

Junior Minutes

Meeting - Monday 3 March 2025 at 6pm in clubhouse

Item 1-Attendees-John Sheffield (JS) Chris Malpas (CM) Barry Rogers (BR) Mike Dixon (MD) Ingrid Mutch (IM) Paul Butler (PB) Phil Park (PP) George Parkes-junior captain (GP) Mike Davidson (MD) -Club Vice-Captain

The Chairman warmly welcomed Mike Davidson-Club Vice-Captain to the meeting who was attending as an observer.

Item 2 -Apologies-None given.

Item 3-Minutes of last meeting-these were agreed.

Item 4-Safeguarding-On 29th January 2025 PP CM and PB met with Tim Dykes (TD) Club Manager and Michael Williamson (MW)- Club Welfare Office (CWO) to discuss the current safeguarding register. It was agreed that the register would be simplified to ease the need for DBS vetting for those not directly involved in face- to - face coaching on a regular basis. This would still meet the requirements of England Golf.

Actions 1 -MW was asked to update the register in accordance with this approach.

Action 2- PP to contact members of the junior committee who would still need to complete a DB / Safeguarding course if assisting at junior coaching.

Both actions have since been progressed.

Item 5-Coaching Plan 2025 including feedback from sessions with the Hub.

Coaching sessions have been held at the HUB through the winter months which have been led by Andrew Pickering, Professional. This has involved juniors who are likely to represent the junior team in club matches during 2025. The

sessions have been well received and this initiative has also led to developing the working relationship between the Club and Hub staff which can only be beneficial going forward.,. The next session will take place on Monday 17th March 2025. This will involve two sessions the first from 5-6pm with some of the younger juniors with handicaps and the other session will be from 6-7pm with those juniors who have attended previous sessions through the winter.

Action-PP to inform junior team members of the date and time and PB to inform those attending the first session.

It was also agreed that junior coaching would commence on Monday 28th April 2025. Arrival time 5.15pm for registration/administration. Sessions to conclude at 7pm. Arrangements need to be made to utilise social media to announce date of coaching and also prepare a feature for the Herald.

PP to finalise feature for the Herald. Also to contact Eden Valley Schools Sports Partnership to that they can circulate date to schools in Eden area.

At this stage provisional arrangements have been made for a Professional to attend junior coaching from the Hub once every two weeks. It is still to be confirmed the availability of Will Marklew for some of the coaching sessions.

Item 6-Junior competitions 2025-JS provided a series of dates for the junior competitions. The majority would be over 18 holes but some competitions would also take place over 4/9 holes which has encouraged more participation in the past.

The Junior Championship would be restricted to 16 players with a cut off date for entry. A draw would then follow.

The Junior Championship Final and Junior America Cup would be part of Club Finals Day.

Item 7-Feedback from meeting with England Golf on Junior County development Plan.

PB and JS updated those present on a meeting which had been held to discuss a County Development Plan for juniors. It was encouraging to see that Penrith was one of the more active clubs in the County as far as juniors were

concerned. It is expected that further information on this matter will be circulated in due course.

Item 8-Super “Sixes” 2025 and potential “Nines” format

PB has registered a team for the Sixes. Teams involved this year are Penrith, Brampton, Workington and Maryport. Further details are awaited on the Nines format but there has been interest shown by Whitehaven which may provide an initial opportunity to try this new format.

Action-PB to update at next meeting.

Item 9-Junior Team-JS indicated that he would like to see all the junior team matches concluded by the end of July.

Action PB, JS and GP to work together to select team and make appropriate arrangements for the matches.

Item 10-Finance-there was a general discussion regarding the financing of the junior section going forward. It was agreed that a proposal should be forwarded to the Council to seek some funding support to the junior section from the club. This will outline the context of previous funding to the juniors.

Action-PP to forward relevant proposal to the Chair of the Council so that the matter can be considered at an appropriate Council meeting. This will include a full income and expenditure statement for the 2024 season.

Item 11-Any other business

PB sought clarification on the level of junior subscriptions on attaining the age of 18. This had been brought up at the recent AGM. It is understood the matter is being given further consideration and any changes will have to be brought to the next AGM.

PB referred to a junior school's golf competition being held at Brampton GC on 8th April 2025. He has provided details to both Ullswater CC and QEGS.

JS mentioned the kit for the team this year. There may be an opportunity for some further sponsorship.

CM and PB to report back on any success regarding sponsorship.

Item 12- Date of next meeting-Monday 7th April 2025 at 6pm in the clubhouse.