

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING HELD AT EXETER GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED,
WEAR HOUSE, COUNTESS WEAR, EXETER ON WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 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 (Chair)
Cliff Nightingale (Finance Director)
Geoff Bush
Peter Lacey
Deborah Stevenson
Jenna Hamilton Pursglove
Robert Wilmington Badcock
Nick Rimmer (Club President)

In Attendance: Chris Jones (General Manager)
Will Roose (Financial Controller)
Jenni Ashford (Minutes)

Responsibility

1. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence received from Juliet Chenery.	
2. MINUTES The Minutes of the September Board Meeting were approved.	
3. MATTERS ARISING Topsham Golf Academy – the purchase of the Martin’s land and the sale of the current site should be completed before the AGM. The Martin’s land – the bomb survey was completed without issue. The land needs clearing of rubbish that has been dumped by neighbours. Padel Tennis – land survey completed – PL is looking at plot location, necessity of planning permission etc. Will also need to investigate costings and funding. A cost-benefit analysis is being completed by JT and NR. Junior Membership – GB summarized his opinion about this matter, in that it started from an enquiry about a junior golfer wanting to join the club without a parent as a member due to costs, although she must have been a member elsewhere and had coaching given that she has a single handicap. The issue has mushroomed to rackets as well. GB stated he felt that we should stick with the current rules and if any	

<p>changes were to happen it should be about getting new children into sport. He mentioned the practicalities regarding safeguarding and the implied responsibility this would enforce on our staff and ultimately upon the Directors. GB stated that he felt the coaches should be doing more 'Get Into...' courses so open the sports up to new young players. CJ advised that David Lloyd do the same as us. WG thanked Club Committee for the work they have completed and said we would consider again after the AGM.</p> <p>RJ – JHP confirmed that notice of legal proceedings against the Directors has been received. The legal proceedings include ten orders. Most of these have already been dealt with. The other orders are attempts to change sections 7,8,9 and 11 of the Articles of Association – these are the sections that govern restrictions on shareholdings, deferring shares and reversing transactions.</p>	
<p>4. FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>WR reported on the management accounts and explained that we were relatively close to budget for September at just £11.5K under. Member numbers are around 100 short, however overheads and cashflow is as expected.</p> <p>Subs rate for 2024 have been proposed.</p> <p>WG thanks WR for providing a first class report. He also mentioned the comment DE made in the GM Report where he suggested a lot of golfers are considering leaving to go to Stover if the price is increased.</p> <p>CN explained that whilst we continue to recruit new members, we are experiencing a growing problem with retention.</p> <p>CN advised that because our financial info is up to date, it is now manageable if adjustments need to be made to meet income.</p>	
<p>5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</p> <p>CJ circulated his GM report.</p> <p>WG commented on the member numbers saying that whilst fitness numbers were positive, there was a major decline in juniors.</p> <p>RWB asked he could have a look at the maintenance yard – RWB to organize a time with CJ.</p> <p>Cyber Awareness Course – Martyn Walker attended the course organized by the police – they can come to the club to run one for other staff, Directors and members if required.</p>	

<p>Director's Dinner – moving the date to February due to the date of a golf event in November being changed.</p> <p>CJ has contacted the insurance company regarding PL insurance for the new field.</p>	
<p>6. PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>7. RISK REPORT</p> <p>CJ advised there were no changes to the Risk Report.</p> <p>GB asked if roof repairs are being considered in next year's budgets. CJ explained that repairs were being completed every time a new stage of the development plan is underway.</p>	
<p>8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>NR advised that the Rackets Committees are looking at ways to attract new members. He asked if the coaches are allowed to have non-members visit for up to three coaching sessions to help 'sell' the facility. CJ advised that he had already discussed this with James Temple and agreed it on the basis that it is transparent and that he is informed beforehand.</p>	
<p>9. ATTENDANCE AT CLUB COMMITTEE</p> <p>CN to attend the next Club Committee to be held on 6th November.</p>	CN
<p>10. SHARE TRANSFER FORMS</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>NR asked if he could bring Mandie Rose to the Board Meeting on 3rd January. WG agreed.</p>	
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Next Board Meeting – Wednesday 22nd November.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 6.50 pm.

Chairman **Date**