

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING HELD AT EXETER GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED, WEAR HOUSE, COUNTESS WEAR, EXETER ON WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2022

Present: Will Gannon (Chairman)
 Cliff Nightingale (Finance Director)
 Peter Lacey
 Geoff Bush
 Juliet Chenery
 Deborah Stevenson

Attendance Vic Fox (President) Chris Jones (General Manager) Jenni Ashford (Minutes)

Responsibility

<p>1. APOLOGIES No apologies received.</p>	
<p>2. MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th January were confirmed by the Board and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING Land near the 15th – progressing with the purchase to protect the club boundaries.</p> <p>Board Dinner – apologies from WG therefore it was agreed to postpone the dinner.</p> <p>Topsham Golf Academy – the application has now been validated and it will hopefully go to the Planning Committee on 28th March. PL asked if members would be invited to post positive comments on the portal as that will make a difference. WG said it was all in hand but that Andy Robbins had said to hold fire for a short while. PL asked if Andy Robbins could provide relevant planning points for members to make.</p> <p>Squash balcony has been costed at £25K. James Temple reported to JC that squash would prefer to have the floors repaired if it came to one or the other as it would cost the same. CJ reported that he had discussed with James and Mike Harris and explained that their capex request for this had not been signed off. CJ reported that the survey to rackets members asking whether they affiliate with squash or tennis, came back to show that out of 150 responses (from 300 members in total), 120 affiliate to tennis but only 30 affiliate to squash...</p>	
<p>4. FINANCIAL MATTERS Geoff Bush arrived at 6.03pm.</p>	

<p>Subs – CN and CJ advised that the subs rates had been received well by Club Committee. Club Committee enquired whether a long-standing member discount was possible for the future. CJ agreed to extend the guests passes issued after the electrical work closure week, until the end of April.</p> <p>CJ advised that Martyn Walker will send the subs renewal emails – WG to send his Chairman’s Letter to include.</p>	
<p>5. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT</p> <p>The General Manager had circulated his detailed report to the Directors.</p> <p>Closure week complaints – WG and CJ have responded to these emails. WG dealt with the more unpleasant complaints.</p> <p>Tennis court budget – CN and JC discussed the budget set aside for the tennis court refurbishment. CN confirmed it is up to £100K.</p> <p>CN stated that the service in the Sports Bar has improved dramatically.</p> <p>Awaiting confirmation on an opening date for the Garden Pavilion.</p>	
<p>6. PROPERTY MATTERS</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>7. DEVELOPMENT REPORT</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT</p> <p>A meeting of past Club Presidents was held to discuss how to deal with the very difficult situation created by the resignation of the Club President elect for 2022.</p> <p>This situation has never arisen before and consequently has made it very difficult for all of us.</p> <p>It was decided that for one year only VF will stay on, with input and help from other past Club Presidents. This will also allow the opportunity for the new Vice President to shadow for the year prior to becoming Club President in 2023.</p> <p>VF will continue to chair the Club Committee and attend Board Meetings to ensure continuity. All of the many other activities normally dealt with the Club President will be undertaken by various other past Presidents, who will continue to meet as a group to ensure the smooth running of the role.</p> <p>VF explained that they were also producing a document to outline the role of the Club President to help prospective candidates to understand the honour and commitment required to fulfill the role.</p>	

WG thanked VF and the past Club Presidents for their efforts and asked to see the Club President document at the next Board meeting.	
9. ATTENDANCE AT CLUB COMMITTEE CN agreed to attend the Club Committee Meeting on 7 th February 2022 in place of WG.	CN
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS JC thanked VF for the Club Presidents Dinner. JC advised that James Temple has been awarded Coach of the Year at the Devon Tennis Awards – he will be put forward for the national awards next. DS gave her apologies for the next Board Meeting.	
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 5.30pm on Wednesday 23 rd February 2022.	