

Minutes of Board meeting held at Bull Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 17.00

Present: David Proud (DP) - Chair, James Trew (JT), Nicky MacKenzie (NM), Jon Bingham (Jb), Steve Bebbington (Sb)

Pro - Am

Feedback has been received following the event held at BBGC on 23rd July and which was mixed with positives around greens, catering and staff. Not so good feedback in respect of tees, certain parts of the course, and communication before the event.

Energy savings

We have received a comprehensive report from a volunteer, (a club member) in terms of our energy utilisation and which will be extremely helpful in support of our current grant application (also being handled by a club member). Whilst an energy survey will still be required to be undertaken by an authorised body, the work done to date should see all necessary matters covered off before the application deadline of 6/7 October 2024. Our thanks go to those parties for their help to date.

Dogs

We have recently received correspondence from a club member on the subject of dogs and whether they should be allowed on the course and / or in the club house. After a lengthy discussion it was felt that there is little evidence of dogs on the course during the day time. It was however felt that the lack of visibility of bins around the course could see an increase in dog fouling. This needs to be looked into. With regard to the club house it was agreed that well behaved dogs on leads would be allowed into the club except in the restaurant area.

Shell

Rhosgoch to Amlwch pipeline - BBGC has received written notification that it is Shells intention to decommission this pipeline shortly. The board are in discussion with Shell in order to clarify any implications around the work which is due to take place later in 2024. Input will also be sought from Greens at the time of meeting with Shell and also throughout any planned works.

Course rating

Communication has continued both from the previous executive committee and the current board with Wales Golf in respect of our ratings which in our opinion are considered to be incorrect. Whilst there is a view that the current rating system will not provide a different outcome the Board agreed that the club should give notice to Wales Golf of our intention to lodge an appeal. Other options were discussed but not considered viable.

2025 Welsh Men's Senior Open Competition

BBGC has been invited to host this event following the success of the Welsh Youth Open recently. The consensus of the Board was that available dates are confirmed to Wales Golf as soon as possible. Lessons learned from the Youth Open and the lead time to the event should give the club the necessary support well in advance of the event. JT agreed to speak directly with Wales Golf to ascertain further grant opportunities which could present the club in an even better light prior to the event.

BRS messages

Content of messages discussed. Individual messages of thanks will not be published in the event that others have been omitted and thus to avoid offence.

Contract reviews

Since the formation of the Board a number of supplier contracts have been reviewed in order to consider change or seek more favourable terms for the benefit of the members. This work is ongoing and updates will be provided when appropriate. Suppliers subject to review cover matters such as brewery arrangements, insurance, payment systems, ClubVi / BRS and buggy supplier.

Staff

Training of staff has been acknowledged as an important area and CPR training has recently been provided to a number of staff. Our HR & H&S provider has also been engaged to ensure our staff contracts are consistent and fit for purpose.

Trailer

After discussion with Greens staff the Board agreed to the sale of a small, recently acquired trailer at cost. The proceeds will be used to support donations made by the Men's Seniors section and the proceeds of the winter quiz nights to fund the replacement of the large window in the club lounge which has been in poor condition for some time. Thanks go to the newly formed fabric committee for managing the process in securing an appropriate glazing company.

Open week

Preparation continues for this event but where volunteers are required to help in closing off competitions. Chair of Competitions is to hold a conference call to discuss prior to Open Week.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Following on from the formation of the new Board of Directors and subsequent discussion with Insurance brokers this is considered relevant. Administration manager to be requested to contact NGCAA and obtain quotes.

Health and Safety review

The annual review of the golf club, course and driving range has recently been undertaken. The H&S report has now been received and work will shortly commence on dealing with any actions required with input from H&S Officer and Fabric Committee in the first instance

Grant monies

Anglesey Turf have in the past few days laid the turf on what is to be the short game area. Whilst this is not yet ready for use, this is the final cost covered within the grant application. The club has now been invoiced and submission of our claim for grant monies is imminent.

Halfway House

Discussion around this project commenced following the Pro - Am held in 2023 and where the sponsors Anglesey Mining pledged additional monies to fund this project. The halfway house is to be erected at the back of the 10th green and where ground has already been prepared. Richard Jones will manage this project It is understood that there may be some surplus funds from this project and which as a result will further improve the financial outcome of the recent Pro-Am and benefit to the club.

Greens

A number of issues have been raised in relation to machinery and how it is being maintained. JT and JB are to pick up with Chair of Greens and greens staff. Board reemphasised that there should be no further spend on the Practice ground or any Capital investment projects due to current financial constraints.

Shop and bar hours

Opening hours were discussed and agreed with Chair of House in May, initially on a trial basis. Board agreed that opening hours will continue as they are for the time being with a further review to take place in early September. Members are reminded that the club house and bar will remain closed on Mondays, as has been the case for some time, with the building fully closed, including access to changing room facilities, when the shop closes at 17.00

Proposed membership 2025 / 2026

Categories and fees - some work has already been done in drawing up a framework for next years fee structure. Board members have been asked to give this some thought prior to next meeting.

Green fee analysis - given the Clubs reliance on green fee income throughout the year, and the perception that the changes to the course ratings will ultimately have an impact on our green fees, work has already commenced on analysing numbers. Director of Finance to liaise with Chair of Competitions to review those categories to be included in analysis with a request to then be submitted to accountants Williams Denton to prepare meaningful reports to assist.

Member communications

Board felt that member input continues to be important and as such consideration given to holding a "town hall" event at the club. Date to be confirmed in due course through BRS with request for content also to be sought from members

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