

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
Tuesday 3 January 2012 at 7:15pm

PRESENT

S.Butterfield	President	N.Long	Chairman
J. Keight	Elected member	A.King	Secretary
B. Evans	Elected member	J. Cunning	Elected member
K. Purdy	Asst/County Junior Organiser	G. Gregg	Seniors Captain
J. Parker	Treasurer	G. Ogden	Seniors Captain elect
T. Hoskings	Elected member		

1. Welcome and apologies
The Chairman welcomed the members of the Executive committee. Apologies had been received from I. Pamplin, G. Yates, C. Nicholls, P. White, D. Hughes and M. Rossiter.
The Chairman welcomed Geoff Ogden to the meeting and he was introduced to everyone.
2. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 11 were agreed.
3. Matters arising (not covered in later minutes)
 - 3.1 para 3.1 AP 1/2/10. The draft of the Policy Document had been circulated and it is an agenda item
Discharged
 - 3.2 para 4 AP 1/12/11 The rules of the new England Golf organisation require Counties to arrange meetings of Club Delegates. The Secretary had written to clubs inviting them to nominate a delegate. It was agreed that the issue should be a separate item on the agenda for the AGM. The meeting discussed the structure that the delegate meetings may follow and it was agreed that Nigel would contact the SLCGA as they already have a similar process in place.
Action Nigel AP 1/1/12
 - 3.3 para 6 AP 2/12/11 The Competitions committee have decided that the wording on prize vouchers will allow them to be used in accordance with the procedure followed at that club.
Discharged
4. Accounts.
The final accounts had been prepared and are currently with the Auditor. The change in the arrangements for the remittance of affiliation fees had resulted in a one-off windfall of £41k into this year's accounts. Taking that aside, there had been a profit of £14k which had effectively replaced the losses that had accrued over the previous 3 years. It was agreed that the £41k should be placed into a Special Projects fund and various ideas were put forward as to how this could be allocated. It was agreed that a statement should be

prepared to go with the accounts when they are distributed to clubs, to include the reasons for the current year's position and an explanation of how it is proposed to operate the Special Projects Fund. This would include an opportunity for clubs to suggest initiatives. The letter to clubs would also include a reference to the fact that the accounts are still awaiting a response from the auditor. Nigel undertook to draft a statement which will be circulated to the Executive before being sent to clubs. The timescale required to meet the AGM timetable is that the letter needs to go with the accounts and the notice of the AGM by 6 January.

Action Nigel AP 2/1/12

5. Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary went through the AGM arrangements and clarified the committee situation. The number of committee vacancies would depend on the outcome of the position of Vice President. It was agreed that the officers should prepare reports in advance of the meeting which the Secretary would send out to clubs. This will speed up the business at the meeting.

Information

6. Juniors

The past month had been quiet with no squad days. However, 7 interviews had been held between players and the coach with 5 still outstanding. The output from those meetings has been sent to the individuals. A meeting of the Junior Management team has been arranged for next week to formulate the plan for the on-going coaching structure. This will be forwarded to the Chairman and Secretary for their input. It is hoped to organise a weekend away for the Under 18 squad at Tehidy Park which is the venue for the EGU Qualifying event this year.

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7. Policy Document.

The draft of the document which Nigel had prepared was discussed. Nigel will prepare a paragraph covering the Seniors and will consult with Graham and Geoff on the content. Some individual queries were raised relating to expenses and kit. It was confirmed that travel expenses could be paid for travel to Junior matches outside the County at the discretion of the Junior Organiser but within any overall budget constraint. The colour of trouser to be worn as County kit was confirmed as beige and players are expected to wear kit where it has been provided officially.

Action Nigel AP 3/1/12

8. Competitions committee feedback.

The notes of the meeting had been circulated. One item was raised as a matter of concern, this related to the practice of the County paying the entry fee for some pairings which had been identified by the Captain as being part of his team plan for the coming season. This issue was not able to be progressed without the Captain being present and it was carried over to be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Alan AP 4/1/12

9. Safeguarding

There were no outstanding safeguarding issues.

Information

10. Any other business

- 10.1 The Chairman noted that for some members of the Executive this would be their last meeting. He thanked Ian in his absence for his contribution as Vice President and recognised the reasons why he was unable to continue. Graham Gregg was also standing down as Seniors Captain. Graham has led the Seniors team through a period when competitive golf has taken a hold and he is passing over the reins to Geoff Ogden with the team in good shape and Nigel acknowledged his contribution. Jim is standing for re-election and hopefully will be able to stay with us and continue to support the Union in such a positive way. Mike is also at the end of his term and due to his commitments at his club is not standing for re-election although he has indicated a willingness to be co-opted for another year if necessary. The President echoed the Chairman's sentiments and went on to wish everyone a good season.

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- 10.2 The arrangements for County cards for 2012 was discussed with particular reference to how many should be printed as some clubs did not automatically distribute one to each member but advised all the membership that they were available for collection, the result being that a significant number of cards were left over. It was decided that although there may be a degree of over provision, it is important that the full number is delivered to each club and the print run should be for the full number of Men and Lady members.

Action Alan AP 5/1/12

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 7 February 7.15pm – Burnham & Berrow GC

Somerset Golf Union

Dates of further meetings in 2012 –

13 March
24 April
29 May
3 July
14 August
25 September
30 October
4 December

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Chairman Nigel Long 7 February 2012