



Barrow Golf Club: Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tuesday 9th April 2024
Present:	David Howell (President), Steve Trainer (Hon Secretary), Janette Dutton, Pat Duxbury, David Barker, Allen Phizacklea, Tony Sneesby and Kev Smith (Development)

ITEM		ISSUES	ACTION	BY WHOM	BY DATE
1	Apologies	Sue Newsham (Hon Treasurer) and Bryan Rhodes			
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting	These were agreed. DB stated that the 2024 green fees should be £45.	Advise PR.	ST	Asap
3	Actions from the Last Minutes	ST stated that AP had expressed a wish to be co-opted for the role of Chairperson. Previous to the meeting the Management Committee had been asked their views and it was unanimously decided that AP could be co-opted into the role until the AGM. This was agreed and AP took over as Chair.	Complete.		
4	Matters Arising:				
	a Course & Golf	<p>DB reported that the course has been closed for 40 days so far this year.</p> <p>DB reported that England Golf have extended the period to utilise preferred lies until the end of May.</p> <p>DB reported that SW would like to renovate the trolley shed and that an email would be sent to members to clear their equipment from the shed with a view to refurbishment in September. Any gear left in the shed would be removed/binned.</p> <p>DB reported that he and ST had had a meeting with Club Systems re using CS for Opens as CS utilise CDH numbers whilst BRS does not. A move to CS would result in a cost to the Club of 1% plus 20p per transaction. ST also added that the CS system could accommodate subscription payments however the cost to the Club would be c£11 per transaction (on 2024 subscriptions). The CS system was to be given more thought and input from SN.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Send out communication.</p> <p>Liaise with SN.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DB/SW</p> <p>DB/ST</p>	<p></p> <p>31/5</p> <p>Asap</p> <p>Asap</p>
	b House	<p>JD reported that the repair to the hand dryer in the gents washroom was in hand.</p> <p>JD and ST reported that one of the two main boilers was under repair with an estimated cost of £1200. ST has asked for a breakdown of these costs as they appear very high. The</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>ST</p>	<p>Asap</p> <p>Asap</p>

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		Franchise Agreement left some uncertainty whether the Franchise contributed to these costs however it was thought not with the Club taking the full amount.			
c	Health & Safety	Nothing to report. TS offered his assistance with any H&S issues as he was NEBOSH qualified.	Liaise with TS.	ST	Asap
d	Holker Estates	ST reported that a meeting was arranged for 2 nd May with Holker Estates. The indication was that Holker would use any potential lease extension (currently to 2041) as a negotiating factor in respect of the Driving Pod proposal and the housing development on Rakesmoor Lane. Paul Rawlinson and Sam Cunningham (Private Financiers) have been invited to the meeting with ST, the President and Allen Gibbs and Heath Broadbent from Holker.	Ongoing, report to the next MG meeting.	DH/ST	7/5
e	Development	KS reported that the Race Night had been cancelled and the Golf Quiz Night was under consideration. KS reported that a proposal of a Sportsman's Dinner was taking shape and he had contacted Geoff Swain (LIV golf commentator, trick shot expert and after dinner speaker) for a potential date of 21 st or 28 th September. The cost of hiring GS was £2k plus vat plus travel and accommodation with 50% being paid as an upfront non-returnable deposit. This proposal had some issues; 1. Potential clash with the Masters (15 th), 2. obtaining sufficient support and 3. Obtaining an affordable catering cost. All would impact on the ticket price which was expected at c£40. It was agreed that this should be open to all gents and lady members. It was agreed that KS should sign the joining form with the broker however further action should be curtailed until more information on costs and support is obtained.	Collate more information and expected costs.	KS	19/4
f	Chairperson	As per Section 3 above.	Complete, remove from the Agenda.	ST	Now
g	Franchise	ST reported that everything appears to be going well. PD reported that the Ladies have complained that tables are not available form them and that the lounge area is being utilised as an extra room. Also the ladies locker room seems to be the area used to store linen and tables from the restaurant.	Arrange a meeting with the Franchisee to discuss Club issues.	JD/ST	Asap
5	Finance Report	SN had provided a report indicating a present bank balance of c£143k (£124k 2023, £56k Feb 2024). This includes the Captain's charity/Centenary funds (c£25k). SN's report indicted a potential loss of c£9k for 2023.	Ongoing	SN	

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		SN indicated the very high cost of gas and electricity with the possible proposal of approaching the Franchise for an increased contribution. The situation will continue to be monitored. JD asked what was meant on the report by Bad Debts?	Ongoing. Investigate further.	SN SN	 7/5												
6	Future Developments:																
	a Bridge	BR reported that Sharpe's had contacted to explain that the bad weather has prevented work commencing and they have proposed a date of September (possibly August) for this work to commence. TS offered his support by contacting Cowran Estates to see if they could assist? It was agreed that Cowran Estates should be approached. It was agreed that this project should be moved forward at the earliest possible date.	Obtain further quotes for this project with a view to completion in the shortest time possible and within the budget of c£25k.	BR TS	Asap												
	b Driving Range	See Holker Estates, above, re a meeting on 7 th May, 2024.	Ongoing.	DH/ST	7/5												
7	Membership report (Previous Month)	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>667</td> <td>(649)</td> <td>ST reported that the 2024/5 subscriptions were still</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playing</td> <td>557</td> <td>(542)</td> <td>being collected. The fact that the course is closed due to</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full</td> <td>368</td> <td>(381)</td> <td>the bad weather is probably not helping.</td> </tr> </table>	Total	667	(649)	ST reported that the 2024/5 subscriptions were still	Playing	557	(542)	being collected. The fact that the course is closed due to	Full	368	(381)	the bad weather is probably not helping.	Ongoing.	ST	
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8	Any Other Business	PD reported that Helen Brady, England Golf Liaison officer, was due to visit the Club on 9 th May to see, and present to, the Junior section. ST reported that recent sad deaths of past Club Captain Eric Hart and long-standing senior member George Holt. DB reported that he had been approached to put the course status on Facebook as well as CV1. After consideration it was thought that it was not in the best interest of the Club to place the course status on Facebook, TS suggested that a perhaps a more positive report from the greenstaff would be useful rather than the constant check on rainfall. It was noted that there was nothing much to report on the course as the greenkeepers had difficulty gaining access however it was a suggestion worth noting.	Ongoing. Complete. Complete, report back to the member who posed the question. Liaise with greenstaff.	PD DB BR	9/5 Asap												



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		DH asked for clarification of whether the practise green was closed in line with the course closure? It was agreed that the practise areas on the course were closed when the course was closed.	Complete.		
9	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 7 th May 2024			
The Management Committee agree that these Minutes are a true representation of the discussion that took place.					
Signed:			Chair – Barrow Golf Club	Date:	