

# **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS**

## **Minutes of the Executive Meeting**

### **ZOOM MEETING**

**On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### **Present:**

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| <b>Richard Bonnelo</b> | <b>NUGC President, Hollinwell</b>                  |
| <b>Edgar Bramwell</b>  | <b>NUGC Past President, Nottingham City GC</b>     |
| <b>Gordon Bruce</b>    | <b>NUGC Hon. County Treasurer, Wollaton Park</b>   |
| <b>Colin Bee</b>       | <b>NUGC Hon, County Secretary, Coxmoor GC</b>      |
| <b>Bob Ward</b>        | <b>NUGC Past President, Oakmere Park GC</b>        |
| <b>Stan Yeomans</b>    | <b>NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC</b>      |
| <b>Roger Poole</b>     | <b>NUGC Past President, Rushcliffe GC</b>          |
| <b>Peter Trotter</b>   | <b>NUGC Vice President, The Nottinghamshire GC</b> |
| <b>Rob Sallis</b>      | <b>NUGC Vice President, Hollinwell</b>             |
| <b>Richard Coleman</b> | <b>NUGC Vice President, Wollaton Park GC</b>       |
| <b>Andrew Tuttey</b>   | <b>NUGC Annual Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC</b>       |
| <b>Paul Keeling</b>    | <b>NUGC EG &amp; MGU Voting member, SOTW GC</b>    |
| <b>Mandy Bee</b>       | <b>NUGC Assistant Secretary</b>                    |

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| <b>Ian Robinson</b>    | <b>Rufford Park GC</b>        |
| <b>Ron Beckett</b>     | <b>Norwood Park GC</b>        |
| <b>Michael Boulton</b> | <b>Springwater GC</b>         |
| <b>Brian Knowles</b>   | <b>The Nottinghamshire GC</b> |
| <b>Roy Harris</b>      | <b>Sherwood Forest GC</b>     |
| <b>Graham Smith</b>    | <b>Nottingham City GC</b>     |
| <b>Adrian Conway</b>   | <b>Ruddington Grange GC</b>   |
| <b>Simon Booth</b>     | <b>Worksop GC</b>             |

**There were 21 members present, representing 15 Golf Clubs**

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**Apologies for Absence.**

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| <b>Alan Benson</b>      | <b>NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC</b>               |
| <b>Martin Hathway</b>   | <b>NUGC Past President, Stanton on the Wolds</b>            |
| <b>Ian Newlove</b>      | <b>NUGC Senior Captain, Wollaton Park GC</b>                |
| <b>Anthony Wain</b>     | <b>NUGC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain, Sherwood Forest GC</b> |
| <b>Steve Mee</b>        | <b>Oakmere GC</b>   |
| <b>Richard Kerr</b>     | <b>Ruddington Grange GC</b>                                 |
| <b>Dianne Whittaker</b> | <b>Chilwell Manor GC</b>                                    |
| <b>Mark Northern</b>    | <b>Ramsdale Park GC</b>                                     |
| <b>Peter Benson</b>     | <b>Beeston Fields GC</b>                                    |

The President, Richard Bonnelo, welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting, and thanked everyone for turning up at short notice.

02 **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.**

The minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and posted on the website. These were considered to be a true and accurate record.

**Proposed by: Colin Bee, County Secretary, Coxmoor/Wollaton Park GC**  
**Seconded by: Richard Bonnelo, President, Hollinwell**

Voted upon and agreed unanimously.

03 **Matters Arising – (Not included on the Agenda)**

No matters arising.

04 **Correspondence, Hon. County Secretary, Colin Bee**

The Secretary mentioned that Gary Quibell, U14/16 Manager had sent in his resignation due to family health problems.

05 **NUGC Accounts 2023 & Budget 2024, Hon. Treasurer Gordon Bruce.**

**Accounts for 2023**

Points made by the Treasurer:

- Subscription Numbers 2022 – Members 12564 - £108920  
2023 - Members 12993 - £125457

- Admin - £4,000 higher due to Annual dinner costs.
- Juniors , Facility fee, 4 Counties, Team expenses - £5,000 less than budget.
- Senior team expenses higher due to mileage paid for away matches.
- Coaching budgeted was £17,000 but was £25000.
- President AM/AM/AM funds going to disability golf in future IGrant giving to Mencap coaching.

**Proposed; Richard Bonnelo , President, Hollinwell**

**Seconded; Peter Trotter, Vice President, The Nottinghamshire GC**

The Accounts were unanimously approved.

### **Budget for 2024**

Points made by the Treasurer:

- Based on 12,500 members at the agreed amount of £10.00.
- Insurance subscriptions and County card based on actual amounts paid.
- Honorariums increase based on the inflation rate at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 which was 4.6%
- Website and computer repairs include set up charges for Golf Genius.
- Seniors have fewer away matches with long distance travel in 2024.
- Coaching expenditure is lower than previous year.,

The Budgets were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

### **Affiliation fee 2025**

The Treasurer explained to the Executive he intends to increase the affiliation fee for 2025 from £10.00 to £10.50.

A vote was taken, and it was unanimously agreed.

The President thanked Gordon for all his hard work.

**Proposed; Richard Bonnelo, President, Hollinwell**

**Seconded; Colin Bee, County Secretary, Coxmoor/ Wollaton GC**

## **06 Annual Dinner Report, Andrew Tuttey**

The Dinner Secretary, Andrew Tuttey said he thought the dinner went well on the whole. He thanked Colin & Mandy Bee for their help.

There were 18 clubs that attended the dinner and there were 26 more there than last year, maybe helped by the new dress code.

He has booked the Crowne Plaza for the next two years.

All invoices have been sent and he is just waiting for two outstanding clubs to pay.

The Dinner Secretary also thanked Peter Trotter in helping him getting information for the Junior U18 team.

### **Response**

**The President thanked Andrew for all his hard work.**

## **07 England Golf & Midland Golf Union Report ... Paul Keeling**

Firstly, apologies for the delay getting my report to you, this is due to further email exchanges between the England Golf CEO & Chair of the Woodhall Spa Land Holdings regards the development at the National Golf Centre. The 'fall out' from these exchanges is an Extraordinary Voting Members virtual meeting has been called by the EG Board to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January. I will report back on this meeting in due course.

The next County Update virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### **ENGLAND GOLF**

England Golf in conjunction with the Golf Club Managers Association have launched the website and handbook to support good governance at clubs [www.Englandgolf.org/governance-support](http://www.Englandgolf.org/governance-support)

It promotes and takes clubs through a 4 stage process;

- Develop an understanding of how the support is structured, the order in which topics should be approached and underlying principles that will help clubs implement change.
- Review the recommended stages to prioritise their work, understanding the different elements and why they are important.
- Using checklists for each of the stage's clubs can carry out a self assessment to identify areas of weakness and those they need to focus on as a priority.
- Access to online toolkit to review relevant resources and learning based on the checklist outcome.
- Once focus areas of work are identified clubs can plan how and who will be responsible to deliver your changes.

The next steps in the Good Governance process is,

- to promote Good Governance to clubs and share success stories and
- produce a County Version.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion / Disciplinary Policy Adoption

All counties have adopted the policy.

356 clubs have adopted the policy and 868 are working towards adoption.

WHS changes will be promoted to clubs in early 2024 supported by county workshops.

England Golf will be contributing to clubs to support the purchase of new handicap look up boards and will confirm 3 to 4 preferred suppliers once identified.

## MIDLAND GOLF UNION

The MGU AGM took place on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Most of the meeting was focused around the annual accounts and proposed changes to the 'organisation chart' and 'decision flowchart' both of which were adopted.

The profit and loss to year end at 31<sup>st</sup> August showed an operating surplus of £1,163 and a balance sheet showed a reserve of £26,670.

The next MGU meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## JUNIOR REPORT

### **Coaching**

Winter coaching at Oakmere Park has been running since early Nov and is going very well. There are 55 boys split into 4 squads based on handicap – this allows the coaching program to be more targeted and ability specific.

### **4 Counties**

Initial plans are being discussed for this year's tournament at Formby GC in early April. Hotel accommodation has been booked.

The tournament does not clash with the MGU U16 tournament so it is hopeful that we can field a strong team.

### **EG Regional Qualifier (10 Counties)**

The tournament will take place at Overstone GC, Northampton in late May. Our plans are well advanced with hotels etc already booked.

### **Midland League**

All matches have now been arranged using previously agreed fixed dates. The boys are looking forward to defending their title.

### **P Trotter**

## **NUGC Chair of Junior Golf**

The President confirmed the reports were taken as read

### **08 Constitution change 19.1 & 7.3 ..... Peter Trotter**

#### **CURRENT WORDING**

- 19.1 The Procedure shall be as recommended by EG. Should there be such an incident, the County Secretary shall immediately notify EG and also the Insurance Company if necessary. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the President and four individual members from affiliated clubs nominated by the Council.
- 7.3 The Council shall from time to time nominate for approval by the Executive Committee such number of Vice Presidents as shall be necessary to maintain their number at five. In addition, The Council may nominate for approval by the Executive Committee a retiring Vice-President for the title of Lifetime Vice President.

#### **PROPOSED WORDING**

- 19.1 The Procedure shall be as recommended by EG and set out in the NUGC Disciplinary Policy. Should there be such an incident, the County Secretary shall immediately notify EG and also the Insurance Company if necessary. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of THREE individual members from affiliated clubs nominated by the Council.
- 7.3 The Council shall from time to time nominate for approval by the Executive Committee such number of Vice Presidents as shall be necessary to maintain their number at five. In addition, The Council may nominate for approval by the Executive Committee a retiring Vice-President or others for the title of Lifetime Vice President.

#### **Response**

**Peter Trotter, Vice President confirmed there were just a few small changes. In 19.1 changed from 4 to 3 individual members from affiliated clubs nominated by the Council.**

**In 7.3 to also added others to be nominated for the title of Lifetime Vice President.**

The Executive all agreed unanimously.

**09 Proposal for new Vice President & new Lifetime Vice President .. RB**

The Secretary explained to the Executive Michael Boulton – Springwater GC to be voted in as a Vice President at the AGM .

**Proposed: Colin Bee, County secretary, Coxmoor/ Wollaton GC**  
**Seconded: Rob Sallis, Vice President, Hollinwell**

Also, Gary Quibell, Coxmoor GC to be voted in as a Lifetime Vice President for all his hard work as the U14/16 manager.

**Proposed: Peter Trotter, Vice President, The Nottinghamshire GC**  
**Seconded: Colin Bee, County Secretary, Coxmoor/Wollaton GC**

**10 Health & Safety ..... Colin Bee**

Nothing

**11 Any other Business**

The Secretary mentioned that Troy Hardy (Past County Captain) had died suddenly from a heart attack, Troy was only 61, our thoughts are with his family at this very difficult time.

Peter Trotter, Vice President proposed that at meetings in future, the Assistant Secretary should not have to print hard copies of Agenda, reports etc as all the information is sent prior to meetings therefore everyone could print their own copies.

Adrian Conway, Ruddington Grange GC, explained he was the new voting member at Ruddington and wanted clarification on certain aspects of the WHS handicap system.

**Response**

**Peter Trotter, Vice President advised that the Rules of Handicapping must be read in conjunction with the CONGU Guidance to see where specific decisions regarding the implementation of the Rules had been taken by the UK**

The President thanked everyone for attending the zoom meeting.

The meeting closed at 19.30 hours.

**12 Date of next meeting 125<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting, will be held at Beeston Fields GC on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm prompt.**