

Oak Park Golf Club
Main Committee Meeting (04/11/08)
Meeting Number 11/08
Minutes

1. Attendees

Phil Randle (Club Captain)
Alyson Paterson (Ladies Captain)
Neil Dockar (Handicaps)
Tracey Hart (Social)

Norm Adam (Vice Captain)
John Scott (Seniors)
Brian Matthews (Competitions)

2. Apologies

John Pope (New Members) Ian Wilson (Treasurer)

3 Matters Arising / Outstanding From Previous Meetings

Item #	Topic / Discussion	Follow-up / Timing
4/08.5.4.5	<p>IW raised the issue of unclaimed prize vouchers which CG have acknowledged and questioned whether redistribution of part could be discussed with RP. RP reported that RP was looking into the situation; it would need analysis and discussion, so is on-going. Not discussed at CG meeting 5/6. As at time of July meeting no update has been received. PR reported that this issue was discussed at that days CG meeting with no resolution as yet. PR reported that he had discussed with RP and saw the CG records; it would appear that the older items have been purged from the system but RP would discuss with CG and see what could be done. No time was given for this action by RP. Will report back to committee once response received from CG PR reported in October meeting that Richard would assess unclaimed voucher situation before the next CG meeting but he has agreed in principal to return part or all of lapsed unredeemed vouchers to OPGCMA. He does however intend to withdraw the option of voucher holders to use them for membership fees. This approach did not receive the support of the main committee and further discussion is needed.4/11 Further discussion on this topic revealed disappointment from the committee but it was pointed out that the facility to use Prize Vouchers to pay subs was only brought into being soon after the Greens Disaster by Robert Brewer and it is not accepted CG policy, so in fact it is simply an enforcement of policy against which we have little argument. It is important however that we discuss when the cut-off date will be for existing vouchers to be used for this. It will be discussed at the upcoming CG Meeting.</p>	PR to report back
7/08.5.3.2	<p>JP raised the issue of recent anonymous, abusive and false-name postings on the Discuss page. The committee's view was that there had been too many instances in recent months with some people abusing the open nature of the Discuss page. It was felt that due to the actions of an irresponsible few that some changes had to be made for the benefit of the majority who enjoyed the Discuss page for its true purpose. MC offered the committee five options and after a thorough discussion it was agreed that a system which validated a mandatory email address will be set in place. This will mean that a posting will initiate an email response from the website, which will require the poster to respond to and so confirm the email address which will be captured and identified by the system. This system is relatively easy to implement and does not require much time to administer. Work will begin immediately on this. MC reported (5/8) that the code to perform the email authentication and release mechanism had been written and was to undergo testing, MW will then initiate it, expected to be soon. PR reported that the testing had started and that the IT team were hopeful of implementation by mid Sept as long as the testing went well. PR was told by Mark Cooper that the code had undergone testing but at the time of the meeting the result was unknown, however the new system had not been implemented. 4/11 due to work commitments the email authentication system is not yet in place however Mike Wilkinson is working towards implementation before the year end. Mark Cooper is in the process of using our old pc to run a parallel system, which will allow the leaderboard screen to work concurrently with an administrator working on the system however the hard disk failed in the old pc and has caused a delay, a new HD has been sourced and work will begin soon on the system, at no extra cost.</p>	MC Progress report

8/08.4.1.2	The competitions book was nearly full so a new one would have to be sourced, IW said that it would cost circa £100-150, ND questioned the need to spend this amount and volunteered to look for a better deal, as would IW. If one not found ND said he would look at the possibility of producing one himself. Sept , no resolution yet, IW to investigate and finalise before next October meeting 8/10 ND brought to the meeting the header pages for the new Competitions Book, it met with general approval, although IW had issues with the line spacing plus there were some Ladies and Mixed Competition to be included. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with AP, BM, IW and ND to finalise the detail before book is put together. The book will be ready in November 4/11 ND presented the almost completed Competitions Book and explained to the committee further work needed; the new book will be ready for use in the new year as planned. The committee approved of the finer details after some discussion.	ND to present finished book at December meeting
9/08.5.2	JP wanted a clarification on the calculation of the Greensome Handicap, 8/10 ND has placed calculation sheets around clubhouse, however JP pointed out that these went up only to 28 handicap so needed inclusion of up to handicap 36, ND said the spreadsheet he had could be adjusted and he would do this. 4/11 ND has reworked the spreadsheet to incorporate handicaps up to 36 and has posted hard copies in the clubrooms and will post on the website.	
9/08.5.3	IW wanted to know if there was a Staff v OPGCMA match this year, PR had asked RP for date in November but not yet to hand 4/11 PR offered options for match, three in November and two in December, the likely option will be 18 th December, this will be offered at the upcoming CG meeting.	PR report back

4. Sub Committee Reports

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11/08.4.1	Treasurer's Report: No report	
11/08.4.2	Ladies Captains' Report: AP reported that the Ravenscroft Cup was won by Helen Dawkins and Graham Rose with 40 points, only a moderate field of 28 played, there were extenuating circumstances as several pairs were involved in a private function off site, however the disappointing feature of the day was that only 18 stayed for the dinner. It was felt by the committee that the meal was an intrinsic part of the day and that players are expected to participate in the dinner afterwards (which was of a good quality) and players need to be reminded of this in the future. The Ladies enjoyed a successful away day at the Army on October 23 rd . Next years Stoneham Cup draw has been made and OP is drawn to play Alton, Blackmoor, Boscombe and Lee-on-the-Solent. We will play Andover in The Knight Cup at home. The Annual Handicap Review is set for December 2 nd .	
11/08.4.3	CompsCom Report: BM reported the committee questioned why the back tee on the 6 th was not used in the recent November Stableford, which meant it could not qualify off the whites, the contention is that if the back tees on both 6 and 10 are used this will give the 100 yard flexibility required for comps to be qualifiers off the white markers, the matter will be raised at the upcoming CG meeting. The matter of some players unable to play in the 4 th round of the Winter Stableford and so not qualify for the final because the slots are taken by players who have already played in previous rounds has been raised. No solution offered apart from the DO to monitor and perhaps intervene on behalf of the players missing out but this met with little support from the main committee primarily as it was thought that players who relied on playing only in the last round left themselves open to this and that there was every opportunity to play in a competition spread over such a long period and that this was unfair on regular players who played in all weather conditions throughout the competition. Slow play has again crept into men's competitions, highlighted in the October Stableford when a group lost three holes. These players have been identified and will be approached by BM who will discuss their responsibilities to the field in regards pace of play. BM also raised the issue of recent visiting societies behaviour in terms of slow play, dress code and general treatment of the course, this issue will be raised at the upcoming CG meeting,	PR to report back regarding society procedures.
11/08.4.4	Seniors Report: JS reported a quiet month, a victory away at Sandmartins. He reported that two clubs no longer wished to play us at Senior level, Sandford Springs and Meon Valley, this is disappointing and reasons will be sought for	

	their decisions. Wokefield Park is under review to replace Meon Valley in the summer competition.	
11/08.4.5	Juniors Report: No report	
11/08.4.6	Handicaps Report: ND reported only three handicaps awarded with 15 the lowest. No Supplementary Scores recorded. The software for the Annual Handicap review has been updated and the review will start in November.	
11/08.4.7	SoCom Report: TH reported a successful Elton John Tribute Act with 71 attendees, which although less than ideal covered costs and was enjoyed by all those present. Upcoming events include the November Club Night which will feature pub games and the Christmas Dinner Dance; the seating plan is up now. An extensive menu is offered and it is a masked event (voluntary) and will have a DJ rather than a band.	
11/08.4.8	New Members Report: No report	

5. Any Other Business

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11/08.5.1	AP reported that the Saturday Ladies want to have all of their competitions revert to be played on a Saturday, with a permanent time slot of 9.30-10.00. This was deemed unsatisfactory by CompsCom and the Main Committee, NA whose diary preparations are too far advanced to make such major changes. A compromise will be made with discussions between AP/LC and NA to follow soonest as the diary must be with CG within the following week for printing.	AP/NA to discuss
11/08.5.2	AP reported that Gavin (new OP golf teacher) has volunteered his services for the upcoming Mixed Texas Scramble on Dec 4 th in support of the Charity. This would be in the form of selling one of his drives on a selected tee for a donation to the charity. This met with approval from the committee, AP/PR will discuss detail with Gavin	AP to report back
11/08.5.3	TH requested that we discuss the club sound system with CG, as the current system was poor and due to its unreliability was not used which made speaking at social events less than satisfactory. Tracey suggested the purchase of a compatible hand held radio microphone, this will be taken up with CG at the upcoming meeting.	PR to report back
11/08.5.4	Brian Matthews, John Scott and John Pope unavailable for next meeting	

6. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday December 2nd at 7pm