



Forrester Park Golf (Men's Section) Committee Meeting on 3rd April 2024 at 6.30pm at The Clubhouse

Present: Kevin Royan (Chair) Moir Gunfield (Minutes Secretary)
Simon Harding (Treasurer) David Steel (Immediate Past Captain)
Martin Gunfield (Captain) Andy Young (Social Secretary)
Steve Barraclough (Competitions Secretary) Mike Manning (General Committee)
Bill Chapman (Forrester Park),

Apologies: Gary Huggins (Vice-Captain) and David Gillespie (Greens Committee)

All Outstanding Actions

21.09.23	Committee to encourage members to be on rota for 'Starters'.
14.03.24	KR to retrieve the marque and assess condition and store offsite until needed.
14.03.24	Committee to discuss rules for Winter League incorporating a cut-off date and suggestions for 6 teams per league.
03-04-24	MG to discuss the Simms Bowl with the Ladies Captain.
03-04-24	SH & BC to come up with wording for an invitation letter to a new inter-club competition for discussion at the next meeting. Also suggestions on how the competition will work.
03-04-24	BC/LK/SH & KR to meet and discuss a robust process for new members.
Ongoing	DG and Course Committee will review suggestions for viability, discuss and take to the club for discussion/implementation accordingly.
Ongoing	Bill and Committee to welcome new members.
Ongoing	ALL to use the wristband/tag system once it has been installed.
Ongoing	ALL to rake the bunkers and place rake accordingly.
Ongoing	SAGS/KR to review booking and report to club on a Thursday evening.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received as above.

2. Outstanding Actions

Completed items were removed from the list above.

FYI – Kevin to retrieve the marque and assess condition and store offsite until needed.

FYI – New Handicap Rules from EGU – Kevin spoke to those here on Sunday regarding this. An explanation will be posted onto the website and the notice board. Temporary signs will go up around the course until later this year when it is re-rated (August/September), when new signs will be purchased. There was a detailed discussion on the new system and it was agreed that EGU are making it too complicated. There is nothing anyone can do about it, so the committee respectfully ask that **everyone remembers that they are working to the same rules. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure they put in ALL their cards, including casual rounds) and log into howdidido.**

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings

The previous minutes from 14th March is on the website.

4. **Correspondence**

More than one committee member had been spoken to (and witnessed first hand) on Sunday that the bunkers are not being raked. This is very inconsiderate and basic etiquette for golfers, so please be respectful, take the time and rake the bunker if you have used it and place the rake back where it belongs. If you don't like your ball landing in an unraked bunker, then don't leave a bunker unraked for a fellow golfer!

5. **Treasurers Report**

Simon spoke and distributed accounts information. There was not much change from last month due to continued weather conditions, although now competitions have recommenced, there will be more to report at the next meeting.

Martin handed for funds to Simon for his charity.

6. **Course Committee Report**

There was a discussion about the 7th green and possible temporary hole. Bill confirmed that it is still too wet to correct and when dry enough the greens staff will work on it accordingly. To try and do work now, will ruin other work about the course due to moving machinery etc.

Bill confirmed that the club are continuing to dealing with the worst areas as a priority and asks that we remain patient with works continuing for the better of the course.

7. **Men's 2024 Programme**

Following discussion it was agreed that the Guest Day will be on Friday 21st June.

Steve spoke about Sunday – It's very important that Members access the My England Golf App to obtain their new Course Handicap. This needs to be done prior to playing a round of golf, until the new signage is in place.

There was a discussion about the SIMMS Bowl and it was agreed to try to resurrect for this summer in June and Martin to discuss with the Ladies Captain.

There was a discussion on the Thornton Cup and the possibility of entering the Curry Cup next year. It was noted that we struggle to get players, and when the committee recently enquired about the Curry Cup, it was fully registered and there would not be a space for the foreseeable future. It was suggested on forming our own competition with a few local golf clubs where teams play a home and away game. A detailed discussion followed regarding how this could work and it was agreed that Simon and Bill will work on a letter and explanation for the committee to review at the next meeting. Clubs suggested to form a competition will be decided at the next meeting.

Reminder that the first match of the Leslie Wood Tournament is away to Belhaus at South Ockenden on 14th April.

Reminder that the Captain's Day 2024 will be on Saturday 6th July. If you can help set up on the day, please speak to Martin.

7. **Captains Report**

Martins report will be posted on the website.

Remember that there is a collection tin on the bar for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for any loose change you may have (notes also greatly appreciated).

8. **Social and Fundraising Events**

The next Music Bingo event raising funds for the Captain's Charity will be on Saturday 8th June.

A Race Night is being held as a joint fundraiser with the Ladies and Vets sections on Saturday 22nd June.

There will be a Summer Celebration Event on Saturday 17th August. This will be a BBQ followed by live music. Andy confirmed that the band is booked. More information to follow.

Please support these events, they are to help raise funds for your Captain's Charity, supporting your club and are also good events and enjoyable for all.

9. **Any Other Business**

Bill thanked members for renewing their membership, there was a 95% renewal rate and some new members.

This led onto a discussion regarding new members and having a robust process for welcoming them and ensuring that they have all the information available to them for activities at the club, such as competitions.

Bill read out a letter that is given to new members. Kevin advised that there are people still on the system that are no longer members and haven't been for some years. These e-members need to be 'released'. Kevin to review list and give Bill/Leo a list to remove them. It was agreed that Bill/Leo/Simon and Kevin are to meet and discuss a more robust process that can be used for new members that will, hopefully, ensure a CHD number and the club where they were last a member.

Bill confirmed that the new tag system has been implemented and it is for the benefit of everyone. It is important that all members ensure that they collect the tag upon arrival and return to the bar as they leave. Currently, those that return their tags are entered into a draw for a prize.

It was confirmed that EGU now accept 9 hole cards.

Andy Young and Bill Chapman left the meeting.

Martin confirmed that the Summer Singles and Pairs sign up sheet is on the notice board and there is currently a low uptake recorded.

Following on from this, Mike asked about the boards. This will be an item on the next agenda.

10. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th May at 6.30pm in the Clubhouse.

Meeting closed at 8pm.