

**HAREFIELD PLACE GOLF CLUB
MINUTES MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2012**

PRESENT

John McCarroll	Mick Gallagher
Anne James	Darrell Walker
Denzil Lobb	Keith Reynolds
John Carr	Pat O'Shea
Steve Browne	Jim Miller
Andrew Pibworth	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Everyone was present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed by	Darrell Walker
Seconded by	Denzil Lobb

MATTERS ARISING

2.1 There were no matters arising.

PROFESSIONALS/GREENKEEPERS/LANDFILL

- 3.1 The back of the bunkers had hollows and Mick was asked to talk to the green-keepers about correcting this.
- 3.2 Some of the holes on the course needed refilling . Also the holes needed cleaning out as flags didn't sit in the hole properly. Mick to talk to the green-keepers about filling and cleaning the holes and getting rid of the plastic caps. Meanwhile the committee had voted on, by email last week, that the following addition was made to the local rules: "Secondary holes on greens, with or without covers the ball may be moved a maximum of 6" (not nearer the hole)" and a notice had been put on the board.
- 3.3 Mick was asked to thank the green-keepers for clearing away the fallen branches and trees so quickly.
- 3.4 It was hoped that the Three Clubs Meetings could be started again.
- 3.5 Steve Browne had written to the Leader of the Council concerning the reinstatement of the course and a call had been received from Cllr Kauffman, on behalf of the Leader, stating that they are putting the work out to tender and we would be notified when this happens.
- 3.6 Jim Miller had received an email from Paul Richards, Green Spaces, Sport and Leisure Senior Manager. Anne was asked to send onto the Committee and Members. It stated:

Golf Hillingdon – Golf Course Maintenance Overview 2012

The London Borough of Hillingdon is committed to the improvement and development of the three golf courses at Uxbridge GC, Ruislip GC and Haste Hill GC. As part of this commitment we provide the latest information on the plans for the courses during 2012.

The Four M's

Management

Consultant Kevin Munt has been retained to provide management consultation, agronomic and greenkeeping advice. Kevin will be acting as interim Course Manager for the three golf courses and is providing work schedules, material requirements and budget recommendations. This arrangement will be in place until a new Course Manager is recruited.

Manpower

Greenstaff levels and skills are to be increased for the coming season and KM will be advising on and assisting with this recruitment in conjunction with the Council.

Machinery

A complete machinery replacement plan has been drawn up, the implementation/phasing of this is going through the necessary authorisations/procurement processes at the moment. The introduction of new machinery for ground staff will increase the levels of maintenance/improvement that can occur of playing surfaces and provide higher quality playing surfaces.

Maintenance

Individual maintenance schedules for the whole year have been drawn up for each of the courses. These work programmes are focused on the improvement of the playing surfaces with particular focus on the greens. Notification of planned work will be placed on the Councils notice boards at each club.

Greens

Deep aeration, thatch removal and sand topdressing operations will be carried out in the early spring (late March early April). This will be followed by routine cultural operations such as verti-cutting, aeration, and topdressing. The greens will also be hollow cored and top-dressed in the autumn.

Tees

Hollow coring, scarification, over seeding and topdressing will take place in April and the autumn.

Fairways

The fairways will be sprayed for worm and weed control in both spring and autumn. Regular aeration will also be undertaken.

Bunkers

The bunkers at Haste Hill will be overhauled, starting as soon as the snow clears, with all weed and grass growth removed, edges redefined, sand redistributed and where necessary new sand added.

Furnishings

New flag pins, flags (Yellow & Black Chequered), hole cups, member bunker rakes and litter bins have been ordered and will be put out on the courses once the snow has gone.

- 3.7 Anne was asked to email Paul Richards LBH to thank him for this update and to ask him what the programme was for the reinstatement at Uxbridge and also if there would be a discount for Harefield Place members due to the fact that Uxbridge was only a 12 hole course.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

- 4.1 £9,891.59 in bank as at 31st January 2012.
4.2 Anne had passed over the final accounts for the period 1st February 2011 to 31st January 2012 to Steve Browne for auditing before presenting to the AGM on 20th March 2012.
4.3 Currently 130 members.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

- 5.1 Jim reported that Captains Drive In had been a great day. He thanked Keith Reynolds for helping with organising the tree in memory of Gary Morris. Entertainment – Bernie Webb, had been excellent. He thanked Russell Johnson, Steve & Anne Maynard and Dave Morris for their donations on the day which went towards the cost of the entertainment. Thanks to Mick for supplying excellent food.
5.2 Jim announced that his charity for the year would be Harefield Place Golf Club.
5.3 He still had to contact Ruislip to arrange the matches for this year.
5.4 He thought it was too late now to re-arrange the return leg against Haste Hill postponed from 2011 but he had arranged the home and away games against them for 2012 and they were on the fixture list. He asked Anne to change tee times to 9 for 9.30.

- 5.5 He had been contacted by the Captain of Rickmansworth Golf Club who wanted to discontinue our usual match as they had difficulty in filling a team sheet due to lack of interest in its members playing a 12 hole course. He hoped things would improve next year so we could resurrect the match in 2013 or 2014.

SENIORS/MIDWEEK

- 6.1 Andrew reported that he was struggling to get enough people for a team for their matches and it was suggested he should reduce the team numbers.

2012 Fixtures are:

Matches

March 21	versus Haste Hill	Away
April 04	versus Ruislip	Away
April 11	versus Haste Hill	Home
April 18	versus Ruislip	Home
Aug 15	versus Haste Hill	Away
Aug 21	versus Ruislip	Away
Sept 12	versus Ruislip	Home
Sept 26	versus Haste Hill	Home

Surridge Cup Stableford

April 23 and 24

May 28 and 29

June 25 and 26

July 30 and 31

August 20 and 21

September 24 and 25

Provisional Dates

June 06 Three Courses Individual at Uxbridge

July 20 Harefield Place Senior's Open

COMPETITION SECRETARY

- 7.1 Denzil Lobb had extended the Doubles deadline until 26 February for the quarter finals and until 12th March for the semi-finals, due to the bad weather conditions.
- 7.2 He raised the matter of non-members playing in the Turkey Trot. It was agreed by the Committee that members could invite guests as long as they have an official handicap. Prizes must be meat vouchers and not money.
- 7.3 Anne was asked to request a CDH number on all future competition entry forms.
- 7.4 The February Medal was cancelled due to bad weather conditions.

HANDICAP SECRETARY

8.2 John Carr announced the following results:

December Monthly Medal	Div 1	1 st	P Smith	68
		2 nd	J Carr	70
	Div 2	1 st	G Edwards	64
		2 nd	D Booth	66
Turkey Trot	1 st	M Cherry	39 pts	
	2 nd	M Allen	39 pts (away)	
	3 rd	A Hills	38 pts	
December Midweek Medal	1 st	A Schyns	33 pts	
	2 nd	J Carr	32 pts	
January Monthly Medal	Div 1	1 st	N Willey	67
		2 nd	A Schyns	68
	Div 2	1 st	A Sodha	64
		2 nd	M Pugh	66
January Midweek Medal	1 st	J Carr	72	
	2 nd	P Edwards	87	

Note: *for handicap not medal*

8.3 Discussion took place on the new handicap system and the problems starting the new system half way through the year. John Carr was asked to contact CONGU to verify the situation. Anne was asked to put a notice on the board and website stating that members must play in three competitions each year to keep their handicap active.

LADIES SECTION

9.1 No report.

JUNIOR SECTION

10.1 No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 Anne was asked to enter a team in the MCGU Presidents Foursomes and Middlesex Sixes but to contact the MCGU first to make sure we can enter with the course still 12 holes.
- 11.2 The Club had entered the Daily Mail Foursomes and the Mail on Sunday Classic. Anne handed all the correspondence to Jim Miller to organise the teams.
- 11.3 Keith Bott had resigned from the Committee and a vote of thanks was recorded to Keith for all his hard work on the Committee over many years.
- 11.4 Anne was asked to put a notice up on the board to see how many members would be interested in playing in the Clapham this year and depending on the numbers, one or two teams to be entered into this NAPGC competition.
- 11.5 Jim Miller suggested playing a home and away game against Richings Park. Jim to make contact with them.

- 11.6 The Honours Boards had been updated by Andy Hills for 2011. Some of the boards were nearly full and it was agreed to use the bottom of the Ladies Board in the Members Room for future years.
- 11.7 Anne was asked to contact Andy Hills to do a sign to mark a permanent parking space in the car park for the Captain of the Club.
- 11.8 Anne to check with Gail at Haste Hill about a free season ticket for the Captain of HPGC.
- 11.9 Annual General Meeting**
- (a) The date of the AGM is Tuesday, 20th March at 7.30 pm.
- (b) John McCarroll announced that he would not be standing as President this year. Darrell Walker thanked John for all his work as President of the Club, especially during the pipeline disruption. Steve Browne was proposed as the new President. Anne was asked to put the proposed new committee for 2012 up on the notice board for formal acceptance at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

Next meeting Monday, 5th March 2012.