



Middlesex Golf

Minutes of Board Meeting

Held at Sudbury GC

On Tuesday 18th March 2024

In attendance: Tom Powell – Chair (President), Di Rowlands (DR), David Taylor (DT), Irvine Walker (IW), Anne Koychev (AK), Ruth Holmes (RH), Ketan Raja (KR), Robbie Martin (RM), David Niccol (DN), Lee Patterson (LP).

1) Apologies for absence

None.

2) Matters Arising

DR requested AGM minutes. LP confirmed that minutes were completed, but not yet published and will be distributed soon.

3) President

TP advised he had attended the Centenary dinner at BBO. DN was welcomed by all to the Board of Directors of Middlesex Golf.

4) David Niccol Introduction

DN thanked the Board and offered a brief summary of his professional and sporting background.

5) Board code of conduct

An updated Code Of Conduct was offered by AK for signing by MG Directors. This policy will be uploaded to MG website. Other versions to be offered to Middlesex Golf Volunteers. RH asked that new Codes Of Conduct were given to Team Managers and distributed across all Teams.

6) Finance

Per Finance Director's report.

7) Operations Manager Report

LP reported that Golf Genius is now populated with all MG competitions, tournaments and knockouts. He further reported there will be more time available to update the County website, an ongoing process, but nevertheless time consuming.

KR requested that the menus were all reviewed and additions made where appropriate.

LP reported that there were seven high quality applications for the role of Assistant to the County Secretary and that interviews for the post will be commencing within days.

KR requested that RM be involved in the recruitment process.

DT enquired if two days provided enough hours to be of use and is there an opportunity to extend those hours in required.

8) Tournament and Rules Report

KR reported that three Rules Seminars have been successfully offered, with one more at Ealing Golf Club scheduled for the coming week. More Rules Seminars to be offered time allowing.

RM reported that the updated Terms of Competition 2024 version are now completed. LP confirmed that these are now uploaded to the County website.

KR enquired about the change to the rules for the Women's Five-Aside Scratch League, RM confirmed that there would be no rule change in 2024. LP has informed all Team Captains.

9) England Golf Report

DR reported that the presentation from the England Golf Regional Meeting had been distributed to the Board. She further stated that it would be nice if Middlesex Golf were better represented at those meetings. DR promoted MG attendance at the England Golf Centenary week. A selection of Directors volunteered to attend over three days.

The WSLH voting mandate decision was held over, pending further information being supplied by WSLH.

DN asked that the "Respect in Golf" logo be included on the County website and anywhere else that is appropriate.

10) Development Report

RH voiced concerns regarding the formulation of the Development Budget. RH further felt the process was unacceptable and did not understand why the Development Budget was cut. RH wants this process to be improved and for a more detailed budgeting discussion to take place in the future. RH indicated that in line with England Golf Policy, Development should be regarded as a core activity going forward. AK stated that Development is included in the MG Business Plan.

RH stated that Development Grants should be match funded by the applying Club.

11) Centenary Report

IW reported that the Centenary Golf Day is being well supported, and that nominations for annual awards were being submitted and will be reviewed in the coming days.

Marcus Buckland (Sky Sports) has been booked to speak at the Centenary Dinner.

A tasting was attended by IW, DR, and LP. Menu options to be forwarded in due course.

The Under 18's Championship and Junior Festival of Golf will take place at the Inspiration Club in August.

RH requested that the new family golf day be included in Centenary celebrations.

LP reported a new Women's Second Team Manager had come forward, Liz Kynoch.

12) Date of next meetings

Board meeting at Sudbury GC 11am, Tuesday 18th June 2024.