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

**Wednesday 15th January 2020**

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| Present: | B Asbury  A Bowsher  L Sloan  A Williams  G Thomas  G Williams  G Turnbull  S Jennings/M Hurry  A McKinstry | Director of Golf  Director  Captain  Chairman of Play  IPC/Chairman of Greens  Ladies Committee Rep  Vets Captain  Committee Member  Club Manager |  |
| Apologies: | P Lindsay  S Kenyon  D Sullivan | President  Vice-Captain  Head Green Keeper |  |
| 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 13th November 2019. | |  |
| 2. Matters Arising | See action register at annex A. | |  |
| 3. Directors | BA informed the meeting that the directors had met on 12th December. Items discussed included; revenue stream, Quiz night and Karaoke night had been organised for January.  The President has agreed the head of terms with the MoD for the HRDF facility and we just await the formal document to sign and the money back dated to April 2019.  An appeal has been forwarded to British Gas for a Vat refund. We had been charged the full 20% rather than the 5% for CASC registered businesses.  The cost to relay the patio by the Mens changing room entrance had come in a lot less than originally quoted. AMcK mentioned email received from a member regarding the slabs. It was agreed that the works carried out were satisfactory.  A repeat advert for the “365” category will be placed in the Gem in February/March.  At the last committee meeting a discussion regarding the Head Green Keepers authority with closures of the course had given way to a lot of criticism. A Committee decision back in 2013 gave guidelines for the course to close itself by members/visitors not playing it.  BA has written up a Golf Course Closure Guideline.  This in turn would mean the answerphone would not need updating daily, a message stating that until further notice the course is open, buggies and trolleys keep to the rough and buggy route would suffice. | |  |
| 4. President | See report in Directors input | |  |
| 5.Club Captain | LS initially welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020. Before the Spring the replacing of the white posts along the 7th tee to the gate with a small fence will be completed. Monies from the 200 club will fund this project. Noticeably the bins around the course have been removed. They have been repainted and will go back out shortly.  LS thought about holding a raffle on a Sunday to help raise more monies for different projects. AW felt that members wouldn’t want to spend more money on a Sunday, a suggestion for Hampers to be raffled was a better solution.  LS would be liaising with PL reference the Tee sponsorship which had taken a back seat due to lack of sponsors. | |  |
| 6. Chairman of Greens | GT has taken on the role of Chairman of Greens.  GT read out HGK report.  I would like to welcome Gerald as the chairman of greens and look forward to working with him and driving the course forward over the coming years.  DS thanked everyone who has helped over the past few months.    The last couple of months have been extremely tough and frustrating time out on the course with no signs of weather improving. We have had the double the average rainfall since September. Just to try and explain the weather we have had the ground conditions for every 1mm of rain we get it is equivalent of 1litre falling per m2, consider this and the exceptionally high rainfall we had the course is holding up apart from some areas.    We have had a suggestion this week to make the first into a par 4 and put the mat on the road to avoid the use of the first fairway before the road I feel like this decision is up to this committee or playing committee.    We have also had our soil sample results back the greens are doing well, we are heading in the right direction our biggest problem was organic matter but we have managed to get that down considerable but we shall be doing more to reduce it further this year. Any more questions or you would like to see the results please just ask. I am currently working with reps to make a program which will be used over the coming spring and summer.  The committee discussed the suggestion for the 1st hole and decided it wouldn’t make a difference to the state of the fairway.  BA asked if it were necessary for the Head Green Keeper to attend meetings. It was agreed that this was not necessary. Any reports would be read out by CoG. | |  |
| 7. Chairman of House/Ents | No representative. Suggestion that this post is advertised for.  Quiz Night and Karaoke Night have been organised. | | AMcK |
| 8. Chairman Of Play | AW asked that as there are not many Juniors of the Club that would it not have been better to merge the Junior Captain drive-in alongside the up coming Competition on Saturday 1st Feb. There would be more support for the new Junior Captain. It was agreed to speak with Rachael who had posted the notices on FB to see if we could change the date. | |  |
| 9. Vice-Captain | Apologies received. | |  |
| 10. Immediate Past Captain | GT thanked everyone for their support in his past role as Captain. GT offered his full support to LS in 2020. | |  |
| 11. Ladies Committee Rep. | GW explained that she would be the Ladies representative for their section.  At the Ladies AGM in November the Ladies had agreed to have their Summer tee times changed from 12:00 to 11:00. GW asked the committee if there were any objections to this. The Committee agreed to the change.  As the club was not issuing diaries this year could the Ladies fixtures be put on the club website. LS agreed to put them on website.  GW had been asked why the 5th bunkers are being altered. For H & S reasons for golfers they were being altered. It was agreed as not everyone was aware of the works being carried out that all projects should be advertised to the members.  The hole in the back of the 4th green was questioned. This was a project to find an old drain to make a soak away.  GW asked that where a tree had been cut down there was a portion of tree left that had become a trip hazard. It was agreed to paint the trip hazard.  GW asked if the gate to the putting area was to be re-instated. | |  |
| 12. Head Green Keeper | Report read out see COG input. | |  |
| 13. Junior Organiser | No representative | |  |
| 14. Vets Captain | GT had made up a diary for the Vets section. GT wanted clarification that the committee were happy with its content. | |  |
| 15. Committee Member | MH mentioned that a buggy owner had been told not to drive down to the greenkeepers shed. MH wanted clarification. Those who drive down the road and park in the yard do so solely at their own risk. The club will take no responsibility.  The Glamorgan Farmers had their annual Christmas competition and meal. Unfortunately, they only managed 9 holes to inclement weather. Would it not be a good PR exercise to offer them another day to play a competition free of charge? This was agreed to. A letter to be sent to their organiser. | | AMcK |
| 16. Health & Safety | Nothing to report | |  |
| 17. Club Manager | Nothing to report. | |  |
| 18. A.O.B | LS had donated a couple of PCs to the club that had been given him. | |  |
| 19.Date of next Meeting | The next committee meeting is Wednesday 12th February 2020 @ 7pm. | |  |

Distribution:

All Management Committee Members.

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