

BBGC Board meeting - Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 17.30.

Held at BBGC Clubhouse

Attending: Jon Bingham, (JB), Nicky Mackenzie, (NM), Charles Jones (CCJ), Ian Norgain, (IN), Steve Bebbington, (SB), Mike Daly (CoH)

Apologies: Mark Smith (MS)

CoH was invited to the meeting to discuss and update on a number of areas:

1.Pro - Am

This event is due to take place on 11th August and presently it is not certain that there are enough taking part to make this event financially viable for the Club. CoH has been liaising with Jon Bevan and will meet up again with him later in the week to confirm the position.

2.Clubscreens

We have recently been approached by this company as to implementation of screens in the clubhouse to display competition winners etc. CoH and directors have visited clubs who have this facility and have been extremely impressed. Our existing process for updating our prize boards is both laborious and expensive. SB to revert to Clubscreens to progress matters.

3.Saturday tee times

The recurring issue of how the club handles its Saturday competitions and visitor tee times was discussed at length. This season has seen competitions played as three balls and which has been a key driver in visitors also having to play in three balls. This loses the club considerable income each and every Saturday. Whilst there is little to be done to influence the set-up of Saturday tee numbers this season, it is expected that Saturday golf will take a four-ball format going forward. It was also acknowledged that it is not always our visitors are those guilty of slow play

4.Score cards

Progress has been made with regard to changes to our scorecards, primarily following the new ratings. CoH is currently working on the wording on the cards relating to local rules and where the following changes are to be undertaken:

- OOB will exist on 14th hole to prevent playing over the 9th fairway (H&S)
- Members playing golf will need to be mindful of people using public footpaths. This is also an H&S matter but separately raised by the club's insurance providers.
- The ladies' tee on the 18th hole is a par 4. This is currently incorrect on the scorecard.

5.Finance update

Following receipt of the majority of membership fees the board are now much clearer on how costs will need to be managed throughout the remainder of the year until April 2026

Sport Wales Grant funds have been partially drawn to allow for purchase of solar panel materials which are due imminently.

Second payment for course toilets has also been paid from grant monies received.

Green fees remain strong and are already ahead of last years full quarter figure at £63,612.

Driving range income for the year to date is £1620 against a year end figure of £6,636. Steady performance and which it is hoped will improve as progress is made with this area

Buggy income is currently very strong and has been helped by delivery of 10 new buggies. These have generated over £4,000 in the month of July alone. The buggies we have had for some time now will be returned to the existing supplier once the contract expires in October 2025

Bar income has again been good however profitability has been impacted by high wage costs. A review of bar performance over the month of June through 2023, 2024 and 2025 has been undertaken. Whilst opening hours have been extended and bar prices reduced, we have also seen higher wage costs and in essence bar income is declining year on year. Please support your club where possible.

Shop income is steadily improving with some additions to stock and June 2025 was the best for income over the past three years

July 31st is our next quarter end, and a full update will provided once we have received the management accounts for this period

6. Greens update

In the absence of MS this was not covered.

7. House committee update

Following on from last month's meeting further discussion was held on our catering proposition. This will not be taken forward at this time due to the fact that any potential applicant would be faced with starting in the winter period which is not ideal. Current arrangements will remain on place in the short term. CCJ to set up next house committee meeting and staff meeting.

8.Jon Bevan

Meeting held on 22nd July and where Jon's contribution to the club was acknowledged and objectives set for the coming year. Jon was receptive to the thoughts of the directors and we look forward to continuing our good working relationship.

9. Sponsorship boards

This is being investigated and where it is hoped sponsorship will contribute heavily to any costs. Further update to be provided in due course

10.Shell pipeline

Following on from recent minutes on this matter, solicitors have been instructed to explore further within a limited budget of up to £1500

11. Member survey

Nothing progressed on this to date. JB to investigate further.

12. Fabric committee

Work recently completed in kitchen to repair tiles, paintwork and sink fittings. This has identified a drainage issue, and which will need professional input. Once again the directors expressed their thanks to those involved and their actions which continue to save the club considerable money.

13. Women in Golf

NM is to speak with Jon Bevan on how best to take this forward.

AOB

1.

IN raised the point of responsibility for clearing and tidying the balcony area. CCJ is to take this matter forward.

2.

We have been asked if we want to advertise our club in a North West magazine. At this stage the board have sought clarification on this. Further update to follow.

3.

Swallows are currently nesting in the ladies locker room close to the external door. Members are asked to be mindful of this in the short term.

4.

We have had a visit from a company who provide locker room facilities and which if affordable will hopefully see our locker room appearance improved. Initial thoughts to help with the cost will see members asked to make an initial contribution in exchange for use over an agreed period of time.

Further update to follow once information received