



# Middlesex Golf

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Sudbury GC

Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

**In attendance:** Ray Andrews - Chair (RA), Robbie Martin (RM), David Taylor (DT), Di Williams (DW), Di Rowlands (DR), Darragh Coghlan (DC), Anne Koychev (AK), Tom Powell (TP).

### **1) Apologies for absence**

None.

### **2) Previous Minutes**

Not given to board and will be approved at next board meeting.

### **3) Matters Arising**

RA informed the board that he spoke to EG about board succession and our Articles of Association. As Middlesex does not receive funding from EG or Sport England, we do not need to abide by any rules set by the two governing bodies.

Middlesex can override the AoA and have board members stay on, providing the best interests of the County are kept at the forefront of every decision.

AK suggested an accountant at Ealing GC that may be a good option to succeed DT in his position of Director of Finances.

RA proposed inviting Irvine Walker to the board. He asked if there were any women in the County that would like to join in order to retain gender balance. Mary McDowall, Mandy Miller, Cherry Kealy and Ruth Holmes were suggested as possibilities.

It was decided that Patrick Walsh would serve a probationary period before becoming a director.

### **4) England Golf Report**

DR informed the board that Middlesex have voted for the EG board nominees by mail as Middlesex did not have a board members available to travel to Woodhall Spa for the EG General Meeting.

DC told the board that EG have plans to renovate the Woodhall Spa HQ and amalgamate the four limited companies back into one. DC will circulate and documents relating to the proposed changes, which have been budgeted to cost about £10 million, to the board.

EG have also proposed to change the women's regions to mirror the four men's regions. Information regarding this proposal will be circulated to the board.

## **5) Tournament, Rules and Handicapping Report**

It was reported to Middlesex from our EG County Support Officers that Middlesex have 160 iGolfers and 1600 iGolfers in London. There was confusion as to why the two regions were regarded as separate.

DC told the board that the County have signed a new agreement with EG regarding how we communicate information about the WHS and Course Ratings.

Stockley Park GC was rated last week, which was the last course in Middlesex to be rated. All 30 courses are now rated.

DC informed the board that he has purchased two amplifiers for announcing players on the tee at tournaments.

A quote has been received for additional equipment such as pop-up banners, feather flags, roll up banners, new flags for flag poles, tee makers, etc. All equipment to continue improving our tournaments. DC asked if he could continue with the purchase of this equipment, which will cost about £3000.

The board approved.

## **6) Marketing Report**

RA mentioned that recently he has learned more about how the Course Rating system works and suggested that information about the system should be circulated to our membership via social media to educate them.

## **7) Operations Report**

DC told the board that he and MMcD will begin clearing out the office and throwing out documents that are no longer needed. He asked the board if anyone would like to oversee what is thrown out in order to prevent any important documentation from being thrown away. DT offered his assistance.

DC mentioned that the office will be rearranged in order to create more space and order in the office as the space is underutilised.

Shelving units will be erected to store all trophies in the office.

**8) Date of next meeting**

Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am at Sudbury GC.