

Board Meeting held at Bull Bay Golf Club Monday 16th June 2025

Present: Mark Smith (MS), Nicky MacKenzie (NM), Ian Norgain, (IN), Charles Jones (CJ), Steve Bebbington (SB)

Absent: Jon Bingham

1. Finance

Membership subscriptions continue to be received with little now outstanding. Green fees remain strong. The insurance claim made for the damaged screen in the foyer has now been approved but which will see the Club £500 out of pocket as a result. New course machinery, much needed for some time, has now been sourced and is due to be received within the next few days. This will mean that the greens staff become more efficient, saving money and generating more outputs at the same time. Financial performance of bar over recent months was discussed and where the club are now able to monitor profitability much closer by way of new software. This is a big job for the staff and will take some time to complete.

2. Security cameras

Noted in previous minutes. The new cameras and hardware have now been installed and are fully operational. Members / visitors will see stickers around the club house notifying them that CCTV is in operation 24/7

3. Greens committee update

New machinery ordered and receipt anticipated shortly. Regular newsletter to be provided by CoG shortly. The greens committee have taken a lot on board as to the integrity of the course whilst at the same time listening to members views. Signage indicating "200 yards distance" has been prepared and will be introduced to the course shortly. Volunteers have come forward to assist with the preparation of the area surrounding the club house and car park which will be undertaken on Wednesday 18th June. There still remains for work to be done on pathways, divot boxes, bins and broken tee boxes. This work is carrying on at pace in advance of the forthcoming Welsh Seniors Open.

4. House committee update

CJ advised that a meeting had recently been held with the caterer, where DH was advised that his contract was to be terminated with immediate effect. An agreement was reached with regard to vacating the flat and which has now been done. Following inspection, the flat was deemed to be in a respectable condition. However the kitchen was not. This was also confirmed following a random visit by the Food Standards Authority. A significant amount of work has been undertaken by our cleaner, Julie Hughes and other volunteers. The board wishes to place on record its thanks for their strenuous efforts.

An advert has been placed to attract a new caterer. So far 3 applications have been received, which are under consideration. Meetings have also been held with members who have experience in this sector. Their views are important to the Board and where it has been suggested that the club should consider any future

proposal to also include the bar.

The club have secured the catering services of Lucy Moores, Siop y Paget, Rhosybol during the Welsh Seniors Open. Lucy provided a fantastic offering at last years Youths Open event and our thanks go to her for once again helping the Club out.

5. Buggies

New arrangements have been completed for buggies and which are now to be received w/c 7th July 2025.

6. Solar PV project

Installation is due to take place in early July, delayed due to the Senior Open, with commercial contracts drawn up.

7. Fabric committee update

Work on replacing the doors on the electric housing on the driveway and behind the practice range has been completed. Thanks to Dic Ces and Dave Franklin for an excellent job. Work planned around clubhouse for Wednesday 18th June.

8. New cards

Discussions are at an advanced stage for sponsors to go on score cards and which in turn will contribute to cost. Chair of Competitions is to be asked to review card content and local rules.

9. Shell pipeline update

A response has now been received from solicitors and where there is potential to take matters back to Shell seeking compensation. Whilst there has been no cost for this exercise to date there is likely to be a cost to take matters further. This is likely to equate to approximately £8 per member and the directors wish to consider matters further before progressing.

10. Wales Golf

Following NM recent visit to Conwy GC to meet with Kim Ellis, Golf Wales, the directors are looking into the viability of a Community Golf Coach which will undoubtedly enhance the Clubs offering and hopefully help in increasing membership. On a separate note Nicky MacKenzie has been elected to be the Clubs Women in Golf Champion and will liaise with Wales Golf in this regard.

11. Membership rates / categories

At the recent AGM our new president was keen to emphasise the need to increase our membership numbers, which in turn could help in maintaining, or even reducing fees in coming years. The directors are mindful of the criticism by certain members in recent weeks in relation to the setting of fee rates and also how the categories are determined. As such the president is to be asked to form a working party to come up with an acceptable proposal for the board to consider.