

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING HELD AT EXETER GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED,  
WEAR HOUSE, COUNTESS WEAR, EXETER ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

(Note for members reading these minutes – Board meetings are partly confidential, such as those items relating to finance, employment, and disciplinary matters, and these are not included in the minutes published on the Club website).

**Present:** Will Gannon (Chairman)  
Cliff Nightingale  
Peter Lacey  
Juliet Chenery  
Deborah Stevenson  
Robert Wilmington Badcock  
Geoff Bush.

**In Attendance:** Nick Rimmer (President)  
Chris Jones (General Manager)  
Jenni Ashford (Minutes)

**Responsibility**

<b>1. APOLOGIES</b>  Apologies for absence received from Jenna Hamilton Pursglove.	
<b>2. MINUTES</b>  The Minutes of the May meeting were agreed.	
<b>3. MATTERS ARISING</b>  9 <sup>th</sup> Tee – work is continuing – will monitor it going forward.  JHP arranged a meeting in August re club rules – with Tozers.	
<b>4. FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>  Accounts have been circulated – we’re slightly ahead, both MTD and YTD. £64K positive on cashflow.  CN advised that there could be a temporary impact on the membership while the indoor pool is closed.  Rackets report – issue of tennis/squash only subs raised yet again. Board agreed this is a non-starter – the subs cannot be changed.  Decrease in member numbers – largely juniors – 200 of the 300	

<p>decrease are juniors – could be down to inflation pressures.</p> <p>WG to send a member email to update re development.</p> <p>Cashflow – CN discussing loans with Barclays and Handelsbanken re Folk 2 Folk loan repayment. Paul Jarratt has asked for enhanced figures.</p>	
<p><b>5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>CJ circulated his GM report.</p> <p>Trespassers on the course – broke into Newcourt House at the weekend, some have been arrested. CJ meeting Heritage and Mike Dart to discuss jointly handling the issue.</p> <p>Tennis courts 1 and 2 start tomorrow – then the Wingfield system will be added.</p> <p>Membership Services – particularly Sam – are doing a great job coping with member issues/complaints re pool closure.</p> <p>Well done to Elaine for her organisation and management of the Proms which generated £30K of revenue, and the Big Wave Games – which led to great feedback.</p> <p>New unit for the greenkeepers due to arrive in next couple of weeks – Hauliers are removing the current ones and the trees are being cut back to create space to lift the new one in place.</p> <p>Outdoor pool cover is on order for the end of the summer.</p> <p>Pavilion tiles are being replaced.</p>	CJ
<p><b>6. PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p><b>7. RISK REPORT</b></p> <p>CJ advised there were no changes to the Risk Report.</p>	
<p><b>8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Initial meeting with Cliff, Natasha and Luke regarding the rules and governance, set a way forward but no action yet. We need to take into account that the golf sections are reviewing their structure to fall in line with EDI as set out by England Golf, this is a discussion at present but any agreed alteration in club rules, by Laws and procedures relating to Golf committees should probably be deferred until the Golf Sections have agreed their structures.</p> <p>Club Committee meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July, thanks Juliet for attending, the</p>	

<p>proposed guest fee idea to include a food voucher was generally well received and is now back with Chris and team to implement.</p> <p>There was a slightly longer debate on an issue relating to Tennis only membership on a reduced fee basis, not to include pools and other club benefits. My view is this is a slippery slope and other sections will want to follow suit, we are and always have been a Country club with sports facilities, it's always been difficult to proportion costs to various sections, so my view is we should all contribute to the overall running of the whole club. Chris to raise with Board.</p> <p><b>Events attended</b>  Mens Golf Palairot 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 2<sup>nd</sup> July at East Devon, EGCC won!  Senior mens golf committee meeting attended 11<sup>th</sup> July  Presidents Charity Club supper 15<sup>th</sup> July see below  Tennis Wimbledon tournament 16<sup>th</sup> July President sponsored Prosecco, scones cream and Jam.  Squash section international match V Toledo USA touring side 20<sup>th</sup> July, President hosted drinks for team players, 10 on each side, EGCC won !.  Men's Golf committee meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July, discussion on future structure in line with England golf and EDI</p> <p><b>Disciplinary</b>  No meetings this month!!</p> <p><b>Presidents charity club supper 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>  Tickets sold 109, thank you to the board members that attended. A cross section of members from all sections including Bridge and 2 new members who booked on the Saturday morning to get an idea of what we do.  We raised £2210 for ELF, the club did an excellent job and thank you to Chris and all his team, the feedback I have had has been excellent, the room, the food, service and Marvin the singer were all first class.</p> <p><b>Padel and Pickleball</b>  President still keen to investigate this facility being provided at EGCC. We are now arranging for some costs analysis and revenue as per our presentation. James is arranging for some quotations as per Peter L designs and I am chasing him up for these.NR to chase James for costings</p>	
<p><b>9. ATTENDANCE AT CLUB COMMITTEE</b>  GB to attend the next Club Committee to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	<p>GB</p>
<p><b>10. SHARE TRANSFER FORMS</b>  CN awaiting solicitors re corporate guidance.</p> <p>Still 880 members without shares – email to be sent to them.</p> <p>Future renewals could have shares added to the subs quote.</p>	<p>CN</p>

Share software doesn't produce the reports we would like – MW and CN investigating.	
<b>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> GB – meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> August to review applicants for the Director positions with a view to having initial meetings in September, before shortlisting for second interview with WG present.  Insurance renewal – CJ approached other insurance companies to get quotes.  Tennis Committee 11 <sup>th</sup> September – CJ on holiday so can't attend. WG and Geoff B to attend	
<b>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Next Board Meeting - Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 7.00 pm.

**Chairman** ..... **Date** .....