

MINUTES OF THE HANDICAP SUB - COMMITTEE MEETING

BULL BAY GOLF CLUB 24/06/2025.

Meeting opened at 6-02 p.m.

Mike Daly in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT were The Chair – Captain Jon Bingham (Capt) Ian Farrell (IF), TJ Young (TY), Nicky Mackenzie (NM) Angus Mackenzie (AM) Jon Bevan (JB) Gill Williams (GW) Charles Jones (CJ)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Ian Norgain

1. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

A. ARTHUR JUMP MEMORIAL TROPHY

Chair explained the reasons for the competition being played and how the format was decided together with the reasons for the friendly draws. The mixed comps will be tied in with the AJMT with 4 events except Captains Day which is also a mixed competition. The idea was that a board competition would be set up and a pairs competition would also be set up alongside. Next year the boards new handicap committee will need to decide the way forward. Captain read out a letter from a member to the board concerning handicap rating, competition results, drawn comps and friendly draws. The letter made the suggestion that the competition percentage allowance was changed from 95% to 75%. It was discussed at length and agreed that the remaining competitions will be 3 ball drawn competitions and handicap will pick out pairs from those who have entered for the AJMT except Captains Day. The 4 AJMT competition will be Octel 12/7, LR Mallett 26/7, Heysham 16/8 extra Stableford 6/9.

B. PAYOUTS

Various suggestions were discussed but it was decided that the current level and categories for the payouts will remain the same. Chair had discussed with Wales Golf if we should adjust the allowances and their view was that in time the matter will be resolved. A general handicap review should take place.

C. COMPETITION RULES

Chair advised that the competition rules needed revising. A discussion took place on members who don't enter sufficient cards which means their current index does not reflect their true handicap. It was suggested that the Wednesday and Sunday roll ups should be qualifying comps for handicap purposes to ensure all members handicaps were as accurate as possible and that members be encouraged to enter general play for handicap.

For next season the rules need to be reviewed with a qualifying element for any board competition in that a player must have played in at least 6 qualifying competitions in the last 12 months to be able to win the trophy.

The rules are to be fully reviewed for next season to include handicap limits.

D. VISTOR ENTRIES

The Chair raised a concern on the numbers of visitors entering open competitions and the difficulty in booking via the current system. Chair ran through the current numbers of various competitions which were mostly down and asked was this down to the ability to book using the current system. NM commented that the course rating was a more significant reason. AM reported generally that green fees was £35,000 up. It was agreed by board members that the new booking system was creating problems and they were not sure if they had all been resolved. NM raised the fact that members did not pay in advance for competitions and Chair explained the difficulty with setting this up.

F. PRO AM

Chair was concerned with the event. Currently we have only a few entries and no sponsorship with only he and JB trying to arrange it. It needs to be decided if this is to proceed. Various options were suggested for future events and JB suggested we negotiate with other Island clubs to host a several day event. Chair felt that this should be a club organised event not competitions as this was a promotional event. It was resolved the PRO-AM was to be postponed before JB offered to discuss with the shop what bookings there were and to see what he could do in confirming numbers before a final decision is made.

11 A.O.B.

- a. NM wished it to be recorded that the 18th from the red tees would become a par 4 not a par 5 after the course re-rating. The Stroke index will remain at 18. After a discussion it was agreed the Stoke Indexes need to be reviewed.
- b. IF asked if the ditch on the 9th is in play and it was confirmed it is, and was no longer GUR for the remainder of the season. A decision will be made later in the year if the ditch is to remain open or be closed as other drainage issues need to be resolved first. Chair asked if the board could agree with greens to mark any GUR clearly and the 11th was raised as an example. Gaz Owen had prepared new signs for the gates to state non members can not collect golf balls from the course.
- c. AM stated that the shop were asking for next years fixture list asap so they can take bookings.
- d. NM – Announced that Wales Golf have a new golf tee booking system and are seeking volunteer clubs to run and test before it is rolled out and NM had advised WG BBGC were interested.
- e. CJ – Asked if in AOB can any queries be put forward to be included in the Agenda in advance. Chair preferred to allow an open forum.
- f. GW – Made the observation that the ladies were having difficulty in booking the Challenge Cup. NM agreed to resolve.
- g. JB – Said he will discuss with the PGA to see if the Pros can agree to bring their own teams as a way of resolving the matter. He also raised the low numbers entering the Friday 10 hole competition and can this be run through the week. Chair suggested the he could set up his own midweek competitions if he so wished. CO mentioned that the board were considering having just a Saturday competition and not being split into morning and afternoon. Board will discuss with Chair once they have further discussed the matter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm