

Minutes of Club Committee Meeting

Monday 4th July 2022 @ 18.00

Present: Vic Fox (VF) President, Chris Jones (CJ), , Trish Harrogate (TH), (JS), Karen Cleave (KC), Luke Van Zijl LVZ), Natasha Luddington (NL) Margaret Elston (ME) Mandie Rose (MR), Veronica Barker (VB), Vicki Rogers (VR)

Representing the Board: Will Gannon

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Nick Rimmer, Vice President, Jon Sharpe, Simon Goldsmith, Steve Sheldon

3. Minutes of meeting dated 9th May 2022

Agreed

4. Matters Arising

Defibrillators have been put on the golf course and signs will be put up shortly advising of their locations.

We wish Chris Norton a speedy recovery and thank Vicki for standing in for her.

5. Management Report - Report attached.

MR asked whether the balcony on the squash courts could be extended **CJ** advised that this had been looked into and costed but was too expensive – some additional benches may be purchased for the middle. Elaine will look into sponsorship for the tins.

ACTION meeting to be arranged with Chris, Elaine, Luke and Mandie to discuss sponsorship.

Management held a strategy day and it has been decided that from September 2022 there will be no further non-member coaching for tennis, squash and rackets. This will include juniors. Tournaments can include non-members, matches and visiting teams are fine – options can be considered but membership is key.

VB Have the amount of guest passes being purchased gone down? **KC** very expensive to bring guests when there are now other facilities in the City could this be reviewed?

CJ advised that there has not been a drop in guest passes being purchased.

VR asked about the timescales for the ladies golf locker room **CJ** to find out and advise.

LVZ raised that staff in the Sports Bar are not always attentive and often hanging around the bar chatting when there are tables waiting to be served **CJ** to advise James. **VB** also noted that the patio area in front of the marquee gets missed by staff.

A behavioural issue was discussed which had occurred during the pro-am tournament. If gross misconduct occurs twice then this will result in a final written warning. Staff have been advised that there is a zero tolerance policy and all issues must be reported immediately to management. Staff are aware that they can refuse to serve more alcohol where they think someone has had too much.

6. Presidents Report

I recently raised the issue of the continued development of the club with the Board because of the concerns of members about the current situation. The Chairman is now going to issue a statement as to where we are, the next stage of the development, and when it's due to start. I have received many positive comments about the Garden Pavilion, and members are now asking 'What happens next?' The Pro Am golf tournament, a very prestigious event in the South West Regional calendar, took place recently. I am sure that Steve Sheldon, Captain, will refer to this event, but I just wanted to say that this was a most successful day. It was supported both before the day and on the day by staff and many volunteers. I hope that these bi-monthly meetings are working for you all in the way that I had hoped. I will, of course, continue to keep you updated on any relevant Board decisions between meetings, and Chris will continue to provide you with his monthly management reports. Recently, there have been a number of inappropriate behaviour issues within the club by members. This has resulted in one disciplinary meeting with the relevant member, and a general email will be sent to all members reminding them of their responsibilities to other members, to the staff, and to their club. This weekend, 2nd - 3rd July, is very busy for both golf and tennis. It is the Captain's Golf Day on Saturday, and a 24-hour marathon tennis event, both raising money for their respective charities. I would hope to hear about the success of these events at our meeting.

7. Board Report

WG – there have been further delays on the next phases of the development and the President has asked for an update to be sent to members. A meeting is scheduled with the project manager on Friday for an update. Resurfacing of the tennis courts should have taken place in April but this work is still outstanding, it may be better to leave it until towards the end of the season now. Renovation of the squash courts has been approved and is planned for August. The planning application for the Golf academy was due to be discussed at the Exeter City Council planning meeting in June but was moved to the end of July – this may have to be postponed until September as Will be will away. There have been a lot of objections, many of these were about lighting – the lighting proposal has now been withdrawn and many of the concerns about wildlife have been addressed. The pavilion is now fully open. The financial situation is good and the Board are keen to get on with the next phase. It is hoped that the café and dry changing will be completed by next Spring.

8. Membership report / Election of new members

Circulated.

9. Health & Safety - Report attached

10. Safeguarding

A course tailor made for the Board and Management will be undertaken shortly.

Changing room rules – any child over the age of 5 years of the same gender can be in a changing room without an adult. No child over the age of 5 years should be in the opposite gender changing rooms, if they need to be with a parent they should use the family changing area.

11. Any other business

Section reports

Mens & Ladies golf

With all sections now well underway with both domestic & competitive inter-club competitions here is the latest Golf Section Report:

Since our last meeting a lot of key golfing events have taken place including:

- Our Captains Drive In
- Ladies & Men's Pro-Am events
- Ladies Captains Day

These 4 events alone have raised almost £10,000 for mine & Christine's chosen charity Devon Freewheelers AKA Bloodbikes. Thank you to all members for supporting these events & we were exceptionally well looked after by the club and all the staff.

This week sees a very busy schedule with the Ladies' Bowmaker Open event on Friday 1st July, with over 100 players visiting the club. Saturday 2nd July sees my Men's Captains Day with over 160 golfers registered. Followed by our 3rd Round Palaret Match V The Warren Golf Club this Sunday, closely followed by the Men's Captains Day for Ladies Tuesday 5th July.

The Men's section has been doing exceptionally well with both the Dartmoor League (DML) & Exe League teams top of their respective divisions & the DML team reaching the semi-final of the knockout cup beating some top seeded teams along the way. We have also reached the 3rd Round of the prestigious Palaret Trophy, regrettably our scratch golfers were narrowly pipped in the 2nd round of the Parker Trophy by a very strong Woodbury team, in a decider settled on the 4th extra hole - both sides were represented by County players!

The Ladies' section has been as equally successful, with their Still Cup team winning 5/6 matches, recently losing to one of their nearest competitors. There are two tough matches ahead for the team, although currently scores indicate that we may have a good chance to play in the semi-finals. The Ladies' President's Trophy team are also doing well and, with two matches yet to be played, they are also trying to find their way into the semi-finals - good luck to all our ladies.

Friday 1st July sees our Juniors take on at Exminster GC at East Devon in the 1st round of the Basil Steer trophy. Led by Junior Captain Will Champion, a strong Exeter team has been selected including Will, Jack Parry & Ollie Amos – good luck to the boys.

The Men's Seniors section lost in their Emerton Court match but had a very successful day recently in the South Devon Seniors League match held at Bigbury Bay, where they finished in 2nd place on the day to move to 3rd overall in their respective division

Good luck to all our Exeter golfing teams

On the domestic front, we have recently seen the installation of 2 Solar Powered Defibrillators on the golf course, kindly supported by the club & the maintenance teams, helping the section with all the ordering and installation works - thank you!

We have also just completed a sub-committee working group, who have produced a 1st draft document for proposed amendments to the club rules, relative to our section. We are meeting early July to run through these draft proposals before presenting our findings initially to our July Golf committee, and we anticipate being able to let the club have our 1st draft proposal by the end of July.

Tennis report

Not much to report from the last two months, summer leagues progressing well and a brief season review will follow in September. We can say that more juniors are representing the club than ever before and are acquitting themselves extremely well, the future is bright for our teams.

Courts 1 & 2 are still waiting to be resurfaced, along with the development of the club and most other things at the moment, getting a start date is just as difficult as a completion one. We still hope to have these finished in time for autumn / winter where the suitability for wet and cold weather will mean they can be used far more than the current courts.

If you are reading this before midday on Sunday 3rd July, please visit the tennis courts and cheer on James and Tommy who are completing their 24-hour tennis marathon at midday on the Sunday. This fundraiser will be involving juniors and adults alike, and matches will be played through the night, so by Sunday morning they will definitely require all the support that can be given. Our chosen charity this year is Pete's Dragons [Home - Pete's Dragons \(petesdragons.org.uk\)](http://petesdragons.org.uk)

Rackets report

Last weekend we held our PSA Pro tournament, which brought a selection of high level professional players to the club from all over the world, including Sri Lanka, New Zealand, South Korea and Crediton!

Not content with just organising the event our Head of Squash, Mike Harris, even played in the event and managed to reach the semi-finals, narrowly losing to the eventual winner from Sri Lanka. The standard of squash was fantastic. Fast paced, skilful and entertaining. All played in the very good spirits with not a spare piece of carpet, let alone a spare seat for the semi finals and final on Sunday.

And just to make things even more interesting, Mike decided to organise a junior graded tournament on the Saturday and an adult graded tournament on the Sunday (fitting in around the PSA matches). The atmosphere was electric and great to see such high levels of support and participation.

Many thanks to all the sponsors, Rob Insall, Polly and John Woodhams, David Robertson and Richard May (Maze), who were instrumental in helping to fund the event.

VB advised that the 24 hour tennis tournament was a great success raising over £1k for the Pete's Dragon charity, the staff were great and Gail Salzmänn acted as Health & Safety officer overnight.

Sub committee Club rule revision will be with management by the end of July.

Meeting closed: - 19.20

Next meeting date - Tuesday 6th September 2022 @ 18.00

Apologies: Nick Rimmer

ACTION LOG 2021/2022

Date first discussed	Action	Who?	Completion date	Details
April 2018	Men's golf lockers to be repaired	CJ	To be added to next year's Capex list 22/23, which will then need to be signed off by the board	Ongoing, discussed in 2018 and was added to 2019 Capex list, it didn't happen as other expenditure was more important/urgent, then Covid in 2020 and no Capex budget in 2021
Jan 2019	Sports Captains and managers to provide information for a rolling Junior's screen that will be on a TV in the Hub	All Captains, Managers and sports section HODs	No new TVs with linked PC will be added to the Hub now as this area will become the sports changing rooms next year. Either this doesn't happen or a new place for this to be decided upon when the development in this area is complete	Ongoing
March 2019	Sports Managers to be spoken to by Sports Captains and assist in organising a Junior Awards ceremony	All Captains, Managers and sports section HODs	Sports Captains to liaise with the Sports Managers about this.	Ongoing
Feb 2020	Golf Honours Boards	CJ	To happen when the corridors and development has been completed in the Hub, and sports corridor areas. Golf Captain and Director of Golf to liaise with GM and Board about this when we know what space we will have to use. Honours boards and anything similar that is golf related is a sensitive subject so it is important that the design team are aware of what is wanted by the golf committee.	Prices/styles will be sought for new boards