

Oak Park Golf Club
Main Committee Meeting (02/12/08)
Meeting Number 12/08
Minutes

1. Attendees

Phil Randle (Club Captain)
 Alyson Paterson (Ladies Captain)
 Tracey Hart (Social)
 Roger White (Treasurer Elect)

Norm Adam (Vice Captain)
 Neil Dockar (Handicaps)
 Ian Wilson (Treasurer)

2. Apologies

John Pope (New Members) Brian Matthews (Comspcom) John Scott (Seniors)

3 Matters Arising / Outstanding From Previous Meetings

| Item # | Topic / Discussion | Follow-up / Timing |
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| 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. 2/12 NA this item was again discussed at the last CG meeting RP will complete the tidy up of unclaimed vouchers by April 2009, a 2009 renewal will be the last time vouchers will be able to be used to pay off subs, RP reported that less than 20 members use vouchers to pay subs and the committee believes the end of this payment method not to be of a significant import to continue to negotiate. It is however very possible that an alternative voucher could be purchased by Compscom to be used as prizes if a satisfactory alternative is found.</p> | |
| 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</p> | |

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| | 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 leader board 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. 2/12 the forum email verification will be in place by the end of December. The bar screen now has its own dedicated pc which will allow work to be carried out without interrupting the live scores. | |
| 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. 2/12 ND presented the finished Competitions Book which will be used forthwith, ND will be paid £15 to cover material costs and the committee thanks him for the many hours of work he has volunteered to complete the task. | |
| 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. 2/12 PR it was agreed that due to upcoming social events which will preclude several staff members that the annual competition will be deferred till February or March of next year. A date will be agreed with RP in the coming weeks. This will be notified at the appropriate time. | |
| 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. 2/12 NA Craig Earnshaw presented data at the last CG meeting which indicated that if we were to play winter comps off a white qualifying course then the groundstaff have very little leeway to protect the back tees. CE would like to use tees of the day during the winter months, which was agreed in principal by the main committee. 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 has sent letters to the slow play offenders and they will be monitored in upcoming competitions. 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, This was discussed and RP assured that all societies are required to sign contract and agree to dress code and behaviour standards before they go onto the course, it is felt by the committee that the ability to police such an agreement will continue to undermine such a documents effectiveness. | |
| 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 | |

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| | 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. 2/12 this issue has been resolved satisfactorily and the 2009 diary changed to reflect this. | |
| 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 2/12 AP reported a very low uptake for this competition so Gavin's participation will probably not be requested. With such a small field it was thought inappropriate to take up Gavin's offer but that it be used in later competitions. RP agreed to allow non members to participate for a £30 price which includes the after match meal. | |
| 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. 2/12 NA reported that RP was happy to pay for a new hand held Microphone TH will discuss with RP in next few weeks. | TH to report back |

4. Sub Committee Reports

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| 12/08.4.1 | Treasurer's Report: IW introduced the figures up to the end of Nov, all aspects are under control. Ian proposed that we clear the stock of Visor Clips (62) and Badges (19) as quickly as possible, some of the stock maybe used as prizes in upcoming social functions if agreed appropriate price can be agreed with Socom. We all welcomed Roger White to his first meeting after kindly agreeing to take over from Ian in the new year as Treasurer, this will be formalised in the March AGM. | |
| 12/08.4.2 | Ladies Captains' Report: AP reported the November Medal was won by Liz Seeney and that Sheila Purvis won the Stableford Comp. The Ladies Captain's Team defeated the Ladies Vice Captain's team. Alyson wished to thank Alison Lewis for organising the recent TaSL Day; there were 24 in the field and the function afterwards was enjoyed by all, some disappointment however with the low number of weekend ladies participating. The annual review of Handicaps has been completed with the various cuts and increases to be implemented from January 1 st , in most cases the computer recommendations were agreed with. AP reported a low uptake for the Mixed Comp for the 14 th Dec with only 5 teams signed up, RP agreed to allow non members to join in for a fee of £30, this was welcomed. The upcoming Carol Concert was well subscribed with approx 100 tickets sold by the Charity Committee. | |
| 12/08.4.3 | CompsCom Report: No report in BM absence but minutes have been distributed. | |
| 12/08.4.4 | Seniors Report: JS reported (in absentia) that two Seniors Winter League matches were played in November with a win at home against Milford and a disappointing 2-2 draw away at Pyrford the results. Two pairs played at Wokefield Park, as they had expressed an interest in playing OP in the Summer League in lieu of Sandford Springs (miss-reported in last months minutes) but due to their diary being closed this will not happen however they are prepared to have an informal 2 pair comp in 2009 as an interim measure. Meon Valley appears to have reversed its decision not to play OP next year after a letter was sent to them asking for their reasons. | |
| 12/08.4.5 | Juniors Report: No Report | |
| 12/08.4.6 | Handicaps Report: ND reported a quiet month with only one new handicap applied and no Supplementary Scores submitted. The Annual Review will take place over next few weeks and an invitation has been posted on the website and in the changing rooms inviting any male player to write in and provide evidence to support his own handicap assessment. | |
| 12/08.4.7 | SoCom Report: TH reported a successful November Club Night with 44 participating in the Pub Games with two families attending and enjoying the evening. The Xmas dinner dance is the next event with only a modest 72 attending at this stage however there will be free table wine, novelty items and a | |

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| | table prize for those attending. The Social Calendar for 2009 has been finalised and the GSA Singers have been booked for the May 30 th event. | |
| 12/08.4.8 | New Members Report: JP reported in absentia a very slow month with no new contacts. | |

5. Any Other Business

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| 12/08/5.1 | IW reported that Dave Vass had kindly donated the cost of his tickets for the Captain's Day function (for which he was a late withdrawal) to the Captain's Charity, many thanks to Dave from the Committee. | |
| 12/08/5.2 | RW raised the issue of inappropriate use of buggies in the current wet conditions. The committee were all in agreement with Roger's concerns and confirmed to him that this is an on-going issue with CG which OPGCMA had little control over and that we as members could only hope that common sense prevailed and not commercial pressures. It will however be raised again with CG. | PR to report back after next CG Meeting |
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6. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday January 6th at 7pm