



## **Ramsdale Park Golf Club**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 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  
Dene Parsons – Captain & Junior Liaison  
Daryl Woolley – Vice Captain  
John White - Competition Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary  
Martin Bettison – Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary  
Danny Harkin – President  
Doreen Musgrove – Lady Captain  
Hans Bauder – Treasurer & Alliance Match Organiser  
John Hilton – Discipline  
Richard Hone – Communications & Web Sites  
David Hawkins – Seniors Captain

#### **Apologies:**

Lee Bettison – Scratch Team Organiser  
Sachin Kanaiya – Immediate Past Captain  
James Abbott – Scratch Team Organiser

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

None.

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

Theresa reported that there hadn't been a lot of change since the last newsletter issued by the centre.

Theresa went on to state that the greenkeepers were currently under huge pressure due to the inclement weather causing a larger amount of growth around the course than normal and as such apologised that the rough in certain areas will be up for a while so the greenkeepers can concentrate on the major areas of the fairways and greens.

Theresa also asked if there could be a local rule put into place with regard to the "bald patches" on the greens rather than having to mark out each one individually. Theresa said that due to the bald patches on the greens there was additional work daily covering up the affected areas overnight to protect them all of which adds time to the greenkeepers working day and reduces time for other issues to be addressed but mentioned that the

greens are getting better week by week with this focus on the recovery. All agreed this was the best way forward and a local rule will be put in place via web site, Facebook, Master Scoreboard, Notice Boards and Brian the starter will be informed to let people know as they tee off.

Theresa also reported that we now have a number of course marshals for mid-week. Another matter raised was the range not being open early enough on competition days and this was down to health and safety, but Theresa agreed to arrange for this to be open by 08:00am on competition days. Theresa went on to say that the practice nets that have been ordered will need some ground works completing for them to be installed correctly and safely for all and as such Johnny Evans and Theresa are looking at the most suitable areas around the centre, but this could be delayed due to the increased time required on the course due to the aforementioned excessive growth.

Daryl Woolley asked when the drainage works would be complete at the side of 6 & 7 to which Theresa informed all that we are waiting for a date from the drainage specialist contractor.

Daryl also asked about any plans for better temporary tees to which Theresa responded that these are being reviewed before the end of this season but all may not be in place by then due to locations and the amount of work required.

Richard Hone asked Theresa if there were any plans for more ball washers on the course. Theresa said that following the installation of the additional ball washers a few years ago there were no current plans to add to these.

#### **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.

Hans informed all that the competitions are currently very well supported and that the bank funds are slightly up but this will balance itself out with the forthcoming events but did go on to say that Dene and Daryl are doing an excellent job of balancing the funds on each event so far and thanked them for their efforts.

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

Richard reported that the number of visitors to the web site in May this year had doubled which is a good sign that people are now using this for competition updates.

Richard went on to report that the Ladies web site is now back up and running with Doreen uploading information for that section.

Richard also noted the date for the Ladies Par 3 Charity day will be 26/06/2024.

#### **Captains Report: Dean Parsons**

Dean will be posting reports and updates on the web site going forward.

#### **Lady Captains Report: Doreen Musgrove**

Doreen will be uploading her updates and reports to the Ladies web site.

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: David Hawkins**

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 reported that he is currently looking for a band for Presentation Evening and will report back when he has sorted this.

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

John reported all competitions are up to date on the system but did raise the point that we appear to have an issue with people not following the rules of golf for starting.

With regard to this all members are politely reminded that it is your responsibility to be on the tee 10 minutes before your allotted tee time to ensure competitions run as smoothly and on time as possible. The issue is with a number of members turning up last minute and still having to sign in etc. which causes delays at the outset.

A discussion took place around the possibility of on line payment for competitions and due to conflicts between systems and the charges made by the companies that run these systems to do this that we would continue with manual payment in cash on the day.

Doreen Musgrove informed everyone that the Ladies mid-week competition times are now open all day to allow weekend ladies to play after work if they would like to do so.

A discussion took place around the qualifiers for Stableford and Medal finals for the ladies and all agreed that due to the number of ladies involved that all should qualify for the finals providing they have played 5 handicap qualifying competitions in a 12 month rolling period in line with the main club rules.

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

Mark reported that all handicaps are up to date.

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

Dene and Jack will be arranging some group and one to one coaching as discussed previously.

### **Discipline: Mark Northern/John White**

The revised disciplinary details were issued to all via the web site, Facebook and at the AGM and these are now in place and appear to be working well. A few members are still not following the correct protocol for withdrawing from competitions and often claim to have called the pro-shop to cancel but can we please remind all that this is not the correct procedure. If a member wishes to withdraw after the entries have closed they must contact either Mark Northern or John White via phone, message or email and they will process this for them as the pro-shop staff do not have access to the system and as such cannot remove anyone.

### **Any Other Business**

Daryl Woolley asked if it would be a consideration to limit the handicap at entry for medal competition.

This was discussed at length and noted by Mark Northern that we only have one medal per month for the majority of the season and limiting this would not necessarily speed up play as people believe. The general consensus was that we do not limit this at this time but monitor closely on medal competition days for the future. A lot of the reasons for delays were discussed and generally all agreed that a lot of players do not take a provisional ball when they believe they could be in some trouble, and we should also be ensuring that our playing partners are only taking the 3 minutes to look for a ball as stated in the R&A rules of golf. It is also at this point we should remind all players that it is your responsibility to keep up with the pace of play and help newer golfers to understand the reason for "ready golf" as raised by David Hawkins in the meeting.

Another suggestion was to put up a number of signs around the centre and on notice boards etc. for all to be reminded.

Meeting closed at 19:10pm

**Next Meeting 6:00pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

*Mark Northern*

**Mark Northern – Chairman**