



KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Monday
23 APRIL 2013 at 18:00 in the Clubhouse.**

Present	A Hebditch (Chairman), D Lennon (Vice Chairman), B Andrew, M Collins, C Knight, K Way & C Langston (Club Captain). R Bauser (Manager).	Action
	<u>Other Codes used in minutes</u> - Alan Magee (CM), Leigh Stanger (LS) David Miles (DM) & Linda Willetts (LW).	
794	APOLOGIES	
	B Kennedy	
795	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The minutes of the meetings held on 18 March 2013 were accepted as true record and the Chairman was authorised sign them.	
796	MATTERS ARISING	
755(b) 793	Annual Electrical Certificate – RB advised that the inspection and installation of the smoke detectors would take place on 7 May 2013. 19th Partition – MC said that the member who had offered to pay wanted a fixed partition. The Committee however had agreed to a retractable partition. AH said that Keith Taylor was interested in funding the project. CK was tasked to contact KT for a proposal.	
797	CHAIRMAN	
	Nothing to report.	
798	CLUB CAPTAIN	
	<i>Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2013 were tabled.</i> New Members Interviews - CL said that it had been difficult as JA was unavailable. Manco agreed that as elected officials the Directors could also interview prospective members. Functions – CL said that only 26 members had attended the Jazz evening. BA said that possibly different types of functions should be considered. CL said that a member had requested a refund due to illness. The Captains Committee had agreed that no refunds would be considered if cancellation was within one week. Manco agreed, with the proviso that refunds would be given if cancellation was due to a death in the immediate family. It was also agreed that BL and DL should be refunded for the Captains In/Out Dance. Captains Charity Day – CL said that he was proposing a car as a prize for a hole-in-one on 18 th . Westover Motors had agreed in principle to provide the car and pay the insurance premium.	
799	FINANCE	
	<u>A financial summary</u> and detailed report as at end March 2013 was tabled. Budgets – RB was busy with the draft operating budget for 2014/15. CM to submit a proposed operating cost budget together with capital requirements. BA would discuss with CM. Capital projects tabled last year would be reviewed. BA – read that in a golf magazine that clubs would have to change the way they collected subscriptions to keep pace with modern trends as the current system only benefitted the senior club members.	

800	SUB COMMITTEES	
(a)	<p>GREENS BA tabled a detailed course report for April 2013 as well as the Draft 5 Year Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Committee agreed the plan would be discussed more fully at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Members Divot</u> – CL to discuss with CM as to members assisting with repairing divots, possibly a work party with the course closed for an hour on a particular day.</p> <p><u>D Clayton letter</u> – re cancellation of monthly competitions. Manco agreed that in the event of early morning frost or heavy rain, the following would apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be the responsibility of the captain to decide if the competition should be cancelled, delayed or played. • The captain (or his representative) will be contacted by the pros shop for that decision to be made. The captain will be responsible for supplying a telephone number for this purpose. • If captain or his representative can't be contacted and it is not believed that the greens will be playable within the first hour, the medal will be cancelled by the pros shop, as per current practice. • If the main greens are to be re-opened, the captain or his representative will provide the pros shop with help to move the flags back to the main greens. This is relevant to the weekend only. <p>BA would draft a reply to D Clayton highlighting the decisions made.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion on the above, shotgun starts and non-essential competitions the following was agreed by Manco, with immediate effect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All inter-club matches will start no earlier than 13:30 in the summer and 12:00 in the winter. The Captain has the discretion to allow starts prior to this time in exceptional circumstances. This will be incorporated into the bye-laws. Existing friendlies or other inter-club matches scheduled prior to these times in this current year's diary, should be re-scheduled if possible, but if not possible to re-schedule, then they may go ahead as planned. • The number of inter-club friendlies permitted will be reduced in the coming year and monitored by the captain who will set a suitable number for each club section. • Seniors shotgun starts will be limited to one per year. • Manco would have final approval of the fixtures diary before it was published. <p>AH – asked as to the signage at bottom of practise ground indicating private property. BA to follow up with CM.</p>	
(b)	<p>HEALTH & SAFETY KW mentioned H & S induction for new staff, particularly the fire drills. RB said that as soon as the new fire alarm was installed a monthly fire drill test would be done.</p>	
(c)	<p>HOUSE Nothing to report</p>	

(d)	MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP <u>Membership Reconciliation</u> as at 23 April 2013 was tabled MC advised as follows: - New members: 35 full (22 on special offer) 15 social members, 6 partner of full member, and 16 juniors had joined as from 1 July 2012. . Playing Membership level was the same now as was on 1 July 2011. Total membership 2011 – 649, to date 656. New membership offer had started which included an upfront payment of 2013/14 subs plus £100 of which £50 was credited to the bar card.	
801	MANAGER	
	<u>Biomass Boiler:</u> A site visit had not yet taken place. RB to co-ordinate. <u>Meeting Date Change:</u> RB requested that as he would be on leave at the time of the scheduled August 2013 meeting, the date change from Monday 19 to Tuesday 27 August 2013. Manco approved the change. <u>Staff Leave:</u> S Colmer – 7 to 20 May 2013 (9 days) <u>Annual Audit</u> – The auditors have confirmed our audit will take place during the week commencing Tuesday 27 August 2013.	
802	CORRESPONDENCE	
803	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	None DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 20 MAY 2013 AH apologised as he would be away for the next meeting.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:40.	
	CHAIRMAN	DATED

COURSE MANAGER REPORT

April 2013

COURSE WORK

Greens

There has been a lot of talk about the use of temporaries when there is a frost.

The reason is as follows.....

Last January, February, and March 2012 was classed as a drought. Then for the rest of the year it rained and rained, so much so that it was the second wettest year on record.

January, February, March and the start of April this year, have been very cold. The last time it was this cold in March was back in the 1960s.

A grass plant is lazy, for all of last year from April to now the sward has not had to go looking for water as it rained so much. This is why there wasn't the normal root development on the greens. Group this with the damage that is caused by golfers when playing on the greens in frost conditions (please see attached document or the course information board) the result would be a very poor putting surface for us going into the playing season. This is why I made the decision and put it to the directors that for the best interest for the club we would not allow play on the greens this winter in frost conditions. We will re-visit this decision at the end of the year to see if play on the greens when frozen is possible for next winter.

Please remember that everything that we the green staff do is for the benefit of you the members, even if you don't agree with the decision made at the time. We look at what is best for the club now and for the future. This is why we are using the temporaries at the moment in frost conditions.

Approaches

We are waiting for the soil temperature to increase before feeding. We need soil temperatures around 7/8 degrees Celsius for the fertilizer to work properly otherwise it would be a waste.

Tees

We are also waiting for the soil temperature to increase before feeding for the same reason as on the approaches.

Bunkers

As you will have seen the bunkers have been edged and I am currently getting sand samples sent in, as the sand we have been using is no longer available.

Irrigation

We have fired up the system and are repairing leaks and broken sprinklers.

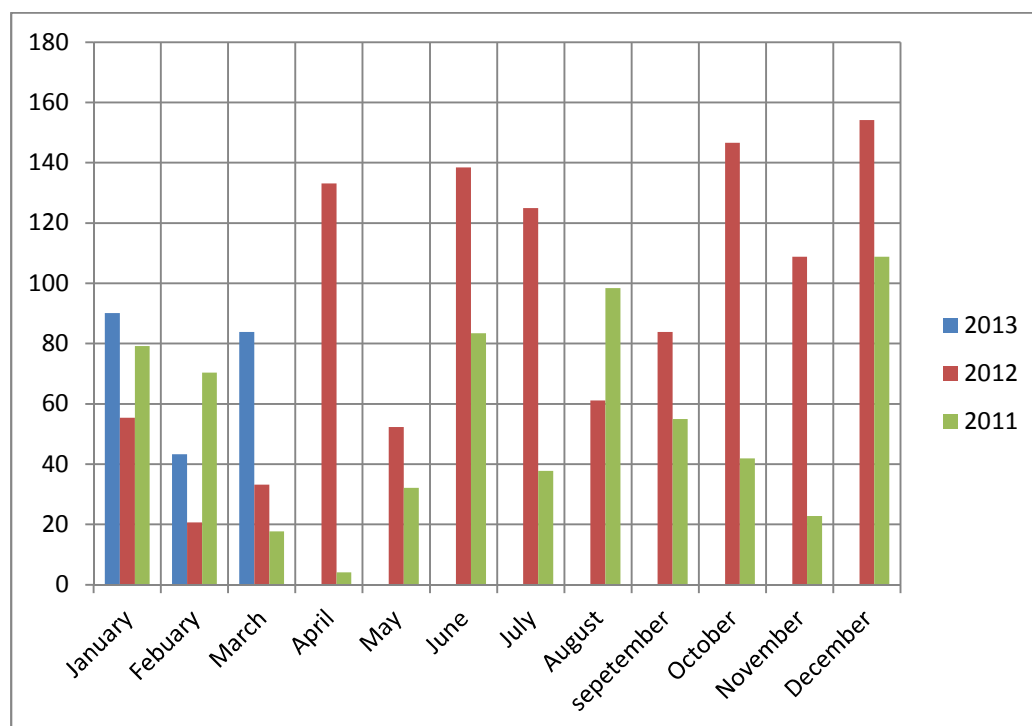
GENERAL

Long term ground under repair (GUR) will be marked with blue posts.

This is to reduce cost, as to white line around these areas each week would be expensive.

RAIN

See table below for how much rain we have had so far.



Total rain fall

2011 = 651.6mm

2012 = 1112.5mm

2013 = 133.4 mm

PROJECTS

Bunkers

Complete and in play.

Approach

Complete and in play.

Path

8th, we have re-leveled this so that it can be left until we are able to complete.

Tee

4th Blue/Medal tee

The cold snap has slowed the progress of this tee, we are top dressing as much as possible to try and move the tee forward.

White/General play tee

We have turfed and installed the sprinklers, all we are waiting for is the turf to establish and at to help this we have started to top dress this tee. We need some warm consistent weather to help.

At the moment we are about 10 weeks behind on the 4th tee because of the weather conditions.

As soon as the tees are playable they will be opened.

We will however have to manage the amount of play when the tees are opened as we don't want to damage the turf.