Report: John White

John reported all competitions for the coming year are now on the system with the exception of some of the ladies competitions that John needs to discuss with the ladies section before uploading.

Handicap Report: Mark Northern

Mark reported that all handicaps are up to date and that the annual review will be carried out before the end of January and amendments will be notified to anyone affected. Any changes will be in line with the EGU recommendations on handicap reviews.

Richard Hone raised a discussion on the upcoming changes to the handicap system and how it may affect players from April onwards.

Further details are to be investigated by John and Mark.

Junior Section Update: Dene Parsons

Dene reported that they now have a small but very keen core of young players with some as young as 8 years old. Dene and Jack will be arranging some group and one to one coaching as discussed previously.

Discipline: Mark Northern

The current disciplinary procedure is being reviewed and an update will be provided at the AGM.

Any Other Business

MB raised the frequency of meetings and the size of the committee again for discussion and it has been agreed that the 5 members of the executive committee will meet monthly and the main club committee will meet on a quarterly basis where the executive committee will present any issues raised for discussion that cannot be resolved at the monthly meetings. This will free up the committee members time to focus on such things as Summer Cup matches (Vice Captain), Charity (President, Captain, Treasurer plus other), etc.

Dene reminded all that the decision regarding the club championship format was to be finalised at this meeting and all engaged in further discussions around the best way to encourage all but look to improve the speed of play.

It was decided that anyone entering club championships does so on the basis that they are entering a 2-day competition and pay the 2 day entry fee on the first day. After the first days play anyone that enters a no return score or has a particularly high nett score will be given the option of not playing on the second day. Last year there were 18 NR's and a reasonably large number of players with high nett scores a lot of which didn't turn up for day 2. This in turn created issues on the tee in the morning which Brian had to try and sort out with a number of single players and two balls due to the NTU's. If we can avoid the NTU's this way then players would not receive a fine as they had paid for day 2 and this would be seen as the fine/forfeit for not attending. This could lead to a reduced number of players on day 2 and if this is found to be the case the competition could start a little later and there could be the potential to play in 3 balls but this will be reviewed on the day by the competition secretary and assistants. All of which should benefit all by reducing the number of NTU's and speeding up play on day 2.

Meeting closed at 19:20pm

Next Meeting 6:00pm Tuesday 5th March 2024

Mark Northern – Chairman

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