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OPGCMA Main Committee

Meeting: 05/09
Date: Tuesday 5th May 2009
Venue: Oak Park Committee Room

Present

Norm Adam	Captain
Lucy Church	Ladies Captain
Cliff Simmons	Comps Com
Tracey Hart	Social
Gosta Bergkvist	Seniors
Neil Dockar	Handicaps
Gill Hawker	New Members
Linda Warren	Juniors
Roger White	Treasurer

Apologies Brian Matthews Vice Captain

Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

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ITEM	Discussion	Follow up / Action
04/09 1	<p>Vouchers/prizes for competitions</p> <p>The subject of vouchers as prizes in competition has been raised on the web site and at the AGM. The subject had been raised at Comps Com and their comments are in their report. We had raised the subject with Crown Golf on Monday and all of the feelings and the comments of the members were taken into account. Roger White as treasurer had left notes of his views and his willingness to manage this area if required. It was decided that due to the strength of feeling amongst the members that we would move from the present Crown Golf vouchers to a cash for vouchers scheme managed by OPGCMA. This would mean that vouchers would be issued on club night as usual and these could be redeemed for cash from designated personnel. In order to maintain the members amateur status RW would be happy to monitor prizes over the year and if anyone was close to £250 they would be informed and vouchers would be issued to ensure that they did not breach this. We recognize the effect that these changes will make on the pro shop and would continue to encourage the membership to patronise the shop whenever possible but are conscious of the pressure that we have been under by the membership. A vote was taken results 9 for 0 against</p> <p><i>Following comments from a member we are having to review our decision. CS contacted the R&A and the response is that vouchers cannot be exchanged for cash.</i></p>	<p><i>Discuss with BM the item regarding £250 minimum and where this came from, follow up the comments from R & A and discuss with main committee once we have more information.</i></p>
04/09 2	<p>Corporate branding for OPGCMA TH</p> <p>Tracey Hart presented his ideas regarding branding of OPGCMA using the original logo. It is felt that we should standardise the material used for agenda's & minutes etc. and raise the profile of OPGCMA. TH has produced templates for all of these items and will distribute among those who use. Some details of which systems can read this was discussed and details will be sorted out</p>	<p>Completed</p>
04/09 3	<p>Cliff wanted a decision on refunds for Summer Knockouts from Main Committee, it was agreed that the rules regarding these competitions were well published in diary and on rules for competitions and therefore there should be no refunds. This situation will be easier in future with changes to 3 qualifiers in 12 months.</p>	
04/09 4	<p>Gill Queried use of GPS equipment in competitions. Neil Docker gave decision of club based on R&A ruling which allowed this.</p> <p><i>Following discussion with EWGA they are not willing to use GPS in their competitions.</i></p>	<p>Completed</p>
04/09 5	<p>Linda asked if we could make a donation for prize money, medals for Junior's.</p> <p><i>The OPGCMA will provide ten medals for the juniors and they will be able to use the 99% of competition fees.</i></p>	<p>Completed</p>
04/09 6	<p>Brian Asked if we could look at a more suitable place for the club computer rather than the current stock cupboard.</p>	<p>CS to look at a possible solution. continuing</p>

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04/09 7	Tracey suggested that we should reduce the amount of paper and that all reports could be sent by E Mail to Captain to assist with minutes.	Completed
04/09 8	Norman Photos were taken after the meeting for main board and when CD arrives this will go to TH as the board needs to be updated from 9 photos to 10 <i>The final pictures of Roger and Neil to be completed.</i>	TH to follow up

Sub Committee Reports

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04/09.5.1	<p>Treasurer's Report: Quarterly Report to March 31, 2009</p> <p>1.Total Competition Fees amounted to £5,472.50 whilst Competition Costs were £4,816.33. This provided a margin for general expenses of £656.17 or 12.01%.</p> <p>2.General Expenses were £411.15, somewhat high in the first quarter as retiring captains' gift expenses and the new Captain's jacket were expensed.</p> <p>3.The net surplus for the quarter was therefore £220.02 after an adjustment of £25.00 for a prepaid amount re Ladies Spring Meeting which will be adjusted in April when the competition occurs. This slightly lower than expected surplus is a reflection of reduced competition activity due to the weather cancellations experienced in the period under review.</p> <p>4.The Ladies Section have achieved a balanced position in their costs versus income after a period of taking a 25% margin as opposed to the general level of 15%. I would propose that they now revert to the lower level.</p> <p>5.The Charity Account stands at a healthy £742.50 full details of which are attached for the Committee Members.</p> <p>6.Detailed Accounts inclusive of Balance Sheet, Cash Flow, P&L, and Competitions for March (January and February having been previously provided) are also attached.</p> <p>7.Social activities have produced a surplus to reserve of £481.20.</p> <p>I would like to offer a special thank you to Brian Matthews for his support during my holiday. This made the return to my duties a lot simpler than would otherwise have been the case. In fact he did such a good job that he had better be careful about a permanent secondment.</p>	

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04/09.5.2	Ladies Captains' Report: <p>The Coronation Foursomes played on 14th April was won by Angie Johnston and Claire Weedon, they go on to represent Oak Park in the finals in August, venue to be decided.</p> <p>The first round of the Knight Cup was played at Oak Park on Saturday 18th April and won by Alyson Paterson and Margaret Church against Andover.</p> <p>Our first Mixed friendly match was Oak Park v Chobham, a win for Oak Park 5/3</p> <p>Linda Warren won April Stableford with 41pts.</p> <p>Our first Ladies Friendly was held at Southwood on 22nd April where again Oak Park was successful bringing the Southwood cup back to Oak Park for the 5th year in succession.</p> <p>The Ladies Spring Meeting was well attended with 35 ladies playing 18 Hole Stableford in the morning and a 9 hole Greensomes competition on the Village Course in the afternoon. Judy Gudgeon won the Spring meeting with 44 pts.</p> <p>Judy Gudgeon and Linda Warren winning the Greensomes in the afternoon.</p> <p>A very nice 2-course meal was served in the dining room late afternoon.</p> <p>A raffle was held and raised £117 for Disability Challengers.</p> <p>A Mixed Triple 6 held on Sunday 3rd May - 28 playing.</p> <p>Helen Mills and Matt Dunn were the winners.</p> <p>The May Medal was won by Teresa Lawton with a net 68.</p>	
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<p>04/09.5.3</p>	<p>CompsCom Report:</p> <p>Winter Competitions: Mark has put forward a number of alternatives for the possible substitution & reduction of Winter Qualifying Competitions. A brief overview was taken and seemed positive, the ideas were to be taken away by all for consideration and discussed at the next meeting. During the conversation, it was suggested that the Millenium could be moved from the New year to one of the May Bank Holidays, to be considered and discuss with the Warrens.</p> <p>Captains Drive In/Texas Scramble: Neil Dockar has received many positive comments regarding the format of the Texas Scramble (no drop back in place) and has suggested that this option be adopted for future Texas type competitions. It was agreed by all present.</p> <p>Items for discussion with Main Committee It has been an ongoing requirement issue that a new Leader Board is required due to the difficulty in removing the previous writing. There is concern regarding the inclusion of Juniors into adult competitions, (specifically in the event that Junior is a reserve and is placed with 2 golfers he/she doesn't know). In the May Bank Holiday Stableford (04/05), the duty Officer will be trying to re-arrange the playing order to ensure that the female individual in question is placed with at least another female golfer. <i>It is felt that this issue needs to be addressed for the future.</i> <i>Following discussion it was agreed that CS & LW would meet and put together simple guidelines for etiquette of members and juniors</i></p> <p>Items for discussion with Crown Golf A number of comments have been raised with regard to the Course, albeit it is recognised that Craig and his team are making in roads to improving the whole course, it is felt that the following points require to be mentioned: Since the bridge between the 5th fairway and the 8th hole has disappeared due to bad weather, if the bridge is not to be re-instated in the near future, should the lateral hazard be removed and replaced with an Out of Bounds, and if so, should it be applicable to both holes. It has been noted that the marking of Hazards seems to have deteriorated, mainly noticeable in the reduction of marker posts. Examples are the OOB on the first, the markers are so few and far apart, there's no definitive line for the OOB and the ditch at 17, which has mixed markers (red and yellow), it is not clear where which hazard starts and finishes. The fringes around many of the Greens are of poor quality, mainly due to poor housekeeping.</p>	<p>Discuss use of Leader board with RP NA</p> <p>CS & LW to follow up</p> <p>NA & BM to discuss at next course walk on May 20th</p>
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<p>04/09.5.4</p>	<p>Seniors Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An up-to-date "What does a Duty Officer do" is needed by the Seniors Section. 2. Ian Wilson has sent e-mails to all Oak Park Male Seniors about the Fun Competition to be held on 27th May. Registration for this competition will be made on the Computer. Results will be worked out manually. 3. Gosta Bergkvist will talk to Richard Pilbury about the possibility to change the 27th July 4BBB to 21st September. 4. TOPS won also their 3rd match at home against Chobham. Result 5 ½ - ½ . Next match is against Pyrford away on 11th May. 5. The Oak Park Seniors Team - Brian Chambers, Dave Newdick, Graham Rose and Barry Scott won their first match in the National Seniors Team Competition, which they played against Test Valley. 6. An Oak Park Mixed Seniors team beat Meon Valley Mixed Seniors at Oak Park by 5 - 1. 7. April 2009 Seniors Stableford was won by Graham Harrison with 41 points. 8. Seniors Triple Six on April 27 was won by Wendy White/Brian Matthews/Bill Greep The next Mixed Seniors Event is the Texas Scramble on May 7th. 9. As some Senior Lady Players expressed their wish to be able to play in the monthly Seniors Competitions these competitions will remain open for Senior Ladies. 10. At the 8th June Seniors Medal, only players, who make a donation to the Hall of Fame Golf Championship's Charity (Cancer Research UK), will also have the chance to qualify for a Regional Final and if successful there - 1st and 2nd place - for the National Final to be played at the National golf Centre at Woodhall Spa. 11. The Seniors Section will have their next meeting on the 8th June. 	
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<p>04/09.5.5</p>	<p>Juniors Report:</p> <p>There have been three competitions so far with an entry of between 13 – 16 in each one. Some good rounds with scores as low as gross 81 have been recorded on several occasions, so volunteers will soon be needed to mark cards for handicapping for several children. We will be giving most of them club handicaps which give them a starting point to work from.</p> <p>At the moment we have had to sideline the excursions as insurances and red tape are giving us some problems but will sort these obstacles out for the future, Rome wasn't built in a day and we feel junior members would both enjoy and benefit from various trips together.</p> <p>With regard to the safety of children playing golf, there are at least three people directly involved with the juniors who have been CRB checked and due consideration has been given to this subject.</p> <p>I have had a telephone call from a parent who was concerned about points being raised in comps-com regarding his daughter playing in a mixed comp with two men, he has told myself, Gavin, and Lucy he has no problem with this, or his daughter playing in any mixed competitions, or indeed playing with the ladies. He may also have spoken to others on the subject, but those are the people I know about. I have asked him to e-mail his comments to me so that we can put them on file, to date I have not had this. He also commented that his daughter is sixteen and had not heard of any problem being raised with male juniors participating in adult competitions.</p>	
<p>04/09.5.6</p>	<p>Handicaps Report:</p> <p>Very busy with over 40 cards submitted for new handicaps. From that 7 new handicaps awarded ranging from 9.0 to 28.0.</p> <p>No supplementary scores submitted.</p> <p>No General Play adjustments.</p>	

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<p>04/09.5.7</p>	<p>SoCom Report: SOCOM May report for Main Committee</p> <p>May Club night Colin Webbe ran a successful putting competition. Well supported with approx 30 people taking part. The event always works well at club nights, as it allows non golfers to take part in the fun. Prizes were later awarded. Four Gentlemen had tied scores so a count back decided the winner.</p> <p>June Club Night Next months event June 5th will be a 3 Club Challenge on the Village course.</p> <p>GSA Singers Tickets are selling well for this event on 30th May. A continued sales drive continues right up until the evening. For the event Doors will open at 8pm and the show starts at 8.30pm. The singers will be performing two sets of approx 40 minutes with a break. There is no food for this event.</p> <p>Burns Night 2010 Ian Munro has kindly agreed to help SOCOM with the January event</p> <p>2010 Calendar The 2010 Social events have been selected and tied in respectively with the simultaneous golf events. All SOCOM event dates are now confirmed and booked with Crown. They will also appear in the annual diary.</p>	
<p>04/09.5.8</p>	<p>New Members Report:</p> <p>There is little to report this month. I spoke to the office on the 28th April asking that they forward the list of new members every couple of weeks. Unfortunately, I have not received any new member information for the month of April. Matt Dunn, Colin Webb and myself have played golf with new members. It is pleasing to see how willing Oak Park Members are to mark cards and play golf with the new members.</p>	

Any other Business

Item	Topic /Discussion	Follow up / Action
	All items discussed in the body of the report.	
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DONM: Tuesday June 2nd 2009