

NENE PARK GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF A GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON
31st AUGUST 2018 AT THORPE WOOD

Present:	Chris Naylor	Chairman
	Colin Bagley	Secretary
	Nigel Jones	Club Captain
	Neil Crees	Treasurer
	Doreen Asher	Lady Captain
	David Asher	Seniors Captain
	Barbara Bird	Lady Secretary

Apologies: Kay Mullholland
Barbara Bird

Action

Item 1: Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:

a. The Handicap Secretary vacancy:

Four members had originally expressed interest in the position but eventually Michael Marot was considered to be the most suitable candidate. He is presently doing the job and the Chairman will keep a watching brief until the end of September.

b. New member's letter:

A request for acknowledgement of receipt has been added to the letter.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer report is attached.

It was noted that there is still outstanding sponsorship from Aaron Jones. This will be paid by the end of September.

There is still sponsorship money, from The Woodman, outstanding from last year. It is not certain whether this is due from Greene King or Sue Buddle. It was suggested that this money is a lost cause and should be written off. The Chairman is meeting with the new manager in the near future and will discuss this matter with him.

Chairman

The Captain asked when the charity money can be handed over to the respective charities. The Treasurer advised it was at the Captain's discretion.

Item 3: Secretary's Report:

Currently the membership is 739 comprising 126 ladies, 244 men, 339 seniors and 30 juniors. The Secretary said that he had nominated Michael Marot, Bob Morris and himself

to attend the second World Handicap System Workshop at St Ives GC on the 23rd November. It is anticipated that the ladies would be invited to a Workshop via the Northants Union.

Item 4: Course:

Daniel Clarke has been taken on as another member of the ground staff.

The Lady Captain reported disappointment with the presentation of the Orton Meadows Course for the Ladies 3 Ball Alliance, specifically ground staff working in bunkers and longer than expected grass on fairways which was being cut during the competition and thus interfering with play.

Item 5: Captain's Report:

Simon Fitton and the Captain will be playing in a Captain/Pro competition at Coxsmoor GC on 13th September.

The Men's Open was well attended and £130 was raised for the Captain's Charity.

Item 6: Any Other Business

a. Generator:

The Secretary reported that an unused Honda generator had been generously donated to the Club by the brother of a member for use at the Halfway House to provide power for cooling fans in the summer and a heater in the winter.

The Chairman raised an objection to the use of a generator because on a previous occasion when one had been hired the noise had disturbed him at various locations on the course. The Secretary countered by saying that on the 3 occasions a generator had been hired for use during Opens no-one had complained about being aware of any noise adjacent to the Halfway House.

The Secretary said that the weather this year had shown conclusively that cooling in the Halfway House is required in the summer months and a generator is the only practical method of providing the power required.

The Secretary advised he would purchase noise reduction material and construct screening in order to reduce any possible noise.

Secretary

b. Painting the Halfway House:

The Secretary intends to paint the Halfway House green in the coming months. The paint was originally purchased early in the year and will be re-accounted for with the Treasurer. (The accounting action has been completed.)

Secretary

c. Halfway House Opening:

The Captain asked if the Halfway House could be opened more often than it is at present. It can be opened at any time that it can be staffed but only for the benefit of members, not for the benefit of visiting societies.

d. On Course Toilet

Another suggestion had been received for a toilet on the course from a lady member via Simon Fitton. This is for a porta loo system from a local firm which would cost £24 per week and includes a cleaning contract. Cleanliness of any toilet system is the major stumbling block with the previously considered eco toilet. Simon Fitton has been persuaded to support this suggestion on the understanding that the cost would be shared between NGL and NPGC. There were concerns that a cleaner would not be prepared to go to the area of the 11th tee, which is the preferred location for a toilet. Notwithstanding any objections, it was pointed out that this is an outstanding issue from the last AGM and the Club must be seen to be making a positive effort to address the matter. It was agreed to pursue the proposal in conjunction with NGL.

Secretary

e. Additional purchases:

In order to spend some of the accrued funds for the benefit of members, the Chairman proposed the following:

- (i) to extend the V1 PSI facility to provide competition data, such as leader boards, onto the TVs in the Range and The Woodman.
- (ii) driving nets adjacent to the 1st tee at Orton Meadows;
- (iii) quality ball washers, with NPGC logos, on all tee boxes at Thorpe Wood. The same will be purchased for Orton Meadows next year.
- (iv) a photo ID system for all members.

The total cost for these proposals is approximately £8000. The meeting agreed to support these proposals.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting: 31st October at 6.30pm, the venue to be advised.

Colin Bagley
Secretary
September 2018

NENE PARK GOLF CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT for meeting 31 August 2018

The attached accounts summarise NPGC's income and expenditure for the period 1 January to 23 August 2018

Membership

Subscription income in the accounts to 23 August totals £26,858 after adjusting the subscription year to the financial year. Last year's income to August was £25,589.

New members

132 (212 last year) members have joined the Club, 80 (158) men, 15 (40) seniors and 37 (14) ladies.

Renewals

563 (510) renewals have been received comprising 316 men (265), 167 seniors (160) and 80 (85) ladies.

This shows a reduction in new male members joining the Club. However the number of renewals is up so the Club is benefitting from large number of new members it gained from spring 2017. The Ladies on the other hand have attracted 37 new members (mainly through the academy) which is much higher than last year. The net effect is that the Club's subscription income is slightly more than last year at this point.

Unfortunately Nene Golf Ltd has changed its season ticket pricing structure so that its price no longer includes an allowance for Nene Park Golf Club membership. Season ticket holders will have to pay NPGC separately should they wish to renew their membership. **As a result the Club is likely to lose a number of its members next year.**

Debtors

NGL currently owes the Club £295 being outstanding NPGC membership fees from season ticket sales. In addition, The Woodman owes the Club £100 competition sponsorship money from the previous two years plus an additional £50 for this year. The landlady promised to make arrangements to process the Club's invoices it hasn't happened. As she has now left The Woodman it is unlikely the money will be recovered so, with the agreement of the committee, it will be written off.

Competitions

There have been 92 club competitions this year. Competitions run at break-even apart from subsidised mixed and captains events.

The four Opens were all well subscribed. A deficit of £174 has been itemised in the attachment.

Matches

Matches are run on a break-even basis however a late NGL invoice for a mixed match last year has only just been received which has created a small deficit (as the income was taken last year). The Scratch team deficit is the cost of their match meals.

Expenditure

Expenditure is well controlled. Expenditure appears higher but that is because last year sponsorship money had been credited to the trophies account before much of the expenditure had occurred. The senior captain's NGL season ticket is a new item.