

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Men's Competition Committee**

**Minutes of meeting held at PHGC**

Attendees:

Brian Palmer, Alan Dunne, Kevin Fairclough, Phil Alley, Phil Black, Dave Hughes, Pete Shaw, Graham Miles, Fred Worrall, Pete Goulden, Simon Hetherington, Tom Peters

**Matters arising.**

Fixture list has been updated with comments from November meeting. Fixtures need to be loaded into BRS.

Winter League. 3 more Saturday games and 2 more midweek games to be played. Brian will continue to update the results tables for the remaining games.

Brian was thanked for his years of service on the committee.

Brian proposed that Simon Hetherington as the new Chairman of the Men's Competition Committee will become a co-signature on the Committee bank account together with Graham Miles. This was put to the committee and the vote was unanimous in favour of the proposal.

Next step –add Simon to bank account, once complete, remove Brian from the account.

Recruit more committee members. Need additional support for Pete with the handicap side of things and more people available to assist with Saturday and Wednesday competitions.

**Minutes of previous meeting.**

Approved.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Honours board transfers have been paid for, Fred and Phil to arrange to update the boards.

Overall takings for the winter league are up on last year's figures at this time.

Costs of presentation event has been finalised by shop.

Approximately £1100 down on this time last year.

5% of winter league entry fee goes forward to prize money for finalists.

Graham to advise how much we will have for prize money for WL finalists at next meeting.

## Handicap Secretaries Report.

Since the 16 month membership offer was put out, 24 new 7 day members that have joined. Only 4 have handicaps.

Unsure what is said to new members about competitions / handicaps when they join. Consider developing a welcome pack giving details and ask the shop to issue to new members when they join.

### WHS Update to Competitions Committee 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

*The Changes outlined below become effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

Changes for info purposes only:

**Course Rating change:** Minimum length of a course that can receive a WHS Course Rating for 18 holes will be reduced from 3000 yds. to 1500 yds. and 9 hole courses from 1500 yds. to 750 yds.

**Standardising Par:** e.g. where some holes in the past on a course have been rated Par 5 from the white and yellow tees and from the reds a par 4, if required clubs are permitted to 'standardise' that hole as a Par 5. (*this doesn't impact Pryors*)

**Expected Scoring:** For a Score Differential to be calculated for acceptable 9 hole and 18 hole rounds - used to attribute a statistical value against any holes not played; for holes a player started but did not finish, the normal procedure of Nett Double Bogey is applied to the adjusted gross score. This is automated and is 'a closed calculation which is generated by computer precision software' using player equations rather than net par.

### Impact on Pryors

Course Rating minus Par:

This adjustment permits players to play to Par / 36 points rather than playing to the Course Rating, which is currently the case! If Par is lower than Course Rating, players receive additional strokes but if Par is higher than Course Rating then players will lose strokes.

Current Course Handicap calculation stays as is but adjusted with the 'Course Rating minus Par' calculation:

White Tees: adj. 0.2 added

Yellow Tees: adj. 2.1 deducted

Red Tees: adj. 1.0 added

Unrounded/Rounded Course Handicap:

Only applies to club competitions where ClubV1 (ISVs classified as 'machine precision') is used to calculate the Playing Handicap. The Course Handicap will be calculated unrounded to one decimal place and the handicap allowance (e.g. 95%) will be applied to that unrounded figure for the rounded Playing Handicap to be calculated. A small change but it means the calculation only rounds to a whole number (up or down) once!

(ISV – Independent Software Vendor)

Acceptable Scoring for 4BBB:

Club competitions only where ClubV1 is used to record the scores! 1 comp – Vice Captain's Trophy.

(Ladies 1 comp & Seniors <3 comps)

Specific criteria have to be met before scores will be acceptable for handicap purposes:

- one player must have scores on a minimum of 9 holes
- total pair score must be at least 42 points or 6 under par

England Golf summary:

USGA and R&A have appropriate rationale for the changes, given by the amount of data received and feedback from 3 years of using WHS, this will ensure WHS's integrity is maintained and golfers Handicap Index is reflective of their demonstrated ability especially by making more formats of play acceptable for handicap scoring. It will further make administrating of the system on clubs and counties, as we continue to enhance and improve on the use of digital technology.

Members:

Propose to issue a document to the members in March (draft attached as appendix).

Bulk email out, add to website and print copies off for the notice boards by terminal and in changing rooms.

**GLC Report.**

Meeting held 30 Jan 2024. Minutes issued to committee.

Arrange for the shop to send minutes out.

Mixed Tee competitions.

The introduction of mixed tee competitions was discussed at length. The committee decided the best way to proceed was to trial a system at the start of the season. The first 2 Saturday and Wednesday competitions will be played off yellow and white tees.

2 options were tabled.

1 - For each day play 1 competition off the white tees and 1 competition off the yellow tees.

2 – For each day play 1 competition with the competitors opting to play their round off either the white or yellow tees.

7 voted for option 1, 4 for option 2 and 1 abstention. Proceed with Option 1.

### **Competition Rules review.**

Review at next meeting

### **Matchplay Qualification requirements review (flexibility on meeting minimum rounds requirement).**

Last year some people complained there was insufficient time to fulfil the requirement to play 3 competitions before being eligible to compete for trophies.

After discussion it was agreed unanimously to keep the 3 comps rule in place for the matchplays and in line with the requirements for other trophy competitions. This is to keep a consistent approach and avoid the risk of someone winning the early rounds with an unproven handicap.

### **Competition structure and fees review.**

Pay-outs for the winter league rounds will need to be reviewed for 24/25 winter league.

Check pay-outs for Matchplays.

After Treasurers advice it was agreed unanimously to retain the prize structure and fees for this season. Review again in August.

### **Race to November.**

Now race to October, presentation event moved to 12<sup>th</sup> October. Keep to same format as last year, Phil will maintain table but will not be available for the event.

### **Any other Business.**

No - BP, DH, KF, GM, TP, PG

PB – Suggested putting blue stakes along the practice ground on the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole. AD advised that it is not the course setup is not the committee's responsibility. PB to discuss with RB.

Would like to ensure all committee members have active roles.

PG – Would like to stand down from organising the knockouts.

SH – Define term lengths for committee member's roles.

AD – AD asked about the recent trial of booking comps in BRS. One or two issues have been fed back from the trial, e.g. when you first book on the confirmation email does not state

which zone you booked in for and the zone does not show the names of people who have booked on. The only way you know that you have booked onto BRS is the red selector button changes to 'remove' which allows you to remove yourself from the zone before the draw is made. Will not be implementing at PHGC until all the issues are rectified.

PS – Would like to organise a May ball. Asked if possible to organise an Open competition. Feedback was that while 2 opens were organised RB was not overly interested in supporting. The date for the open would need to be agreed so it can go into 'golf empire' as early as possible as there are many clubs with opens that we need to fit around in order its well supported.

FW – Fred thanked Brian for his commitment to the men's competition committee over the last 17 years.

PA – Would like to pass on organising committee away day as a lot of commitments this year. KF volunteered to pick up organising.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at PHGC