

Junior Section Minutes for meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 5.30pm in clubhouse.

Attendees

John Sheffield (JS), Chris Malpas (CM) Barry Rogers (BR) Bernard Riley (B), June Doyle (JD), Paul Butler (PB) Phil Park (PP) Ingrid Mutch (IM) John McAuley (JM) Ellis McAuley (EM)

Apologies-Andrew Sowerby and Mike Dixon.

Item 1-Minutes of last meeting-17th July 2023-these were agreed and ratified.

Item 2-Matters arising-The only issue outstanding was a session for juniors on rules and etiquette. This will be arranged in due course.

Item 3-Safeguarding-It was suggested that the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) be approached to seek his advice on safeguarding juniors when playing with adults on the course in senior competitions. Are there any formal policies in existence on this matter. PP to make contact with CWO.

Item 4-Junior Coaching-Coaching sessions have been held from April until the last session on 25th September 2023.Generally there has been a good attendance and it has been really encouraging to see the progress made by many juniors. Some have made significant reductions in their personal handicaps and some juniors have also been competing in the Men's and Ladies senior competitions. It is hoped to organise golf for the juniors during the half term week in October with a session on Monday 23 October 2023. ACTION-AS to progress and communicate with junior section.

The creation of a junior winter league was proposed to try and retain the interest of junior golfers throughout the year. ACTION-CM and EM will discuss with Club Professional.

The club will also be supporting Eden Valley Sports Partnership (EVSP) in the delivery of the annual tri-golf tournament involving all primary schools in the Eden area. This will be held at Penrith Leisure Centre on Thursday 30th November 2023. ACTION-PP to work in conjunction with EVSP and provide appropriate club support.

Item 5-Junior competitions report-All the junior competitions have now been concluded. The most recent was the Junior championship which was delayed due to adverse weather and the winner was George Curry who defeated Ellis McAuley. Thanks to JS for referring the final in poor weather conditions again. The competitions that have been held with various formats including 4,9 and 18 holes has provided an opportunity for all juniors to participate. ACTION-AS to inform members of the result of the junior club championship.

Item 6-Junior team report- It has been really encouraging to see the return of the junior team to competitive golf. Matches have been held against Workington, Brampton and Maryport both home and away. There were three defeats and three losses. All the juniors who have represented the club in team matches should be congratulated. Thanks also to those who very kindly supported the teams both on and off the course during the respective matches. Additional thanks to Rikki and his staff for providing refreshments after the matches at home.

Item 7-Junior Captain's day -There was a good attendance and the format was ideal with involvement of all juniors in various competitions. Food was provided afterwards for all those taking part.

The Chair then took the opportunity to thank Ellis McAuley, Junior Captain for his hard work during the year and leading the team in junior matches. He has been a real credit to the club with excellent family support and he should look back on his year in office with great pride.

A proposal was then made for the Junior Captain for 2024. ACTION-PP to speak directly with the junior concerned. A formal announcement will be made at the junior AGM.

Item 8-Junior AGM 2023-The Junior AGM will be held on Friday 27th October 2023 at 6.30pm in the clubhouse. The presentation of trophies will also take place and it is hoped that as many juniors together with parents and other relatives can attend. This will also include the winners of the Dad's Army and Louise Mayne awards.

Item 9-Finance-JS updated the committee on the current financial position. Kind donations had been received from the Ladies section, Cumbria Union of Golf Clubs and a donation resulting from the Eden Valley Mixed tournament held recently. PP has thanked Carol Slinger on behalf of the junior committee for this particular donation.

JD reported that Pat and Norman Varty had also donated some gift card vouchers totalling £70 for use by the junior section. This was very generous and was much appreciated.

The Junior Fundraiser held in May was again successful with excellent support from club members. This will be repeated in 2024.

Item 10-Any other business-PP raised the Junior Academy Course and it was suggested that the existing markers be replaced to make the relevant tees more visible. ACTION-CM to speak with Head Green Keeper.

JS informed those present of a Super Six format which was being used in West Cumberland and may be a good format for the junior section. Further discussions will take place on this suggestion.

Item 11-Date of next meeting-Junior AGM – Friday 27th October 2023 at 6.30pm in clubhouse.