

Minutes of Club Committee Meeting

Monday 4th September 2023 @ 18.00

Present: Nick Rimmer (NR) President, Trish Harrogate (TH), Luke Van Zijl (LVZ), Simon Goldsmith (SG) Chris Jones (CJ), Vicki Rogers (VR), Geoff Fidler (GF) Natasha Adams (NA) Mandie Rose (MR) Vice President, David Balch (DB), Margaret Elston (ME) Denise Clifford (DC) Vicki Rogers (VR) Jon Sharpe (JS)

Representing the Board: Geoff Bush (GB)

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

None

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Agreed

3. Matters Arising

Indoor pool opening ahead of schedule on 9th September.

DC put forward an idea on section membership which GB will take to the Board to consider.

4. Management Report - Report attached.

At the finance meeting scheduled for 5th September a decision will be made on when the next phase of development will commence.

Outdoor pool cover is on order and will be fitted mid-October.

5. Presidents Report

Cliff has met with Natasha regarding the rules and governance, they have set a way forward to review rules but no action yet Perhaps Natasha could outline progress to date .

Tennis committee has sent the board a list of questions which will be answered at the next Tennis committee meeting on 11th September by Will and Chris, I will be away. The issue relating to Tennis only membership on a reduced fee basis, not to include pools and other club benefits will be dealt with at this meeting.

A subcommittee has met to discuss Junior memberships and scholarships, I understand this is progressing but have requested from Chris that we discuss the findings to date with club committee , Geoff Bush will be leading a discussion on this at our meeting . It's important we understand the issues involved, benefits to the sections and club and possible implications.

Events attended by President

11th July Senior mens golf committee meeting

15th July Presidents Charity Club supper , Provided Singer

16th July Tennis Wimbledon Tournament, Provided Prosecco Scones jam and Cream

20th July Squash match v Toledo from USA, Provided players with drinks.

20th July Mens Golf committee meeting.

25th July Squash AGM

26th July Board meeting

19th August 2023 Presidents golf day for men, I provided drinks and pasties on the 8th together with nearest the pin prizes, we entertained 165 men playing golf and raised £840 towards my chosen charity ELF, this brings my total for the year to £3500. A thank you to Lisa Adam and the team .

30th August Board meetings

Presidents charity club supper 15th July

Tickets sold 109, thank you to all members that attended. A cross section of members from all sections including Bridge.

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.

Disciplinary

10th August, Chris and I met with 2 members who had a falling out on the 9th/10th Holes of the golf course, after discussion with each of them a resolution was agreed and communicated to both without the need for a full disciplinary process.

Padel and Pickleball

President still keen to investigate this facility being provided at EGCC, We now have some costs via James and some costs analysis and revenue generation as per our presentation now needs to be worked on and presented to the board.

We are still reviewing site locations and noise reduction options for consideration by the board.

NA gave a brief update regarding governance – a draft will be available for the next Club Committee meeting.

6. Board Report

Finances to date show a favourable variance on the expected break even position.

Scholarships – a discussion took place about the pros and cons of the club offering scholarships to elite junior members/ non-members. Club Committee members have been asked to email Mandie Rose who will collate the responses for the Board and Management.

7. Membership report / Election of new members

Circulated.

8. Health & Safety - Report attached

9. Safeguarding

Nothing to report

10. Ideas form revenue generation and cost cutting

SG – suggested an 'Introduce a friend' scheme. Could a weekly guest pass be available in school holidays?

DC – 14 days for £14 in quieter periods as a taster to encourage membership.

11. Any other business

NR asked whether the pop-up bar is just seasonal **CJ** confirmed that it is not seasonal but it is weather dependant.

12. Section reports

Mens & Ladies golf

Our British Club Mixed Championship team, having fought their way through three rounds, were the last team standing from Cornwall, Devon and Somerset. Regrettably they met their match in the team at Rowlands Castle on 25th July, though the loss might be attributable to an early rise for a 3-hour journey through holiday traffic!

We are extremely proud of our Doris Willes-Little pairing, who lost their bid to reach the finals in the quarter finals, on a rather wet and blustery July day at Holsworthy. Our other ladies' Interclub teams played well, though were regrettably unsuccessful in their bid to reach the semi-finals.

Friday the 28th July saw Exeter retain the Lloyd Rowett Trophy with a fabulous victory after drawing against Bigbury on their course.

Team Captain George Robinson, and Captain Geoff, proudly took their team to Woodbury, on 13th August, to play in a semi-final of the Palairet Trophy in the hope of retaining the title won last year. Despite our best efforts, and very solid golf played, the Tiverton team made it to the final and went on to beat Royal North Devon in the final.

We are also very proud of our Seniors, who have secured a place in the final of the Emerton Court Knockout, and will play Great Torrington at Churston on 18th September.

Both Ladies' Opens were successfully held on 21st July and 25th August. These were well-attended and many positive comments were received about the course and food.

Another exciting weekend takes place on Sunday 3rd September when our Parker Trophy Scratch Golfers play the semi-final at Churston against The Warren in the semi; if victorious the team will face either Tiverton or Sidmouth in the final later on the same day. The team are looking forward to the challenge and Captain Geoff hopes to share a positive outcome with you all on Monday. Exeter have never won the Parker Trophy so he has his fingers crossed.

Our Juniors are also having a fantastic season; playing the Basil Steer final against Exminster at Churston on 3rd September, followed by the semi-final of Tamar Cup at Borringdon against St Mellion on 10th September.

The golf season, albeit having difficult weather conditions, has been a successful, busy and exciting time for golfers, and our thanks must again go to John Parr and his team in keeping our course in such good condition, the envy of many other golf courses. Thank you.

Tennis report

Summer league has now finished and congratulations to:

Ladies A won Div 2

Ladies C Runners Up Div 5 Promoted

Mixed A Runners Up Div 1

Mixed D Runners up Div 6 Promoted

The two clay courts are now in and bedded and becoming popular, thanks to James and the section for their patience over the last fifteen months, but they have been worth the wait!

Denise has organised two tournaments, the first a lottery doubles (partners selected at random) raised almost £300.00 for my Captains charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, the second takes place on Sunday 3rd September – “Battle of the Sexes” and from the smile on Denise’s or my face you will be able to tell who won! Denise has also secured a raffle prize of extraordinary worth, two VIP tickets to a Coldplay show at a European city of choice, the prize includes access to the before and after show parties!!! Details of this will follow from the Club soon. Denise has also arranged the inaugural Ladies Charity Cup for June 2024, details for this will follow next year.

Padel tennis court quotes are being obtained and we hope that they can be accommodated outside the walled area, just down from the pitching practice golf area. Pickleball courts are looking promising for the “kid’s zone” as well. Both will be of great benefit to the Club as well as the section.

Finally, our Section Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 8th December and we would welcome any committee members, directors, or captains from other sections of the Club.

Rackets report

In August, the squash and racketball section welcomed players from all over the UK and from overseas to play out PSA (professional) tournament in the middle of August. We also ran 5 graded competitions (men and women) to run alongside the pro event which included professional and aspiring professional players in the A Grade and various competitive levels from B - E grades.

With Mike on alert for the arrival of his 2nd child (Laurie was born shortly after the even, congratulations Mike and Tessa), members of the committee, including Lucas VZ and Mandie Rose helped to run the event onsite alongside myself and friend of the club, Curtis Corby - with Mike providing support and updates remotely.

The event was a resounding success with a top quality PSA event, with rising England star and European Champion, Jonah Bryant (18), beating Wales international Rhys Evans in a high quality 3-1 final. Exeter Golf and Country Club and Wales U19 No1 junior, Ioan Sharpe, won an equally entertaining A Grade final after losing in the last 16 of the PSA event to Jonah. We also had further success down the grades with Lauren Brown winning her grade too!

We look forward to welcoming players back for the new squash and racketball season starting in a few weeks time.

Meeting closed: - 19:49

Next meeting date – Monday 6th November 2023 @ 18:00

ACTION LOG 2022/2023

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	We have changed all locks, a new inventory has been done so we know who has what locker. Some spares now also. Now looked after by Darren and Lisa
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