

Somerset Golf Union

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
Monday 20 July 2009 at 7:15pm

PRESENT

D.Longden	President & Comps Sec	S.Haines	Captain
J.Perkins	Senior Vice President	S.Butterfield	Junior Vice President
D.Hughes	Junior Organiser	A.King	Secretary
B.Evans	Elected Member		

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from B.Whittock, G.Yates, M.Lazenby, J.Atkins, M.Curtis, A.Deakins, D.Compton, D.Hanson and M.Lazenby

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2009 were discussed and agreed as a true record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING (not covered in later minutes)

3.1 para 4.3 AP 1/6/09 the discount rate of 35% had been agreed with the company and the details sent to clubs.

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3.2 para 9.1 AP 3/6/09 the application had been submitted by the due date and the Secretary had been informed that the outcome of the submission would be known by the end of July.

Discharged

3.3 para 11.1 AP 4/6/09 The Secretary had written to all clubs inviting them to enter a team. A voucher for clubs to donate a 4 ball round at their club had also been included and a good number of these have been returned. The outstanding ones will be chased this week. Dennis undertook to speak with Matt Lazenby, Chairman of the Marketing & Sponsorship committee, who had been allocated the responsibility for generating entries for the event. Derek Hughes asked that all the age group Juniors be written to inviting them (their parents) to enter a team. Derek will speak with Kevan Purdy and Geoff Collard to ask them to speak with their players also.

The venue and timing of the Am Am were discussed and it was resolved that Marketing & Sponsorship should review after this year's event/

Action Alan to chase vouchers AP 1/7/09

Action Elizabeth to write to Junior squads AP 2/7/09

Action Marketing & Sponsorship to review venue & timing AP 3/7/09

3.4 para 11.2 The Secretary had identified 22 October 2010 as a possible date to move the Annual Dinner to a Friday. This date was agreed.

Discharged

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3.5 South West week review

Coaching & Development committee had carried out a review following the poor results where we finished 4th in the strokeplay and 6th in the matchplay. A series of detailed recommendations had been made and these were considered by the Executive. It was agreed that a template needs to be established which will provide the framework around which future SW weeks can be planned, The Secretary will assume responsibility for all the non-playing arrangements and will attend the C&D committee. Steve asked that his thanks to Alan for the support given at Broadstone should be minuted.

The recommendations were accepted and the C&D committee was tasked to prepare a plan for the arrangements for following years and present it to the Executive at the November meeting

Action C&D committee AP 4/7/09

4. SECRETARY/CORRESPONDENCE (Alan King)

- 4.1 The July newsletter has been circulated to the Executive and is being distributed to everyone on our database.

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- 4.2 A letter had been received from Taunton Vale GC as a result of the advice to them that the EGU affiliation fee would increase on 1 Jan 2010 to £5.00. The question raised was whether the club will be invoiced for the higher amount based on the numbers declared at 30 June 2009. The club felt this was unfair as they had only levied the existing rate when membership renewals were charged from 1 April. The Secretary was asked to write to EGU Finance Director pointing out the concern raised by the club.

Action Alan AP 5/7/09

5. TREASURER'S REPORT (Derek Hanson)

- 5.1 The expenditure to 8 July had been entered on to the monitoring sheet. Progress is on track although some budget lines did not agree with a recent hardcopy sent out by the Treasurer; This will be raised with the Treasurer on his return from holiday. A Finance meeting will be held in August to consider the preliminary budget position following the advice from clubs of their numbers at 30 June.

Action Derek Ha AP 6/7/09

6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Steve Haines)

- 6.1 Activity at South West week had been the subject of a separate report. Since returning the team had achieved 3 good wins in Channel league games. The team is settled with only 1 or 2 changes needing to be made due to unavailability. The 2nd team also had a convincing victory in their match against Devon.

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- 6.2 Steve advised the committee that he was considering whether holding practice rounds for home matches late on Saturday was the most effective method as some players had an hour's travelling on top of that and again in the morning. Arranging a practice round during the week was felt to be better and Steve would liaise with the Club Secretary as necessary.

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- 6.3 The arrangements for meals at Channel League matches was raised and it was agreed that this would be included on the agenda for the next meeting to establish the County's position before raising it with the Channel League. The recent match against Wiltshire had seen 2 'buffet' meals and the absence of a main meal with dessert was perhaps a step too far.

Action Alan AP 7/7/09

7. COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER (Derek Hughes)

- 7.1 Derek has met with Brian Waites who has agreed to do some work with the Juniors. Initially he will mentor the Sloman brothers. These two boys will also be attending the Lee Westwood Academy at the Bristol GC for 3 days at the end of July. This is now at no cost to the County or the boys as EGU are providing the funding.

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- 7.2 At the recent SWCGA Boys held at Woodbury, we finished 5th. All the boys had tried hard but were unable to play to their handicap away from their own course.

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8. COMPETITIONS SECRETARY (Dennis Longden)

- 8.1 The only competition recently has been the Mid-Amateur where there had been a disappointing entry of only 21. The event was won by Justin White from Tall Pines. Next year it will not have an age restriction at the top; it will be open to anyone over 35.

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- 8.2 The SGU supported the organisation of the Tillman Trophy held the previous week at Burnham & Berrow GC. The event was won by Dale Whitnell, Laurie Canter finished in a very creditable 6th place.

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- 8.3 The next competition is the Category 2/3/4 at Frome on 30 August. Committee members were asked to encourage members at their club to enter.

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9. COACHING & DEVELOPMENT (Adrian Deakins)

- 9.1 The review into SW week had been completed and discussed, there were no further items.

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10 SOMERSET COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP (Alan King)

10.1 Farrington GC has now become the 4th club in the County to achieve GolfMark accreditation. Several others are quite close with only CRB certificates or SPC courses outstanding.

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10.2 Disappointingly we are still awaiting the announcement of the award of funding to Counties as a result of the Sport England £12.8m allotment to golf. My understanding is that the definitive split as to how the funding will be allocated and the reporting requirements are still in debate and the agreement with Sport England has yet to be signed.

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10.3 The Partnership has recruited Paul Barrington to work on a part time temporary basis for 3 months to develop the Club & Coach Fund and also carry out a training needs analysis. This analysis is a prerequisite for the allocation of some additional funding which has been promised. Although we do not yet have that funding we are moving forward with this initiative at this stage to try to take advantage of the summer months to encourage clubs to run taster sessions during that period. The funding of the post can be covered from within existing Partnership and Club & Coach resources. John Paterson will continue with his work with clubs and moving them towards the accreditation process and he will be working closely with Paul.

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11. MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP (Matt Lazenby)

11.1 No report

12. EGU REPRESENTATIVE (Dennis Longden)

12.1 Dennis had attended a meeting of Voting Members where discussions had taken place on Funding and the EGU/EWGA merger. Dennis will forward by email the slides from the presentations and a discussion will be held at the next Executive meeting to brief him in advance of the next Voting members meeting.

Action Dennis to email slides AP 8/7/09

Action Alan to include item on agenda AP 9/7/09

12.2 Items currently under discussion at Club Services Committee the forthcoming County Seminars being held during the autumn where Golf Central, Funding, merger and Central Handicap database will be topics. Other issues being handled are the report from STRI on the relative impact of trolleys, buggies etc on wear on golf courses, Coastal Path access and Surface Water Drainage, where the basis of charging is changing from a rateable value system to an acreage based arrangement.

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13 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Dennis Longden)

13.1 The President gave a summary of the events he had attended during the past month. It had been a very busy period.

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14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 It was agreed that the website should include the results for County Players playing in national or regional tournaments. Dennis undertook to provide the structure on the site for this, Steve and Derek will feed the results in as they become known.

Action Dennis AP 10/7/09

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 18 August 7.15pm

Burnham & Berrow GC

Dates for further meetings for 2009 are as follows: - 22 Sep, 3 Nov, 8 Dec.

Approved

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Dennis Longden President