

MINUTES OF JUNIOR MEETING
THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 5PM-Via Teams.

In attendance – John Sheffield (JS), Chris Malpas (CM), Barry Rogers (BR), Phil Park (PP), Bernard Riley (BR), Mike Dixon (MD), Ingrid Mutch (IM), Andrew Sowerby (AS.), Paul Butler (PB), John McAuley (JM), Ellis McAuley-Junior captain(EM)

Item 1 –Welcome-JS welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped for a successful year ahead developing the junior section at the club. He thanked everyone for coming forward to help the junior committee in its important work.

Item 2-Apologies-June Doyle (JD) who is representing the Ladies section on the junior committee tendered her apologies.

Item 3-Minutes of previous meeting-AGM minutes.-these were agreed.

Item 4-Safeguarding-PP reported on the current status of the Safeguarding register. There were pending applications for DBS clearance with JS, CM and the Club Welfare officer Michael Williamson. PP also indicated that the Safe Golf accreditation for the club which is required from England Golf needs to be renewed in March 2023.

Action-AS to progress Safe Golf in consultation with Club Welfare Officer and England Golf and report back to the junior committee in due course.

Item 5-Feedback from junior seminar held by England Golf-AS and BR provided feedback and the seminar was more of a consultative session seeking ideas as to how to develop junior golf. It had been emphasised that it was important to make juniors feel part of the club backed up with good parental support. There are some potential funding opportunities available via the Golf Foundation and Sport England. There had been some discussion on the duration of junior team matches making them shorter and played in different formats to try and achieve more participation. It is hoped to have a follow up meeting with England Golf/ Golf Foundation on 20th March 2023 at the club to explore potential opportunities. It was important to try and encourage more juniors to play golf and enjoy their golf at the same time.

Action-JS and AS to have follow up discussion on this proposed meeting on 20th March.

Item 6-Junior Coaching Plan 2023-There was a general discussion on the coaching plan for juniors in the year ahead. It was proposed that a junior coaching session will be held on Tuesday 11th April between 2-4pm as an initial starter session for the year. Normal Monday night coaching sessions will then commence on Monday 17th April 2023 with another taster session. Juniors to arrive 5.30pm for registration and coaching between 5.45 and 6.45pm. Juniors will be encouraged to join either as a Cadet member or full junior member and that will cover the cost of coaching.

An application has been made to England Golf for the club to be involved in the Golf Girls Rocks programme for 2023. An update will be provided once a response has been received from England Golf. The club has previously been engaged with this programme and it is hoped that we are again successful to try and encourage more girls to try golf.

Item 7-Junior Fundraiser 2023-The junior committee will be holding another junior fundraiser this year. It will be held on Friday 19th May 2023. There was some debate as to whether it should be held on a Saturday but blocking tee times off on a weekend is a little more difficult. Further events will be kept under review however. The fundraiser will be in the usual format with an entry fee of £40 per team and best 2 stableford scores 2 from 4. Tee times are flexible to allow members to take part and can be booked via BRS. Sponsorship of the 18 tees will also be sought.

Action-AS to advertise event as widely as possible.

Item 8-Junior Team-It is hoped to enter a team again in the Cumbria Junior Golf League. There are a number of county junior golf matches so careful planning will be needed to organise the matches at club level. It was suggested to try and attain dates for the inter club matches before the summer holidays commence.

Item 9-Junior Competitions 2023-there will be further discussion on this item at the next meeting.

Item 10-Finance-JS reported on the current financial position. There has been an indication from the club that there are funds available to help with the running of the junior section if required.

The Club Captain, Javid Latif has also very kindly indicated that he intends to support the junior section financially from his year in office which is a tremendous gesture.

Item 11-Any other matters-PP raised on behalf of JD the opportunities for juniors to enter events on the Northern Junior Tour. There is a website that displays the opportunities on offer at various age levels.

JS raised the issue of the short course at Penrith. This had been considered previously and rejected but the junior committee feel it is worthy of further discussion. It was agreed that JS, CM, AS, MD would report back to the junior committee with a more consolidated proposal so it can then be placed before the Council meeting at the club in due course. JS to also speak with Isobel Williams on this matter with her previous involvement.

Item 12-Date of next meeting-Monday 3 April 2023 at 5.30pm in the clubhouse.