

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive Meeting

Held at

Beeston Fields Golf Club

On Thursday 2nd February, 2023

Present:

Edgar Bramwell	NUGC Past President, Nottingham City GC
Bob Ward	NUGC Past President, Oakmere Park GC
Roger Poole	NUGC Past President, Rushcliffe GC
Gordon Bruce	NUGC Hon. County Treasurer, Wollaton Park
Colin Bee	NUGC Hon. County Secretary, Coxmoor GC
Peter Trotter	NUGC Vice President, The Nottinghamshire GC
David Halstead	NUGC Vice President, Beeston Fields GC
Andrew Tuttey	NUGC Annual Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC
Mandy Bee	NUGC Assistant Secretary

Chris Powell	Sherwood Forest GC
Brian Knowles	The Nottinghamshire GC
Steve Mee	Oakmere Park GC
Richard Coleman	Wollaton Park GC
Dianne Whittaker	Chilwell Manor GC
Graham Smith	Nottingham City GC
Peter Benson	Beeston Fields GC
Ron Beckett	Norwood Park GC
Paul Keeling	SOTW GC
Richard Kerr	Ruddington Grange GC
Lin Jenkins	Southwell GC
Kev Walker	Southwell GC

There were 21 members present, representing 13 Golf Clubs

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Apologies for Absence.

Richard Bonnelo	NUGC President, Hollinwell
Stan Yeomans	NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC
Alan Benson	NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC
Mike Munby	NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC
Martin Hathway	NUGC Past President, Stanton on the Wolds
Rob Sallis	NUGC Vice President, Hollinwell
David Evans	NUGC Seniors Secretary, Wollaton Park GC
Peter Higgins	NUGC Vice President, Radcliffe on Trent GC
Roy Harris	Sherwood Forest GC
Simon Booth	Worksop GC

The Past President, Edgar Bramwell, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Beeston Fields Golf Club for hosting the meeting.

02 **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 3rd November, 2022.**

The minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and posted on the website. These were considered to be a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Bob Ward, Past President, Oakmere Park GC

Seconded by: David Halstead, Vice President, Beeston Fields GC

Voted upon and agreed unanimously.

03 **Matters Arising – (Not included on the Agenda)**

No matters arising.

04 **Correspondence, Hon. County Secretary, Colin Bee**

None

05 **NUGC Accounts 2022 & Budget 2023, Hon. Treasurer Gordon Bruce.**

Accounts for 2022

The Hon. County Treasurer, Gordon Bruce, gave a brief overview of the accounts, and made the following salient points.

- Both combined team friendly matches played at home in 2022 as in 2021 they were away.
- Additional overnight stays for both 1st & 2nd Team players.
- Medal costs higher due to both winning the league.
- Clothing write-off costs are higher but will be lower in 2023 as prices are considerably lower.
- The Four Counties 50th anniversary added to the higher costs.

Proposed; David Halstead, Vice President, Beeston Fields GC
Seconded; Andrew Tuttey, Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC

The Accounts were unanimously approved.

Budget for 2023

Gordon Bruce introduced the proposed budget for 2023 highlighting the following points:

- The subscription for 2023 was agreed at £9.40
- Honorariums have been subject to an inflationary increase which at 31st October 2022 was 11.1%. Following discussion by the Council it was proposed to limit the increase to the average private sector pay increase which is 6.5%.
- Entry fees increased for most competitions.
- Coaching budgets were increased.

The Budgets were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Affiliation fee 2024

The Treasurer explained to the Executive he intends to increase the affiliation fee for 2024 from £9.40 to £10.00. Since Covid there has been a surplus, but, moving forward, there needs to be an increase. It is still considerably lower than pre covid as this was £11.10.

A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed.

Proposed; Paul Keeling, SOTW GC
Seconded; Peter Benson, Beeston Fields GC

06 Annual Dinner Report, Andrew Tuttey

The Dinner Secretary, Andrew Tuttey said he thought the dinner went very well and he had many compliments from various people about the food and speaker. He has also booked the venue for 2024 and 2025.

The dress code has been agreed by the Council to change to Red Coats, Dinner Suits, Dark suits and Captain Blazers, which he thought would encourage more to attend the dinner.

He was slightly disappointed in numbers and the lack of support from clubs in not even replying to his emails.

He did not know what the price of the ticket would be next year as yet.

Response

Peter Benson, Beeston fields GC thanked Andrew very much for all his hard work.

07 England Golf & Midland Golf Union Report ... Colin Bee

ENGLAND GOLF REPORT

The England Golf Board and the board of the Woodhall Spa Land Holding continue to disagree on the terms of reference regarding the ownership of all the land and buildings at Woodhall, historically the land has been in the ownership of the men's union, but since the merger some years ago, and in more so in recent times, for EG to continue to get investment and sport grants there needs to be shared ownership with the ladies.

WSLH produced a document to take matters forward, this document was deemed to be insufficient by EG and such meetings have been ongoing, WSLH has since produced a revised document, further meetings are planned, and clubs will be updated in due course.

We have been tasked as all counties have in running a WHS workshop, this is part of the ongoing training for the new handicap system, we attended a workshop back in November at Manchester Golf Club, for anyone who has a reasonable knowledge of the system, there was absolutely nothing new to learn and in essence these workshops are designed to educate new handicap committee members.

Every club will be allowed to bring 2 members to attend the workshop which takes place at Coxmoor Golf Club on Monday 13th March.

As usual anything we get from EG, is sent out to the clubs.

Colin Bee

England Golf voting member.

MIDLAND GOLF REPORT

MGU meeting; Thursday 5th January 2023 at Kilworth Springs GC

The agenda of the meeting was to sign off 2022 Accounts for the Union and set the budget for 2023.

Accounts to 31st August 2022

Was a deficit of £3.6K on the year mainly attributable to tournaments not being fully subscribed and costs rising e.g. fuel, accommodation etc. While this resulted in cash reserves being reduced the MGU Executive are comfortable with the financial position.

Budget 2023

2 budget options were presented.

A vote was taken on both with Option 1 for a 32p per member affiliation fee being agreed with 7 in counties favour & 3 against.

The increased fee includes sums for the new Deputy Tournament Chairman, Accountancy software and inflation percentage increase to the Secretary & Treasurers honorarium to assist with rising costs of expenses.

Paul Keeling
27th January 2023

JUNIOR REPORT

County Coaching

The Winter coaching sessions at Oakmere GC are progressing really well with the new squad structure. Additional skills challenges have been added to the sessions and these are being well received by all of the boys. Each boy now has a full 2 hours of coaching and skills work each night.

4 Counties

All of the plans for the 2023 Tournament are now close to completion. Despite clashes with other EG and MGU tournaments which attract some of our players, we will field a very strong and enthusiastic team.

EG Boys County Championship (10 Counties)

Plans are well in hand for the 2023 10 Counties Tournament at Kirby Muxloe GC in late May.

MGU League

All of the 2023 fixtures are organised on a new set of fixed dates so scheduling going forward should not be the problem it was in the past.

County Tournaments

All boys are now being encouraged to enter as many County tournaments as they feel able – hopefully this will result on good entries for all of our events

08 Discussion of new County Course Rota Colin Bee

The County Secretary informed the Executive the new County course rota had been sent out to all clubs prior to this meeting and he has had replies from the eight clubs involved in which they had all agreed to the new format. He was very conscious about the pressure put upon a club and its members having to host 9 events during their year being County course. This way they will only have to host 3 events and all the other competitions will be disbursed throughout the other seven clubs. All other events and matches will be as normal in asking other clubs to host these.

Response

Points made by the Executive:

- **Rushcliffe GC opposed the new format.**
- **More enter competitions if played at a top course.**
- **Other clubs can always be added to the rota, it is not set in stone.**
- **To do a cycle of courses and to then review it.**
- **Over 45 comps/matches each year happen, we must ask clubs to host these events and it is a struggle each year, as we use the same clubs and often, they will have to host at least three.**
- **A review date will be arranged, and it should be noted that the list is not cast in stone and may alter over time.**

09 Approval of new Vice President nomination.... Colin Bee

The Secretary informed the Executive the nomination for a new Vice President is Richard Coleman, Wollaton Park GC. Richard has been very involved with competitions and WHS at Wollaton Park GC and he would be an

asset to the Union with his knowledge. He will be proposed at the AGM meeting in March.

10 Health & Safety Colin Bee

Nothing

11 Any other Business

The Past President thanked everyone for attending and thanked Beeston Fields GC for their hospitality and invited those present to join him for a drink.

The meeting closed at 20.10 hours.

12 Date of next meeting 124th Annual General meeting, will be held at Beeston Fields GC on Wednesday 8th March, 2023 at 7.30pm prompt.