

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
Tuesday 2 August 2011 at 7:15pm

PRESENT

S.Butterfield	President	N.Long	Chairman
J. Keight	Elected member	A.King	Secretary
J. Cunning	Elected member	G.Gregg	Seniors Captain
C. Nicholls	Elected member	M. Rossiter	Elected member
K. Purdy vice	County Junior Organiser	G. Yates	Co-opted member
P. White	Captain		

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Executive committee. Apologies had been received from J. Parker, I. Pamplin, B. Evans, D. Hughes and T. Hoskings.

The Chairman congratulated Phil on the team's recent performances. He congratulated Jamie Clare on his wonderful achievement in reaching the final of the English Amateur Championship. A letter had been received from EGU thanking the Executive for their support at the Brabazon Trophy at Burnham & Berrow and Nigel passed his thanks to those who had contributed to the success of the tournament. He reported that at the Voting Members meeting, the proposal to raise the EGU affiliation fee by £1 in each of the following two years was accepted.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 11 were agreed.

3. Matters arising (not covered in later minutes)

- 3.1 para 3.1 AP 1/2/10. The draft revision of the Policy Document will be presented to the Executive committee prior to the next meeting

Action Nigel AP 1/2/10

4. Captains report.

- 4.1 Phil reported on the team's performance at the two recent away matches against Devon and Wiltshire. Despite having a weakened side against Devon, the players had fought admirably and managed to gain a halved result. With virtually a full strength team against Wiltshire, everyone contributed to a solid victory despite being unable to have the benefit of a practice round due to rain. Despite being down after the foursomes, the top order won points and with only one loss in the singles victory was achieved 9-6. The match this coming weekend against Gloucestershire at The Mendip will be crucial in the campaign to win the Channel League.

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- 4.2 The 2nd team had also had two fixtures and a much changed team did well to win 9-6 at Farrington against Devon. The match against Wiltshire was close throughout but the team were unable to recover the deficit from the morning foursomes, losing 8-7. The team are in action again this weekend in the reciprocal match versus Gloucestershire.

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- 4.3 A need was identified to be fully aware of all players in the County who were in the range of handicaps to be considered for the County teams. The Secretary undertook to interrogate the CDH and produce a list for the Captains and Team Managers.

Action Alan AP 1/8/11

5. Forthcoming events

The fixture list is busy during the next month, mainly with Junior fixtures. These were identified and Executive members were asked to support wherever possible. The rota for score recording duties at the British Boys Championship was determined.

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6. Competitions.

- 6.1 It had been necessary to cancel the Mid-Amateur due to lack of support. The Category Championships at Worlebury on 28 August is the next event and early indications are that this will be well supported. The Trounson Trophy is at Cannington this year and the club will be making special arrangements to accommodate the event. It is traditional for clubs to enter teams into this competition and they will be contacted to try to ensure their participation.

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- 6.2 The Secretary advised the committee of an issue he is currently dealing with in relation to a Somerset Bowl tie. One club had claimed the game due to the delayed arrival of the opposition. Alan had requested some more information from the clubs before taking a decision.

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7. Treasurer.

The latest financial report had been circulated. The figures are generally within expectations. It was agreed that one of the costs shown against the players for South West week had been misallocated and was proper to be set against the Executive line.

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8. Juniors

- 8.1 The SWCGA Boys had been held in the previous week and it was felt the team had not played to their full potential. It is the intention to review the preparation undertaken by the team for the event as it appears some of the players under-performed. There was also a concern that we are perhaps not developing players with the correct mental attitude or desire to go to the next level. The Junior management group will be addressing this issue.

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- 8.2 The team though had responded well to their disappointment by beating the SWCGA winners Devon later in the week. Edging the Foursomes 3.5 – 1.5 was decisive and with the singles being halved, a victory was achieved.

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9. Seniors.

- 9.1 The Seniors have now completed their Channel League season. An away tie against a strong Glamorgan team resulted in a heavy defeat but on a damp and misty day in Cornwall, the team performed better but still went down to a narrow loss.

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- 9.2 The forthcoming Southern Counties Foursomes competition was discussed in relation to its relevance as a competition now that Seniors golf is more structured with Leagues and various Scratch events. This prompted a discussion on the priorities for the County and how resources should be allocated. The Chairman agreed that this is an important topic and time will be set aside at a future meeting to consider the issue in more depth.

Action Nigel AP 2/8/11

10. Somerset Golf Partnership

The second South West golf week had been held in the week following the Open Championship. Detailed results on participation are awaited.

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11. Marketing.

Preparations for the fund raising day are well advanced but Executive members were asked to generate more teams from their clubs and personal contacts. Some follow up of clubs who have yet to send their 4 ball vouchers is being done by Alan and John. John will also liaise with David Haines on the details of his Trick Shot show.

John is also following up sponsorship opportunities both for the day and perhaps on a wider basis.

The Chairman identified that there is a lack of marketing expertise within the Executive committee and everyone was encouraged to attempt to identify someone with those skills who may be willing to help.

Action John K. AP 3/8/11

12. Secretary & correspondence

With the EGU/EWGA merger proposal document having recently been published, a date has been reserved for a briefing for club delegates. The Secretary will write to clubs to formally invite them.

Action Alan AP 4/8/11

13. President.

The President stated that the previous month had been relatively quiet with the Brabazon Trophy being the major highlight. He has been invited to a Cocktail party during the British Boys in recognition of our assistance at the event. A speaker for the Annual Dinner is still being sought.

Information

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.25 pm
NEXT MEETING Tuesday 13 September 7.15pm – Burnham & Berrow GC

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Chairman Nigel Long 13 September 11