



**Minutes of the  
Rabbits Committee Meeting  
held on  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



**Members Present**

Ian Scholefield - Captain/Chairperson  
Andy Davis - Vice Captain/Vice Chairperson  
Helen Kirschner - Secretary  
Gary Noble - Treasurer  
Carole Fewings - Committee Member  
Andy Murton – Committee Member  
David Burrows – Committee Member (Co-opted) \*\*

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Captain, Ian Scholefield opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Colin Bee sent his apologies.

**2. Co-option of Dave Burrows onto Committee \*\***

As the incoming Vice Captain in 2018, Dave Burrows was co-opted onto the Committee. Proposer Andy Davis, Seconder Andy Murton, all in agreement.

**3. Minutes of Last Committee Meetings**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 had previously been agreed via email as a true record and posted on the Rabbits website for members to see.

**4. Finance Update & Funding Matters**

Gary gave the following update for the Rabbits Account:

At our last meeting the balance was £4,162.74. Since then we have paid for the winter tee box on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole costing £396.00. No money has been paid in during this period giving a current balance of £3,766.74.

Income for the year to date is £1,115.00 and expenditure is £1,056.00

**5. Club Updates (Management & Other Meetings)**

- The Club AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> November was well attended by a cross section of members.

- Ian as Captain presented a report of the Rabbits activities during his tenure and extended his thanks to the committee and the whole section for their support.

## 6. Captains Update

Ray Duncan extended his thanks to the Rabbits Section for paying for the winter tee box on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole.

Due to the scheduling of the Rabbits Bashes in 2018 and the April one being late in the month (21<sup>st</sup>), the AGM and the incoming Captains Drive in / 1<sup>st</sup> Bash will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.

## 7. Vice-Captains Update

- The Rabbits page on the new website now has all the folders in place and most of them are now populated with all the up to date information, the 20th Year Celebrations and Photo Gallery folders will start to be updated shortly.
- Although we lost the match against Laceby Manor it was extremely enjoyable and the course was superb – thanks to all participating players.
- Fixtures for 2018/19, the following matches have been agreed dates to be confirmed when remaining fixtures have been confirmed with the respective clubs:
  - Laceby (H) Oct 2018; (A) 2019 tba
  - Louth (H) or (A) date tba
  - Gedney (H) or (A) date tba
  - Kirton Holme (H) or (A) date tba
  - Boston (H) or (A) date tba
  - Blankney (A)
- Under negotiation and possibly Saturday or Wed/Fri evening matches:
  - Sleaford (H) or (A)
  - Belton Woods (H) or (A)

## 8. Correspondence

The Captain had received an email from a member of the Rabbits regarding an incident of offensive language being directed to him by another member of the section in front of other members of the section including ladies and a junior. The Committee discussed the matter and agreed that the Captain to speak to both members involved advising the perpetrator that the use of inappropriate language is not acceptable under any circumstances and request both members for the benefit of the other members to be civil towards each other in the future.

## 9. Rabbits Tours

### Rabbits Spring Tour 2018

The 2018 Spring Tour to Ullesthorpe will be on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March. The cost is £140.00; **the balance is due at the Rabbits Bash on 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Away Day

The 2018 Away Day to Market Rasen is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> July. The deposit will also be required in January.

## Autumn Tour 2018

The proposed Autumn Tour for 2018 is to Breadsall Priory on 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The cost for playing both courses is £130.00. This will also include dinner on the 20<sup>th</sup> and breakfast on the 21<sup>st</sup> but will not include drinks. The balance is due at the Rabbits Bash in June.

## **10. CONGU Changes to Handicap 2018.**

The changes, which come into effect on the **1st of January 2018**, are:

**Retirement of Club & Disability Handicaps** – As a result of their low impact these have been removed and replaced by a new Category 5 for Men and Category 6 for both Men and Women, providing for a maximum handicap of 54.0 for all golfers. Players will be able to maintain a Competition Handicap in all six categories. Upward adjustment for all categories will remain at 0.1 and downward adjustments for Net Differentials below Buffer Zones will be 0.5 for Category 5 and 0.6 for Category 6.

After 1st January 2018 Handicap Committees can increase handicaps above the current limits of 28.0 and 36.0, and they will also increase above those limits automatically as a result of above Buffer Zone returns in Qualifying Competitions and Supplementary Score submissions.

**Definitions** – Confirmation that cards submitted for Initial Handicap Allocation are included in the definition of Qualifying Scores for handicap purposes. Accordingly a player whose handicap is allocated on the basis of such submitted scores under Clause 16 will automatically be allocated a Competition Handicap status.

These Congu Changes have been highlighted to the section and discussion taken place. The Handicaps committee is aware and will advise on changes to the club in the near future and how it may affect sections of the club.

## **11. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

- i. Andy D had been unable to schedule a specific date for the proposed 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitational event so it was agreed to schedule any celebration event alongside the Bash on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Captain to consult the Junior Section re. starting earlier and AD to write to the Chairman requesting an extension of the tee times.
- ii. 20<sup>th</sup> Year Book / Newsletter – AD to action.
- iii. Night golf was suggested - it's quite expensive but will consider and discuss as an option.

## **12. Functions/Social Events**

There are still a number of tickets for the Christmas Party on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December available.

## **13. Any Other Business**

- i. The Captain thanked CF and AM for organizing the recent Rabbits Lash in Sleaford. 14 members enjoyed a very pleasant evening.
- ii. The President has indicated he will extend his sponsorship for the 2018 Challenge Cup. He currently sponsors the Rabbits OOM.
- iii. DB will maybe be able to get a number of free entrances to the BBMF as prizes in 2018.

## **14. Date of Next Meetings**

7pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

7pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**AGM** – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at SKGC before the scheduled Bash. (time tbc)

**If anyone would like to raise anything for discussion at this meeting please put it in writing (email) to the Rabbits Captain.**