

Junior Minutes

Meeting-Monday 18th March 2024 at 6.15pm in 1890 room

Item 1-Attendees-John Sheffield (JS) Barry Rogers (BR) June Doyle (JD) Mike Dixon (MD) Phil Park (PP) Andrew Sowerby (AS)

Item 2-Welcome-The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He expressed his sincere thanks to Andrew Sowerby, Club Professional who is leaving the club. Andrew has made a significant contribution to the junior section with his coaching and general support. The junior committee wish him all the success in his new role. There are solid foundations in place for the juniors going forward and Andrew can look back with pride in his part with junior golf alongside the junior committee and other volunteers.

Item 3 -Apologies-Ingrid Dixon (ID) Paul Butler (PB) Magnus Villardsen (MV) Chris Malpas (CM)

Item 4-Minutes of last meeting-19th February 2024-These were agreed. The only matter arising referred to the county junior organisers meeting which has not been held yet.

Item 5-Safeguarding-there were no specific issues relating to safeguarding. The departing professional Andrew Sowerby has been requested to prepare a crib sheet to assist with safeguarding renewals before he departs. It was also suggested that the Club Welfare Officer (CWO)Michael Williamson should be invited to the next junior meeting. AS will also forward to Michael some comments from England Golf concerning safeguarding of juniors on the course for his information.

PP to invite Michael to next junior meeting.

Item 6-Coaching – The junior coaching will commence on Monday 8th April 2024 at 5.30pm. It will be important to complete a full registration on the first coaching date. An advert will be placed in the Herald week commencing 25th March 2024. At this stage it is unclear what level of professional coaching will be available but the junior committee will continue to deliver the coaching programme set out. It should also be noted that the shirts for the junior team and tops for the relevant junior coaches have been ordered and are expected mid-April 2024.

At this stage it appears that the following clubs will be participating in the Cumbria Junior Golf League-Penrith, Carlisle, Brampton, Workington and Maryport.

PP to action advert for Herald.

Item 7-Parents evening-this has been arranged for Thursday 4th April 2024 at 6.30pm in the clubhouse. This will provide an opportunity to outline to parents the junior programme for 2024 and other club updates. Light refreshments will be available following the meeting for those attending.

AS to send details of the parents meeting to all juniors on SPOND.

Item 8-Junior competitions 2024-It was agreed that the format of competitions will be similar to last year to allow all juniors to participate wherever possible. JS, MD and CM to meet to determine the relevant dates for the junior competitions. These can then be placed on the junior noticeboard, SPOND and also a calendar of the competitions on the club website.

Item 9 -Golf Rookies application to England Golf- With the departure of the Professional Andrew Sowerby it has not been possible to fulfil the England Golf requirements to take part in the Rookies programme so the provisional offer of acceptance has been withdrawn by the junior committee. It is hoped to make an application in 2025.

Item 10-Super Sixes-this should be an enjoyable format for the less experienced juniors and the parents evening will provide an opportunity to outline the format and the need for parental support for this format.

AS to include website link to Golf Sixes on SPOND message regarding parents evening.

Item 11-Finance-Following a request by the Junior Committee for the Club Council to consider sponsorship of the junior team shirts the Council have indicated that the "Greenkeepers Revenge Sunday competition" to be held on Sunday 7th April 2024 will be used to support the junior section in that monies raised from that competition will be directed to the junior finances. This will enable the junior team to be equipped in team shirts and also provide some additional funding to support wider junior activities. The junior committee are very grateful for this support from the Club Council.

Item 12-Any other business-none raised.

Item 13- Date of next meeting-Monday 29th April 2024 at 7pm following junior coaching.