

Minutes of junior meeting held on Monday 3 April 2023 at 5.30pm in Blencathra Room, Penrith Golf Club.

In attendance-John Sheffield (JS) Andrew Sowerby (AS) Chris Malpas (CM) Paul Butler(PB) Barry Rogers (BR) Bernard Riley (B) Mike Dixon(MD) Ingrid Mutch (IM) John McAuley (JM) Ellis McAuley (EM) June Doyle (JD) and Phil Park (PP)

JS welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a very warm welcome to June Doyle who has joined the junior committee as junior representative. He hoped that she enjoyed her time with the junior section as there is a lot to look forward to in the year ahead.

Item 1 - Apologies-there were no apologies.

Item 2-Minutes of last meeting 23 February 2023-these were approved.

Item 3 –Matters arising-None.

Item 4-Safeguarding-PP provided a brief update. The club has again been awarded Safe Golf by England Golf. This is a mandatory requirement from a safeguarding perspective and gives good recognition to the club for addressing all safeguarding issues.

Item 5-Coaching-there was a general discussion on coaching. It was agreed that the most practical way of delivering coaching was in small groups with time for preparation at each coaching session. Juniors would undertake specific coaching drills both on and off the course. Social media via SPOND will be used to try and improve communication to parents and juniors to keep them fully briefed on junior activities. It was agreed by the junior committee that those attending junior coaching should be encouraged to join as members. Cadet membership is £10 and junior membership £50. This would then cover all coaching sessions throughout the summer. It was also suggested that a communication should be sent out to parents/juniors to inform them of coaching dates and proposed cost.

Item 6-Golf Girls Rocks-PP updated committee members that Penrith had once again been chosen to deliver Golf Girls Rocks programme. It will run alongside junior coaching and at the moment the club is awaiting the marketing material from England Golf. Last year the programme did struggle both locally and nationally so it will need hard work and determination to ensure that improvements are made and hopefully increased participation from girls aged between 5-18.

Item 7-AS and CM reported on a recent meeting with both England Golf and Golf Foundation representatives. They indicated that Penrith was doing well with junior development compared to a number of other clubs within the county which was very positive feedback. There was a very constructive suggestion at the meeting to encourage the junior committee to fully re-brand junior golf at the club so that it had its own identity. This included the name of the section itself together with an opportunity to wear appropriate designed clothing with the Penrith golf club logo there on. The junior committee fully agreed to the name of Penrith Golf Club Junior Academy. There was a general discussion regarding appropriate clothing for both juniors and the respective coaches so that there was clear identity particularly on coaching evenings. Some sponsorship has already been secured to help progress some aspects of this change. Further enquiries are being undertaken to source other suggested items of clothing/attire.

Item 8-Junior team and competitions-there was some concern expressed that there was a poor response to junior competitions and more innovative ways to hold competitions should be

explored. There must a range of formats to encourage more involvement and it was suggested that for younger members of the junior section it should be possible to hold some tri-golf fun competitions. There was also a clear need to advertise respective junior competitions in good time.

At the present time there are only four clubs that have agreed to enter a junior team in the County league. This includes Carlisle, Brampton, Workington and Penrith. Appleby have shown an interest in a friendly fixture at junior level.

BR also suggested that a match between the junior team and members of the junior committee should be considered. This was supported by the junior committee members.

Reference was also made to the Coronation golf event planned for 6th May and it would be good to see juniors taking part. The entry sheet for this competition is on the club noticeboard.

Item 9-Finance-there had been very kind donations from both the Ladies committee and Dads Army section to help with the development of junior golf which was very much appreciated and valued.

Item 10-Junior Fundraiser-this is scheduled to take place on Friday 19th May. Members could also play on the 20th May if easier to take part. The competition will be opened after the meeting. Teams of 4 with £40 entry per team. Best two scores from 4. Efforts will also be made to secure sponsorship of all the holes at £20 per tee.

Item 11-Any other business-none raised.

Item 12-Date of next meeting-Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 5.30pm in clubhouse.