NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB
THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 2009

PRESENT:	Stan Yeomans	NUGC President, Beeston Fields
	Alec Shepperson	NUGC Deputy President, Coxmoor
	Roy Case	NUGC Hon. Secretary. Radcliffe-on-Trent
	Colin Bee	NUGC Assistant Secretary , Rushcliffe
	Gordon Bruce	NUGC Hon. Treasurer, Wollaton Park
	Alan Benson	NUGC Vice-President, Beeston Fields
	Trevor Coupe	NUGC Vice-President, Notts.
	Mike Munby	NUGC Vice-President, Beeston Fields
	Harry Robinson	NUGC Vice-President, Stanton on the Wolds
	Ian Newlove	Beeston Fields
	Alan Roberts	Chilwell Manor
	G. Heath	Chilwell Manor
	G. Sells	College Pines
	Andy Cargill	Cotgrave Place
	B. Reid	Cotgrave Place
	Richard Jeffs	Coxmoor
	Mick Topping	Coxmoor
	Ron Beckett	Norwood Park
	Edgar Bramwell	Nottingham City
	Rob Sallis	Notts.
	Bob Ward	Oakmere Park [Admiral's]
	Peter Kendall	The Orchards
	Mike Shaw	Radcliffe on Trent
	Terry Walker	Radcliffe on Trent
	Roger Hough	Retford
	Paul Deacon	Ruddington Grange
	Alan Johnson	Ruddington Grange
	Roy Harris	Sherwood Forest
	Mike Harness	Southwell
	E. Baccly	Springwater
	Michael Boulton	Springwater
	Martin Hathway	Stanton on the Wolds
	Mike Price	Stanton on the Wolds
	Ian Grant	Trent Lock
	Gordon Wren	Trent Lock
	J.E. Smith	Wollaton Park
In attendance:	Matthew Bloor	Nottinghamshire County Golf Partnership

There were 37 No. persons present, representing 20 No. golf clubs.

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present, and introduced Matthew Bloor of the Nottinghamshire County Council, who has been appointed by the Nottinghamshire County Golf Partnership, to serve as its Development Officer for an initial period of three years, for the sum of £ 5,000 p.a.

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1.00. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

1.01. Apologies for absence were received from:

Doug Ash	NUGC Vice-President, Chilwell Manor
Ian Elrick	NUGC Vice-President, Oakmere Park [Admiral's]
Peter Gray	NUGC Vice-President, Stanton on the Wolds
Stuart Goldie	NUGC Vice-President, Notts.
John Mitchell	NUGC Vice-President, Beeston Fields
Eddie Peters	NUGC Vice-President, Mapperley
Roy Sallis	NUGC Vice-President, Notts.
Roger Winson	NUGC Vice-President, Sherwood Forest
Mel Dean	Beeston Fields
Eric Gibson	Beeston Fields
Peter Snow	Coxmoor
Brian Noble	Notts.
Mike Briggs	Retford
Avril Jamieson	Wollaton Park
Brian Ross	Wollaton Park
Gary Bardill	Worksop

2.00. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

2.01. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, the 25th June, 2009 held at the Beeston Fields Golf Club had been circulated, and were approved.

Proposed: Martin Hathway [Stanton on the Wolds]
Seconded: Trevor Coupe [NUGC Vice-President, Notts.]
Approved unanimously.

3.00. MATTERS ARISING:

3.01. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes other than those included in the Agenda.

4.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

4.01 There w ere no relevant items of correspondence to consider.

5.00 INTER-CLUB MIXED & MENS FOURSOMES:

5.01 At the previous meeting it had been agreed to consider the request made by the Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association, and that the Secretary would write to all participating clubs and ask for guidance in respect of the following questions: that:

i] NUGC Inter-club Foursomes:
Would participating clubs prefer matches to be played at a neutral venue, with the venue being selected by the NUGC from participating clubs remaining in the competition ?

5.00 INTER-CLUB MIXED & MENS FOURSOMES [Continued]:

5.01 ii] NUGC Inter-club Scratch Leagues:
Would participating clubs wish the rules relating to the Inter-Club Scratch Leagues remain unchanged, or would they prefer the introduction of an additional Division, with the season's matches played on a 'home and away' basis ?

5.02 The Secretary explained that the response to the letter requesting the views of the participating Clubs indicated that:

i] NUGC Mens Inter-club Foursomes:
19 No. Clubs responded - 13 No. wish to see matches played at a neutral venue.
i.e: 68 %

ii] NUGC Mixed Inter-club Foursomes:
20 No. Clubs responded - 15 No. wish to see matches played at a neutral venue.
i.e. 75 %

iii] NUGC Inter-club Scratch Leagues:
19 No. Clubs responded - 10 No. wish to see the Scratch Leagues remain unchanged.
i.e. 53 %

5.03 It was agreed that:

i] The NUGC Mens and Mixed Foursomes matches would be played on neutral venues, utilising the golf course of participating golf clubs remaining in the competition. The Rules of the competition would be changed to reflect these changes for 2010.

ii] The format of the NUGC Inter-club Scratch Leagues would remain unchanged.

6.00 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP:

6.01 The NCGP Steering Committee has now met several times.

It consists of: Roy Case and Stan Yeomans [NUGC], Maureen Clarke and Joan Underwood [NCLGA], and two from the three following representatives of the [NPGA] Paul Thornton, John Vaughn and Rob Macey, plus representatives from the Golf Foundation, the Nottinghamshire County Council and the England Golf Partnership.

The Constitution has been signed off and the Terms of Reference, and the Development Plan has been written and agreed and will be submitted, following which initial funding should be received.

6.02 The NCGP has received an offer of funding in the sum of £ 86,000 from the England Golf Partnership over a four year period.

Year 1: £ 11,750 Year 2: £ 27,750 Year 3: £ 25,750 and Year 4: £ 20,750, plus additional funding which will be available through the Club and Coach Fund.

6.01 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP [Continued]:

6.03 At the last meeting of the NCGP Roy Case was appointed Chairman, with Paul Thornton Norwood Park GC] appointed Secretary and Deputy Chairman, Gordon Bruce was elected Treasurer.

Matt Bloor of the Nottinghamshire County Council would act as County Development Officer at £ 5,000 per annum. He would oversee 3 No. sports for the NCC.

7.00 PROPOSED NUGC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY 2010:

7.01 The Secretary explained in considerable detail the proposal for the introduction of a Player Development Pathway, which was designed to encompass all areas of player training and development within the County.

The plan has been designed exclusively by Shaun Case, of Shaun Case Golf-Concepts, a PGA professional, who has recently returned from several years working on the Continent.

The 6 No, stages of the plan would deal with carefully planned introduction to the game, and the coaching and training needs of groups of players at: Under 11: Under 16: Under 25: First & Second teams: Seniors: and also Disabled and Disadvantaged players:

A Training Training Manual would be developed covering every stage of the Plan, and Job Descriptions of those persons engaged to deliver the Plan.

A budget costing had been prepared, which the Treasurer said was capable of being funded from within the NUGC resource, but it was anticipated that financial assistance would also be forthcoming for specific parts of the Plan through the Nottinghamshire County Golf Partnership and other funding streams.

7.02 The Secretary explained the the Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association wished to be advised of the principle of the Plan as it considered there might be benefits to be achieved by integrating with the proposal.

7.02 The Secretary explained the matter had been discussed at the previous Council meeting and unanimous approval had been granted. He now sought approval from the Executive Committee to proceed with the Player Development Pathway, which would be formed as a separate department within the NUGC, and that it should be delivered by Shaun Case, who would be working as a volunteer on behalf of the NUGC.

7.03 There followed extensive discussion on the proposed project from the floor, and some concern was also expressed by Rob Sallis [Notts.], Roger Hough [Retford] and Michael Boulton [Springwater] on the perceived negative impact of the Plan on the younger element of the Junior Section.
They expressed their disappointment that the Junior Section had not been consulted prior to the development of the Plan. The Secretary explained that there was every intention to meet with the Junior Section once approval in principal, or otherwise, had been agreed by the NUGC Council and Executive Committees.

7.04 The Executive Committee approved the concept. There were no votes cast in opposition to the proposal, although there were 4 No. abstentions.

8.00 NUGC JUNIOR GOLF:

8.01 The Chairman of Junior Golf, Mr. Alan Benson, reported a poor year for Nottinghamshire junior golf, in spite of a promising early season win against Warwickshire, and then winning the Four Counties at Caldy GC, in Cheshire.
It was reported that the top players disappointed in the Midland Counties Regional Qualifying event at Maxstoke Park GC, and that none of the Nottinghamshire players did well in the Midland Youths and Boys events.
Mr. Benson expressed disappointment that a number of players were not available for matches, and that the County had performed poorly in the East Midlands League matches.

8.02 Mr. Benson said that the NUGC Boys Inter-club League had been successful and thanked the golf club junior organisers for their co-operation and Terry Walker [Radcliffe on Trent GC] for his excellent management.

8.03 Entries for County Junior events were very good, and he thanked Lew and Maggie Wood [Notts. GC] for their work in relation to the Nippers Tour.

8.04 He reported that the under 16 and under 14 teams had benefited from the winter coaching received through Marcus Bell [Misterton GC][and Danny Bursztyn [Trent Lock GC], and that they had enjoyed a good season.

8.05 Mr. Benson said that he had notified the Junior Committee of his intention to relinquish his position as the Chairman of Junior Golf at the end of the year, and pledged his support to his successor.

9.00 NUGC TOURNAMENT PANEL:

9.01 The Secretary advised the meeting that the 'Evening of the Rules of Golf' held at the Beeston Fields GC on the 1st April was a success, as was the practical 'Rules School' held at the Wollaton Park GC on the 5th September.
A written 'Rules Examination' was arranged for February AT THE COTGRAVE PLACE GC, following which an NUGC Tournament Panel of approximately 12 No. persons would be created to officiate at NUGC Championships.

9.02 Mr. Mike Munby [Beeston Fields GC] had agreed to co-operate with the Competitions Secretary, Martin Hathway [Stanton on the Wolds GC] and organise the tournament officials for event as required. A 'pilot event' had been successfully organised at both the NUGC Inter-club Foursomes Finals.

10.00 EGU & MGU REPORTS:

10.01 Mr. Bee drew the attention of the meeting to the EGU Liaison Meetings and urged representatives from golf clubs to attend.

10.02 He also drew the attention of the meeting to the Independent Safeguarding Authority and Vetting and Barring Scheme,e and suggested golf club representatives should make themselves aware of its implications.

11.00 HEALTH & SAFETY:

11.01 Nothing to report.

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12.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

12.01 The County Captain, Colin Bee, reported that Ross Overton [Coxmoor GC}, Rhys Black [Sherwood Forest GC] and David Elliott [Chilwell Manor GC] had been selected to represent the Midlands Group against the South West Group at Saunton Sands GC.

12.02 The Dinner Secretary, Harry Robinson, reminded the meeting of the date of the NUGC Annual Dinner, which would be held at the EMCC on the 22nd January, 2010. The ticket price would remain unchanged at £ 28.00. He asked those in attendance to distribute posters to their respective golf clubs.

12.03 The President read out a letter of thanks to the NUGC from Andrew Smedley [Notts GC] who had recently taken up professional duties at the Royal Cinque Ports GC, Kent.

13.00. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

13.01 The date for the next NUGC Fixtures Committee Meeting was Thursday, the 5th November, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. at the Beeston Fields Golf Club.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.30 hours.

The President asked Mike Munby [Vice-President, Beeston Fields] to be kind enough to thank Mr. John Mitchell, and the Beeston Fields GC for the use of the facilities, and invited those present join him at the bar for a drink .

SIGNED: DATE:

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