



HWM Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10th April 2024 – 9.30am

Location: WGC Boardroom

Present
Steve Downs, Keith Doran, Kevin McGann, David Lewendon, Andrew Harvey, David Humphrey, Stephen Webb, Ian Thompson, Andy Heath (AFH)

1. Apologies	Action
1.1 None	
2. Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1 Agreed, actions summarised within each report as below	
3. Captain's Report – SD	
3.1 The Captain confirmed that KD, AH, and KM have volunteered to help with the admin on the day of the Mixed Invitation event 17 th May. In addition, SD, SW and AFH have volunteered to help with the Ladies Invitation 19 th June.	Note
3.2 Confirmation of whether help is needed at the Men's Invitation on the 19 th July would be sought at the next club committee meeting.	SD
3.3 The Committee Cup, to be held at Hartley Wintney GC 16 th July is confirmed with HWGC and the Captain will be sending out invites to all the Past Captains regarding the details of the day.	SD
4. Treasurer's Report – AH	
4.1 Currently the cash at Bank is £ 4,280.33 (2 nd April)	Note
4.2 Non HWM funds – Club Captain's Charity Fund £ 1,867.45, Staff Gratuity Fund £ 1,011.26. Total non-HWM funds = £ 2,878.71 HWM funds are therefore (£ 4,280.33 less £ 2,878.71) = £ 1,401.62 Plus, VAT receivable £ 28.83 = £ 1,430.45	Note
4.3 The VAT submission (Feb) was completed, and we are awaiting the refund of £ 28.83.	Note
4.4 The above figures do not include the roll-up of the 4 th April and the Costello Bowl entries, due to WGML contact vacation.	Note

4.5 Resolving the process of changing designated signatories on the HWM bank account is on-going. (Ref: 29-11-23 Item 4.8)	AH
4.6 The Winter Pairs and 9 Hole competitions are now concluded, and prizes allocated.	Note
4.7 It was confirmed that the Treasurer would allocate funds to the Club Captain's Charity and the Staff Gratuity fund as he sees fit to maintain historical levels.	Note
4.8 AH advised that probate for the Brough Girling estate will take 5 to 6 months. It was agreed that the captain would discuss with WGML General Manager the potential cost of the memorial tree with a view to funding from HWM funds should the optimum planting time dictate. Whether a plaque is permitted would be discussed with WGML. (Ref: 28-02-24 Item 3.1)	SD
5. Competition Secretary's Report – KD	
5.1 Since the previous report we have had 314 rounds of golf, despite challenging course conditions. The green keepers have done a super job of keeping the course open.	Note
5.2 Unfortunately, the final round of the Winter Eclectic had to be cancelled due to a carry only course status. There was disappointment expressed by a few members, but the explanation of policy by KD was accepted. Consideration will be given that the final round next year would be prior to course maintenance. This will allow more flexibility should the weather again prove challenging.	Note
5.3 Over subscription to popular time zones, when we have HWM home matches, are historically an issue and will repeat this year. It was noted that there are 3 tee slots following the matches not used. It was agreed that a trial 9 hole OoM summer competition would be run on home match days. This would be inaugurated from May and conclude in September.	Note
5.4 HWM Year to date, we have had 21 roll-ups with an average attendance of 54 players. Number of rounds, 9-hole 158, 18-hole 970.	Note
5.5 The Winter Eclectic has completed, and the winner was Stuart Armstrong.	Note
5.6 The Kim Short Trophy was won by Ian Greenaway.	Note
5.7 THE HWM 9 Hole winter Stableford Order of merit concluded, and the winner was Gerald Bullock. David Preece was second and Peter Bennet third.	Note
5.8 The Serenyi Salver had 60 players in the field and the trophy was won by Vernon DeCruz who managed to get to the 11 th green with his 8 shots.	Note

5.9 The Winter Pairs concluded, and the winners were Alan Ford and Malcolm Lucas.	Note
5.10 The Costello Bowl (Singles Knockout) has started and there are 41 entrants. Round 1 to be completed by 5 th May. All entrants were validated as meeting the entry requirements of 6 qualifiers and 6 HWM competitions.	
5.11 Our Status Blue policy (Carry only) is modified to 5 clubs and a putter. (Ref: 28-02-24 Item 5.7)	Note
5.12 In May our schedule includes the Staunton Pairs (random draw), Graham Woodfine Figurine and the HWM Championship Day.	
6. Communications Report -KM	
6.1 The recommencement of the Lee Mucklow HWM Clinic will be communicated in the Parish notices. This is for up to 8 members to participate in 6 group lessons on a Wednesday morning between 9 and 10 am at a total cost of £60. The clinic will cover all aspects of the game and commence 26 th April.	KM
6.2 A reminder will be posted in the Parish notices to remind HWM that the captain is regularly updating the Captain's corner on the website.	KM
6.3 It was agreed that SW would send the result of HWM matches and a short report to KM for publication. Colin Berkley would be copied for the club website.	SW
7. Match Secretary's Report – SW	
7.1 The first match against Sutton Green was postponed due to the poor condition of their course and will now be played on the 31 st July. (Ref: 28-02-24 Item 7.4)	Note
7.2 We are looking forward to the first home match (11 th April) against Chobham with Stuart Armstrong as Captain for the day.	Note
7.3 It was confirmed that the match against Royal Mid-Surrey on the 2 nd May would be at a cost of £25, to reciprocate the level of catering. This has been communicated to potential participants with a good number of positive replies.	Note
7.4 With regard the club gilets and polo shirts a consolidated email will be sent to Colin Berkeley (11/04 prior to WGML committee meeting 12/04) with our requirements. (Ref: 28-02-24 Item 3.2)	SW
8. Social Secretary's Report DH	
8.1 The Baxter Trophy (Texas Scramble) with the Ladies 24 th April is now arranged with 28 gents and 30 ladies signed up. A further call-out (Parish notices) will be made to recruit additional players. (Ref: 28-02-24 Item 8.1)	KM
8.2 The fun day booked for the 22 nd August is booked with a 4 tee start agreed with golf operations. (Ref: 28-02-24 Item 8.4)	Note

9. Web/I.T. Report – KD	
9.1 No concerns, all working well.	Note
9.2 There are 304 members eligible for the HWM (>55 years), 120 (39%) HWM have participated in competitions this year with 54% of those, winning a prize. With 1128 rounds of golf played.	Note
9.3 The money list is headed by Gerald Bullock, Neil Lennox and Ian Greaves.	Note
9.4 Top Participant with 20 rounds, Keith Doran followed by Andy Heath, David Lewendon and Andy Lloyd on 19 rounds.	Note
9.5 Only 16 rounds of 40 points or more headed by Ian Shipley with 2. With the changes to the slope index and handicap recalculation this list may remain restricted.	Note
9.6 The most improved player is Martin Roads with a 12.85% decrease to 21.7 followed by John Peasgood with 10.59% decrease in handicap to 15.2.	Note
10. AOB	
10.1 It was agreed that the committee have a collective responsibility to promote rules application, etiquette and align with the club's drive to eliminate slow play. A note will be included in the Parish notices to promote good practices.	KM
10.2 The captain advised that he has been forwarding details of other club's Open competitions to all the HWM and they have been well received. It was noted that these were primarily to promote membership.	Note
10.3 It was noted that the facility for tees on the practice area are less than ideal.	Note
10.4 A list of new members is provided at the monthly WGML committee meeting and confirmation that they have been sent a welcome pack would be sought prior to sending additional HWM information.	Note

**The next meeting will be held at WGC Boardroom on:
Wednesday 22nd May 2024, starting at 2.00pm.**