

# Chartridge Park Golf Club

## Gentlemen's Committee Meeting Minutes of 23 February 2021

Held virtually by Zoom at 8:00pm

### Present:

Paul Smart	PS
Stu Pullar	SP
Kevin Fields	KF
Dave French	DF
John Duncombe	JD
John Curtis	JC
Aidan Barnwell	AB
Paul Griggs	PG
Andy Caple	AP

### In attendance

Ollie Farr	OF
Russ Parsons	RP
Eric Roca (part only)	ER

## 1.0 Apologies & Introductions

1.01 There were no apologies for absence

The new Captain (PS) welcomed the new members and said how much he looked forward to working with the committee throughout the next year.

Last year's captain (KF) thanked everyone for their efforts during his term of office and for the gift he had received.

## 2.00 Minutes from last meeting

2.01 The minutes of the meeting on 7 January 2021 were approved.

## 3.00 Matters Arising from last meeting (or outstanding from previous meetings)

3.01 (From 3:01 of 7 January 21 minutes) The making of a clearer definition between the path and the ground under the trees to the right of the 9<sup>th</sup> Tee has now been completed

3:02 (From 3:02 of 7 January 21 minutes) DF to post rule on the notice board facing you as you enter the locker room about playing more than one competitive round in a day. OK to play a strokeplay first, then matchplay but you can't play a match followed by strokeplay. DF

3:03 (From 3:05 of 7 January 21 minutes) With respect to the "safe golf accreditation", JC reported that he had attended the "Safeguarding and Protecting Children" course online and, as a result, had made a couple of recommendations to ER for the Safe Golf Accreditation Document. These had been incorporated and the Committee approved the Club's Safe Golf and Accreditation document for Children and Vulnerable Adults.

3:04 (From 3:06 of 7 January 21 minutes) JC reported that he had updated the constitution and that it was with ER awaiting approval by the directors before being distributed to the other committees for their comments.. PS/JC

The competition rules had been updated to cover the introduction of WHS, the demise of CONGU and the entry method of scorecards. The document was currently with PS for his comments and would be sent to OF for his comments.

3.05 (From 3:07 of 7 January 21 minutes) The formation of the Club's Handicap Committee was still under discussion.. The need to have such a committee had been included in the new constitution. PS/JD

3,06 (From 3:08 of 7 January 21 minutes) The points regarding HandicapMaster had still not been resolved, particularly not being able to enter general play scores through the Master Scoreboard app. There may have to be interim procedures in place for general play from 29 March, when golf restarts, until 12 April when the Clubhouse can re-open, To be discussed at the next meeting All

3.07 (From 7.01 of 7 January 21 minutes) The application and payment for the Hillman Trophy had been made

3.08 (From 7.03 of 7 January 21 minutes) The admin for this year's Open needs to be completed PS

3.09 (From 7.04 of 7 January 21 minutes) The committee approved the new Friday night competition, 9 and Dine, which would be run by Ian Morgan and would run on alternate Fridays.

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- 3.10 (From 8.03 of 7 January 21 minutes) The just giving page for the Captain's Bunker has been set up. Instructions on how to use the page will be distributed. PS/AB
- 3.11 (From 9.01 of 7 January 21 minutes) JD had sorted the handicap issues but it was stressed that it is up to players to chase if no handicap is listed by England Golf
- 3.12 (From 10.02 of 7 January 21 minutes) It was agreed that all the winter knockout competitions would be cancelled and that refunds for these competitions would be discussed with ER.
- 3.13 (From 12.01 of 7 January 21 minutes) The notices for the AGM had gone out on the basis that no meeting would held but that any questions received would be addressed and answered. In the event, no questions were received. The "minutes" of the AGM, comprising the Captain's, Vice-Captain's and Treasurer's reports had been prepared in draft and would be distributed shortly.
- 3.14 (From 12.02 of 7 January 21 minutes) The question of recognition for lowest scratch scores in competitions was still outstanding. To be thought about and discussed at next meeting All

### 4:00 General Manager's Report (Eric Roca)

- 4:01 ER said that the e-mail relating to bookings for the first few weeks after the Club reopens on 29 March had been sent out today.
- 4.02 ER had requested that no competitions be held in the first two weeks after reopening to give as many members as possible the chance to play. As a result:-
- The Medal due to be played on 3/4 April will be played the following weekend
  - The Midweek Medal due to be played on 7 April will now be played on 14 April
- For the first two week period, ER will input general play cards and also those for initial handicap.
- 4.03 Regarding the course, a weekly plan had been produced between ER and TG. The turf had been delivered, mainly for around the new lake, and sand would be delivered on 8 March. A top dressing machine has been booked and this operation will be intensive this year to take advantage of the course being closed until 29 March.
- On 1 March, the 11<sup>th</sup> hole will automatically go back to being a par 4
- 4.04 ER said that the renewals letter would be sent out next week. Having discussed the matter with the other directors, the following had been agreed:-
- For those members paying annually, an amount of £130 would be put onto their card
  - For those members paying by direct debit, no money would be taken from their account in February or March

JC asked whether it might be better that those paying by D/D did not pay in April and May (rather than February and March) as an incentive to renew their membership. ER said that this had been considered but it was felt the choice made was the better alternative.

A survey undertaken by the BB&O of clubs in the area showed that over 50% were not making any gesture regarding fees for the time the course had been closed, although the majority of these were member's clubs

- 4.05 There was some debate between the R&A and the EGU regarding the position of the independent golfer i.e. those without a home club. ER explained the details to the meeting and expressed his views as only he can!

### 5:00 Course Manager's Report (Tom Grace)

- 5:01 The Course Manager was not present.

### 6.00 Captain's Report (Paul Smart)

- 6.01 The Captain reported that the charity for this year would be CLIC Sargent, a charity helping young people whose lives have been affected by cancer.
- 6.02 The rota for closing competitions had not yet been prepared so PS suggested that rather than prepare one for the entire year, one should be prepared for shorter periods of, say, two months, given the possible changes to the calendar as there were in 2020. PS
- 6.03 AC would be taking over responsibility for the Breakfast League this season. The first meeting will be on 11 March and the first match is planned for 3 April, although this may be changed. The position on maximum handicaps needs to be addressed following the introduction of the WHS.

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- 6.04 The question of moving President's Day, currently 24 April, to later in the year was briefly discussed as the clubhouse would only be available for outdoor service but as this is now a mixed event, the views of the Ladies Section will need to be taken into account.
- 7.00 Vice Captain's Report (Stu Pullar)**
- 7.01 SP recorded his thanks to AC for taking over the Breakfast League and offered any assistance he needed.
- 8.00 Treasurer (Aidan Barnwell)**
- 8.01 AB said that £630 was owed by the Club for the Celebration Cup but that he was loath to ask for it given the financial situation of the club.
- 9.00 Handicap Secretary (John Duncombe)**
- 9:01 Nothing to report.
- 10.00 Competition Secretary's Report (Dave French)**
- 10.01 As the winter comps had been cancelled, the question of refunding the entry fee was discussed. ER to look at the easiest way to do it ER
- 10.02 ER will send out the entry form for the summer comps with the sign-up to be similar to last year. Comps will start on 1 May. ER
- 10.03 It was agreed that it would probably be better to hold only one doubles knockout this summer but which one was not finalised. To be discussed at next meeting. All
- 11.00 Senior Section Captains Report**
- 11.01 There was no representative from the Seniors' Section.
- 12.00 Any Other Business**
- 12.01 It was agreed that, with the ability to enter scores via the MasterScoreboard app, that all day entry for weekend competitions on a Saturday should be permitted. This will be included in the new competition rules
- 12.02 OF asked whether there was a Chartridge policy on the inputting of cards under WHS. PG explained the EGU position but that it was a position of encouragement rather than enforcement, unless it was a "social" competition with prize money such as a rollup, where input of one's card should be mandatory.
- 12.03 Regarding the Captain's AwayDay, PS had reserved Chartridge for that day and would try to move the day at Porter's Park to later in the year. PS
- 12.03 KF and DF are to address the Order of Merit for the last year. KF/DF
- 12.04 The revised date for the Christmas Cracker, originally scheduled for 23 March, would need to be rescheduled. PS

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 23 March..

Meeting closed at 10.20pm