

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT EXETER GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED, WEAR HOUSE, COUNTESS WEAR, EXETER ON WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2023

Present:

Will Gannon (Chairman)
 Cliff Nightingale (Finance Director)
 Geoff Bush
 Peter Lacey
 Jenna Hamilton Pursglove
 Deborah Stevenson
 Robert Wilmington-Badcock

Attendance

Nick Rimmer (President), Chris Jones (General Manager), Jenni Ashford (Minutes)

Responsibility

<p>1. APOLOGIES</p> <p>Juliet Chenery</p>	
<p>2. MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the January meeting were approved.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Electric chargers – the possibility of a scaled back version for members was briefly discussed. CJ explained that the car park needs repainting etc and therefore that was probably the best time to look at this again.</p> <p>Pool cover – ongoing – Steve Firmstone getting structural advice on which pool cover will work best with a view to ordering it in the summer.</p> <p>Bridge Room – CJ met with the Bridge Chairman and explained that they will be moving to the Topsham Room – they will discuss at their Committee Meeting with a view to move in the new financial year.</p> <p>Club Rules have been amended – NR asked if the Board could provide a description of the changes to the Club Rules for Club Committee. GB confirmed he would mention at the forthcoming meeting.</p>	
<p>4. FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>Accounts have been circulated with Will Roose's report.</p>	

<p>Share Transfer Forms will need to be added to the agenda to be approved by the Board each month going forward. The forms will need to be signed by the Board.</p> <p>CN reported to the Board that we were waiting for Michelmores to provide us with the wording for the resolutions to enable shares to be deferred and he expected to receive them and requested Board approval prior to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>WG thanked CN for his ongoing efforts, PL for work on the development architecture plans, and the Board as a whole, as all Directors have made significant inputs to the club recently.</p>	
<p>5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</p> <p>CJ sent the GM Report.</p> <p>Lifeguards – CJ explained that we are struggling with recruiting lifeguards at present which may impact on the hours we can keep the pools open. He is working with Will Roose on the wages budget to increase it in this area.</p> <p>Bridge – CJ explained that he met with Richard Brown, the Bridge Chairman to discuss moving them to the Topsham Room to free up the Bridge Room for meetings, and eventually for another spa area to generate more revenue.</p> <p>Guest pass prices – letter received complaining about the price – matter to be discussed again at the Finance Meeting.</p> <p>First tee border – following John Beevers complaint, this will be dug out and a membrane installed to tidy it up. PL suggested replacing with other plants that have reduced leaf fall.</p>	
<p>6. PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>The Planning Officer has been replaced as David Green has left. The new Planning Officer is Matt Diamond. WG has been assured our application will be included on 25th March. WG will attend.</p> <p>Gates at the Topsham Golf Academy need to be moved by Heritage to continue building and to make room for a car park for their workers.</p>	
<p>7. DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>N/A</p>	

<p>8. RISK REPORT</p> <p>To be reviewed next month as no change.</p>	
<p>9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT</p> <p>Nick Rimmer Presidents Board Report 22/02/2023</p> <p>My first Board report for my Presidents year 2023/24,</p> <p>I was voted in at the Club AGM on Thursday 16th February and firstly, thank you to all the Directors who came along to the AGM and for your support. I will include below some of my acceptance speech for reference below.</p> <p>For our future CC meetings, I would like an agenda item inserted</p> <p>“Ideas for increasing revenue and cutting costs.”</p> <p>I want to task the CC with coming up with ideas that we can discuss and put forward to management and Board (like the one extra coffee per week per member idea from Cliff which I think is very powerful!)</p> <p>Please, please accept these in the spirit in which they will be put forward! They may be crazy, unworkable, ridiculous but they will be put forward with the best intentions of a team of people who all have the best interests of the club close to their hearts. Over the 12 months there may be nothing of value, but you never know!</p> <p>I attended a Squash and Racket ball committee meeting Monday 2 things , really positive came out.</p> <p>Firstly, Mike has been successful in having starter RB sessions (as reported by GM in his notes) where we converted 12 out of 18 participants to full Squash/RB members where they had not been members before.</p> <p>They would like help from Jenni to promote this success across the wider membership and social media, they are doing a short video from one member who was enthusiastic to promote this. Can I request that Jenni help the section do so?</p> <p>Secondly, My understanding is the club is now responsible for Tin and court sponsorship, 10% goes to the section with the rest to the club, it should generate around £3500 pa of income. They feel it’s in line with other clubs to have good quality sponsors on the courts and adds a corporate feel to the courts. Can we offer this to members and business’s in Exeter, they pay for the artwork and Tin creation and we invoice them for the fees. We can always check the quality first.</p>	

Thoughts?

Finally, extracts from my Speech on Thursday for reference.

Thank you all for your kind endorsement to Vic's proposal for me to be your next President, it is indeed an honour to be President of this great club.

Firstly I would like to thank Vic as your immediate past President for the last 2 years and his tireless work and dedication to the Exeter Golf and Country Club on behalf of all of us , it's not been easy!! .

I joined in 1981 to play Squash originally when I moved to Exeter from Bristol with my work and the rest, as they say, "is history "Our boys Ollie and David grew up here, learned their sports here and both worked here, Sal and I are both always grateful to the club for helping to shape their formative years.

As has been mentioned, I have been a main board Director of the EGCC company and served junior squash committees, the golf and Pro Am committees and play golf, Racket Ball, Tennis , swim and use the Gym so hopefully I should have a good understanding of how the club works and what makes it tick.

I want to have a sort of Theme or mission statement for my year as President and that is that membership of the Exeter Golf and Country club is for Fun.

It's not our job or vocation, we don't earn our living here, we come here to play competitive sport, to get or stay reasonably fit, meet and socialise with likeminded people and interact with other human beings in a generally pleasant environment.

Sadly it seems at times that we can forget why we are here and I want, as far as possible, for all club members to have fun here and enjoy this special place that is fairly unrivalled in the local area.

Of course it's not perfect and improvements can always be made and I will be tasking the Club Committee to continually review what we do ,to feed in your ideas and thoughts and take these to the club management and Board of Directors where appropriate.

Finally, in my year as President I would like to nominate my chosen charity as ELF (Exeter Leukemia Fund) which is a charity we have supported for a number of years. As a family we have had personal experience of this dreadful disease losing Sal's dad to it 14 years ago.

The Club Committee AGM is on 16th February at 7pm when the incoming Club President, Nick Rimmer, will take over from VF.

<p>10. AOB</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Next Club Committee – GB to attend.</p>	
<p>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>5pm on Wednesday 29th March 2023.</p>	

Signature of the Chair:

Date: