Minutes of Bull Bay Golf Club Executive Committee Meeting 13.06.23 Held at Bull Bay Golf Club.

Present/Yn Bresenol:- Captain R Ewing, Lady Captain N Mackenzie, President T Young, P Fitzpatrick, T Smith, M Daly, S Bebbington, J Hurst, J Trew.

Apologies/Ymddiheuriadau:- R O Jones, J O'Hare, G Owen, J Proud, L Griffiths.

Approval of Minutes/Cymeradwyo'r Cofnodion:- The minutes of the meeting held on 16.05.23 have been approved electronically. Acceptance was proposed by JT and seconded by MD.

Matters Arising/Materion yn Codi:- NM pointed out that the two winners boards previously referred to had not been obtained. Item to be added to Action check List.

Articles of Association Consultation Forum:- Captain asked G Perry to give a summary of the Consultation Forum held on 12.05.23. GP reported on each question raised at the forum and the responses given. He advised that the sub group had held a further meeting since the forum and had taken note of the points raised in both forums. The action plan from the sub group was to seek Executive approval to publish to the membership the points raised from the forum for members not present to see. Following that there would be a complete revision of our Articles produced for Executive to approve and to be taken forward to a General Meeting for the membership to vote upon. This course of action was approved unanimously. The timeline given was to produce the revised document by early September, for a General meeting to be called during October 2023.

Greens Report/Adroddiad Gwyrddion:- PF reported on the recent visit of our agronomist Peter Jones undertaken by himself, AK and JH. We are awaiting a full report from PJ but the initial feedback is positive although our greens are around 4 weeks behind schedule due to the weather inhibiting growth. The cut height remains at 5.5mm which will drop to 4.5 mm when conditions allow. PJ was critical of the condition of some of our machinery and equipment and will produce a separate report on this. PF commented that this was a legacy of under investment in past years. The greatest cause of concern short term is the condition of the Cushman vehicles and the strimmers. The Stihl strimmers are beyond repair and two strimmers have been hired on a weekly basis from Brandon Hire. Two replacement Stihl strimmers will be purchased at a cost of c£1600 which will be funded from the £1740 raised from the Trecastell Open. Thanks were recorded to James & Gill Trew for their continued support. The Cushman vehicles that our topdresser and sprayer are mounted on are in urgent need of replacement. Whilst one is being repaired PF has given use of his pickup truck to ferry personnel and equipment around the course. Thanks was recorded to PF for this. PF and JH are looking for used vehicles online and at auctions and requested a budget from Finance. A limit would be set by Finance for auction purchase and HP purchase. JT would provide a contact to PF to see if adaptations to the topdresser and sprayer could be made to fit other vehicles. PF made the point that trees were not a legacy of our golf course and had been introduced over the years. Expert opinion was taken and continues to be taken to opening up vistas to make the most of the available views. TS commented that he had received opinions from long standing members that they liked the trees. PF pointed out that the feedback we receive from visitors who return year on year is positive about the changes we are making. Quotes will be available shortly for repairs to the driveway and passed to Finance. The practice area will be examined and a quote for drainage will be sought. Hardcore and topsoil will be received from a local source. PF advised that cutting back of heavy rough would begin shortly, JT questioned if these areas should be scarified. PF responded that this would not be necessary if we followed the agronomist's plan.MD commented that he thought the rough on the sides of the 1st and 11th was too penal. PF responded that it was all part of a 5 year plan. PF advised that a meeting had taken place with himself, GP and John Deere management to discuss teething issues with the new greens mower and the protracted delivery of the new tees mower. This is being made worse by the breakdown of our current tees mower which was bought as a stop gap. A full and frank discussion took place and we were advised that the tees mower may not be available for another year. John Deere advised that they would push for a better delivery date and as a one off would repair our tees mower free of charge. It was confirmed in the meeting that the price and finance terms we agreed were fixed and firm. They had no hire machines available and were encountering the same situation with other golf clubs. SB suggested we should check availability of another stop gap machine. TS commented that we should put a plan in place to replace machinery to which JT responded that this was being done with the introduction of the two new John Deere machines.

Marketing Report/Adroddiad Marchnata:- TS advised that he had been in contact with our website designer who had promised the first edition of our new site within 2/4 weeks. We had run advertisements in monthly golf newspaper to promote the Pro-Am and Open week. The Midland Golfer magazine had produced good results historically and we were considering placing a further advertisement with them. TS reported that Andy Knight's use of Facebook is excellent and reaches 20k+ followers. Credit to AK for this. TS advised that the monthly newsletter had gone out and that the "meet the committee" is in process. TS asked if we should seek sponsors for our Board competitions and whether some should be renamed or referred to as "sponsored by". TY advised that the Heysham Cup is a resurrected trophy. PF agreed that we should seek sponsors for Board events and that Open Week could be sponsored from next year. Marketing to set up a sub group to explore the possibilities and a figure of £250 per competition was suggested.

Ladies/Merched:- NM advised that a meeting had been held and at Past Ladies Captains meeting compliments were made on the flowers around the 1st tee. NM pointed out that advertising for Opens only referred to men and that Ladies should be included as referred to in a recent Handicap meeting where Ladies should be allowed to take a proportion of the tee times. NM commented that Ladies had a representative on all committees except Greens. PF responded that Greens needed workers that were "hands on" and Ladies could approach him with comments and suggestions. NM advised that the "Comp in Loo" money was in the bank and she would clarify the amount raised. JH advised that the cost of a compost loo was c£1300 each. NM advised that thanks had been received from Anglesey Guide Dogs for the money raised in the Open Charity Competition which was £172.20 and that thanks were also received from "Donnas Diamonds" for our donation.

Health & Safety/Adroddiad Lechyd a Diogelwch:- No report.

Handicap:- No report.

Seniors:- TS asked on the progress of a keypad entry to Gents locker room. PF responded that an issue with the Ladies locker room door has to be dealt with first. TS asked if the problems with the 10 th green could be dealt with once and for all and if work could be undertaken on the 10th temporary green to give a better putting surface. PF responded that a price would be obtained for remedial work and that work would take place on the temporary green in readiness for the winter. TS reported that he had received feedback that some of the new signage displayed poor spelling and grammar, and questioned whether signs showing Ladies tees should have been referred to as Red tees. TS asked if the worn areas around sinks and toilets in Gents locker room could be stripped out and resealed. He offered to undertake this task himself.

Finance Report/Adroddiad Ariannol:- MD advised the meeting of the cash at bank position and reported that the reserve account had been topped up to last year's level. Membership subscriptions had almost all been received and the Fairway Credit payment had been made to our account. A report showing outstanding balance had been produced and the Office were dealing with this to ensure all payments had been made. A better system of matching payments to names and invoice numbers will be put in place for next year. MD reported that in a recent Finance meeting the setting of budgets should begin with budgets to be set for Course Expenditure and Building Repairs. A request to provide a budget for entertainment events to be financed was discussed and denied by Executive. A budget figure of £3.5k was agreed for advertising costs. MD advised that a sub group comprising of himself, ROJ and SB would be formed to examine the availability of grant aid.

House Report/Adroddiad Ty:- A meeting had been held and the minutes approved by Executive.

Correspondence/Gohebiaeth:- Captain reported that an email had been received from a member of staff complaining about the attitude of 2 members to them and also to visitors. A copy was circulated to all Executive members. The matter was discussed and agreed that staff and

visitors should not be spoken to in this way. Captain and Lady Captain will arrange to meet with the staff involved and also to arrange to meet with the 2 members concerned.
Captain had also received an email from a group of walkers reporting that they had received abuse from golfers while walking on the course. It was unclear if the walkers were on designated footpaths or if the golfers were members or visitors. Captain will respond and TY will obtain an OS map to define footpaths. There should also be a further reminder in the next newsletter to treat our staff courteously at all times.

Any Other Business/Unrhyw Fater Arall:- PF reported that our Golf Manager Andy Knight acts on a daily basis to give us great social media coverage. He has been accused of having carte blanche to do this. PF suggested he should be left alone to continue his work. Executive unanimously agreed this.
SB asked if Fairway Credit agreement includes locker fees. It was confirmed that locker fees were included in the arrangement. SB also stated that whilst we have talked about hook up points he considered that it should be a priority to complete the work on the charging points first. PF responded that the framework for this was done when the buggy points were installed and that he would examine the costs with MD and establish if grants would be available.
JH advised that he would re route the water supply at the rear of the 18^{th} green.
Captain expressed thanks again to James and Gill Trew for their support in Trecastell Open. JT responded that for next year's event, in Paul's honour, the proceeds would be divided 2/3 to the Club and 1/3 to Air Ambulance.

Date of Next Meeting:- This was set for Tuesday 25^{th} July 2023 at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.