

Minutes



OPGCMA & Crown Golf

Meeting:

Date: 9th August 2010
Venue: Oak Park Conservatory

Present

Brian Matthews	Captain
Cliff Simmons	Vice Captain
Margaret Church	Lady Captain
Martin Skinner	Oak Park Manager
Neil ?	Deputy Head Green Keeper

Apologies

Claire Weedon Lady Vice

Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

IT problems over CDH are being addressed by Mark Cooper and David Shepherd of Crown. **OPGCMA have a right to expect Crown to provide the wherewithal for the club to operate correctly.** Still seeking to fill F&B Manager post and sous chef post. **Sous chef post now filled. The need for F&B Manager now becoming critical.** CE requested that that consideration be given to having the Ladies' and Men's Club Championships further apart, a month would be good, to allow for better preparation of the course. **Agreed at 3 weeks, CS/MC to resolve.**

MS ongoing

CS/MC

Follow up / Action

Discussion

Crown Golf report Dress Code needs to be enforced more strictly. MS will instruct all his staff of the need to eradicate improper dress on both courses. MS advised that the Marshall, Dave Walsh, works 3 days a week. He will be used at key times where possible. **Actions taken so far do not appear to be satisfactory. MS to address this situation urgently.** Door to function room broken. New parts ordered but factory in Holland closed at moment so awaiting delivery. MS reported no increase in pay & play activity during Jan to July this year. BM suggested that the 'apparent increase' was therefore due to the degradation in dress code.

Craig's report Full report not available due to absence of CE. Coring of greens is planned for after Lady Captain's Day. It is hoped that all 27 holes will be completed in 2 days.

AOB BM asked for clarification of the benefits of being in the Masters Club. MS agreed to look into this and report back. **BM advised that the benefits as advised by MS were too restrictive and as such it**

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was difficult to see the benefits of members' loyalty.

BM asked when the steps to the back of the 11th tee would be completed. CE advised that this would be done when time permitted, probably in the autumn.

Work commenced but still ongoing.

MC was concerned at the number of players who were taking their dogs round the course whilst playing a round. MS to investigate.

MC/CS stated that there was an urgent need for a committee room, meetings should not be held in public. A proposal to rectify was made by CS for MS to take forward. In the meantime it was considered inappropriate for the function room to be hired out when a meeting was booked beforehand.

MC advised that the cleanliness of the Ladies' locker room was not up to standard. MS to investigate.

MC noted that there is very little ladies clothing in the pro shop. MS to investigate.

MC was concerned that the office was 'selling' the Village to potential new Lady members over the Woodland. MS to resolve with MC and Mark W.

MC advised of the current discontent amongst the Lady members – dress code and high prices amongst other things.

BM noted that clarification is urgently needed on when the grass practise teeing area is to be open.

BM advised that the refurbished 100 yard markers were a vast improvement and asked if there is any likelihood of getting new ones for the 12th and 14th on the Woodland and where necessary on the Village course.

BM asked if the playing members could help fill in divots. Maybe target two holes at a time and members to take soil/seed mix round and infill as necessary.

BM requested that the use of colour coded flags be used to denote flag position on the greens.

BM suggested that if the long-awaited refreshment buggy were to be run by F&B the spare capacity pro shop staff could be utilised to improve dress code.

BM asked if there would be any restrictions if OPGCMA were to install a clock on the clubhouse wall overlooking the practise putting green. MS advised that a plain clock would be acceptable.

BM asked if there were any plans in place to improve the condition of the paths, especially on the hill. MS advised that the budget did not allow for this at this time.

BM noted that the course was in generally in good condition but the left hand side of the 12th was still very bare. It was confirmed that remedial work would be carried out later this year. BM also asked when remedial work was to be undertaken to the damaged 3rd green. CE will revert.

BM asked for an update on the number of first aiders. MS advised that there 6 qualified personnel on the staff and that there should always be at least one on duty.

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DONM: Thursday 08:30 16th September

Course Walk To be arranged