**MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN GOLF CLUB GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 12th August 2020**

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| Present: | P Lindsay  H Phillips-Morgan  B Asbury  L Sloan  A Williams  S Kenyon  G Thomas  G Williams  G Turnbull  S Jennings/M Hurry  A McKinstry | President  Director  Director of Golf  Captain  Chairman of Play  Vice-Captain  IPC/Chairman of Greens  Ladies Committee Rep  Vets Captain  Committee Member  Club Manager |  |
| Apologies: |  |  |  |
| Item | Discussions and Decisions | | Action/Date |
| 1. Minutes from previous meeting. | The minutes published were a true record of the Management Committee Meeting on Wednesday 11th March 2020. | |  |
| 2. Matters Arising | See action register at annex A. | |  |
| 3. Directors | Directors had met the previous week. PL had been tasked with writing to the WG requesting a price for the land and clubhouse with a view for the club to buy. Our Lease dictates that any remedial works to any trees on the course requires permission. Recent works to the trees had not been agreed with our landlords. Any additional buggy sheds should be mentioned to them also.  Directors discussed bar opening times. The most recent ones have been published. These hours are to be trialled and adjusted where necessary.  Directors are working close with the Caterer to get Sunday Lunches up and running, need to look at re-opening the members bar.  BA read out he financial position of the club. Although we had seen an influx of new members we still need to push for more members.  GT suggested the club looks at weatherproofing other areas to increase the capacity for outside seating.  Covid guidelines have changed and changing rooms can be used. This information to be filtered back to the members. | |  |
| 4. President | PL mentioned we were in receipt of payment from the farmer who had harvested the hay adjacent to the 8th hole. | |  |
| 5.Club Captain | One of the new members Steve Thomas had approached the Captain asking to have 2 tee times booked on Sat 12th and Sun 13th September, he was attempting 72 holes a day for charity. This was agreed to.  LS had had a couple of complaints from the Ladies section who wanted to resume the competitions. GW explained that an email had in fact just gone out to trial a few com-petitions this coming Saturday. Initially, with the mixed competitions arranged the Ladies had been more than happy with those. | |  |
| 6. Chairman of Greens | GT apologised that with other commitments he had yet to catch up with the HGK. Course has come a long way since March. The turf on the bunkers on the 5th have survived this dry weather. We have hired a stump grinder works are being carried out this week to eradicate them and hopefully try and get rid of some roots.  GT asked if the club want to keep the current ball lifter or go for a different option using pipe lagging in the cup, whereby the ball does not fall to deep to retrieve. It was agreed to trial to see which option was more beneficial.  . | |  |
| 7. Chairman of House/Ents | No representative.  It was agreed that we should try to re-instate Quiz nights. This was the only safest form of entertainment at this moment in time with current restrictions.  LS thanked Steve Kenyon for the painting of the outside of the clubhouse during lockdown. This had greatly improved its appearance. To those that also gave their time to tidy the flowerbeds on the putting green, paint fences, tee boxes etc this was greatly appreciated. | |  |
| 8. Chairman Of Play | Competitions have resumed. Lists are in changing rooms of forth coming competitions and to book via BRS.  AW asked if we could purchase two new noticeboards like the one on the archway to place by entrances to the Ladies and Men’s Locker entrances to advertise competitions etc.  It was suggested to push visitors in certain directions via brs to enable members to play their competitions and steer visitors to be able to pay etc during clubhouse opening times.  Members had asked if we can bring the draw back to integrate new members. AW explained that this was a proposal at the last AGM that was vetoed.  GT asked on behalf of the Vets section to have a block booking with 12-minute intervals from 08:00am – 11:00am on a Wednesday it was agreed to that those tee times would be reserved for members. | |  |
| 9. Vice-Captain | Nothing to report. | |  |
| 10. Immediate Past Captain | Nothing to report. | |  |
| 11. Ladies Committee Rep. | GW mentioned that Liz Thomas wants to know if Roll up Golf can resume. It could have a tee time booked via BRS. GW to inform Liz Thomas to contact the Captain. | |  |
| 12. Junior Organiser | No representative. | |  |
| 14. Vets Captain | GT was pleased to see Covid information on our website.  GT had received complaints about smoking on the patio area.  It was agreed that No smoking signs be placed around that area and ash trays to be removed. | |  |
| 15. Committee Member | MH expressed in his opinion the raised flowerbed by the first tee was a mess. He suggested it be removed and replaced with slabs that would not need maintenance. PL stressed it was work in progress, the sides were in need of strengthening and it had been weeded. | |  |
| 16. Health & Safety | HPM asked if we can have the fence repaired from the field to the car park that was partially cut when the contractors removed the trees at the back of the clubhouse. AMcK to contact contractors  PL remarked at the number of cars driving down to the green keepers shed. A couple of times a car was close to being struck with a golf ball. | | A McK |
| 17. Club Manager | AMcK asked the committee to remind members/visitors to adhere to the 2m distancing. Staff have been made to feel uncomfortable when some are not adhering to the regulations. | |  |
| 18. A.O.B | BA informed the committee that on behalf of the club Susan Paynter had been presented with Flowers and a gift on her retirement after 29 years at the club. The Vets section had also presented her with a gift.  Ruth O’Carroll has been appointed as the club professional. She has also been asked to look at the possibility of having a small shop at the rear of the club. She has already started giving lessons to members.  PL expressed his discontent at the way he had received suspension for breaking covid regulations. From the letters down to members relaying to other family members. He asked for an Independent investigation. PL will not be standing again for President this coming AGM and wished the club well with the £200k debt it has.  BA asked the Captain to clarify PL request to investigate. | |  |
| 19.Date of next Meeting | The next committee meeting is Wednesday 16th September 2020 @ 6.30pm. | |  |

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