

Redditch Kingfisher Golf Club

Monthly meeting

Wednesday 24th January 2024, 19:00

Tardebigge

Course

Looking really good considering the weather we have had in December.

Gorse bushes now cut back between 7th & 8th

Trees on right side of 6th fairway cut back and thinned out, to let more natural light through, hopefully improve the drainage.

Rubicon

Update from Marcus

Treasurers Report

Update from PH

Handicap Committee

Any Updates

General Committee

Any Updates

Captains Report

Competitions decimated during December due to the unprecedented weather.

Number still very good for competitions, both weekend and weekly.

I feel club won't grow any more than 150 members in current format with course, unable to attract other golfers to join us, suggestions??

Have suggested to Rubicon, some things to implement, but won't happen this coming year.

Golfers who have joined us from January 2024, who have paid their union fee's, should receive union fee discount off next year's membership payment (To discuss)

Leaf clean, looking at March to complete this

AGM, we vote for committee members this coming year, suggestions for nominations prior to meeting, this would require a change in policy, thus requiring a vote to implement this.

GH	Presented invoice for cups and engraving
PH/ SH	Seniors are spending more for their competitions, perhaps we need an entry fee for all comps??
SG	This needs to be discussed – budget for all things at club, as set out in the December meeting, in the balance of fairness.
PW	we still have money in the account, whats the problem?
PH	Money needs to be shared equally amongst ALL members
IS	Seniors to have their own budget
PW	Problem with collecting competition entry fee
SH	Put monies in box with scorecards
PW	Wants to set budget for Seniors before AGM, to put forward to members
SW	How many people know how club monies get spent?
SH	More for players and less for club
SG	To revisit the budget and re assign monies

GH

One request to look at/ dealt with budget

SG spoke with MK about pending green fee changes, £40 DD per month, and £16.50 per 18 holes (Estimate)

Club membership to increase to £50 (from 1st March to 31st March) early bird then £60 from April 1st

All in one price has not been released at this time

GH

Club comps – scorecard input, struggling to read some scorecards that have been input. If unable to read, a two-stroke penalty to be added to scores.

Two warnings will be sent to players, prior to any shots been added, then on third scorecard, penalty strokes to be added. SG to put up on group chat & noticeboard, how a scorecard to be presented

MD

9th & 12th winter mats needs attention

SG

From an email by MK, SG is not allowed to contact SC anymore, as result of alleged bullying on previous Saturday. All course related issues, to go through MK

SH

Non qualifying weekend fiddles, players to be cut before next game, as long as it's a NQ, this is due to extreme high scoring

- SG in agreeance with SW, but it's managing the handicaps for NQ matches
- PW RBC want rid of council allotments, thinks that Rubicon will take over, and might affect RKGC
- HGS Ladies golf is going well, every other Sunday, new ladies seem very happy, might be able to run a ladies comp in a few months.
- SG The race to Woodhall Spa, a comp run at every club, best SD aggregate scores, both Ladies and men's, our two winners are: Hayley Gorton Snowball for Ladies, It would have been Dave Atkinson for men's, but Dave is on holiday, so next best place is Graham Tomkinson. Both players are aware, and will represent the club at Broadway, on the June 16th. £90 for both players entry fee has been agreed by committee

SG

New slope tables coming in April 1st, (CR – Par) is the new course handicap, which will result in players losing HCP strokes. The committee was presented with a mock up slope table, showing what their HCP will be. I did stress that, this is not 100% but a guide at this stage. GH to attend WHS meeting on February 16th at Bromsgrove GC to get more information. This is a UK wide rollout, NOT just RKG. As a result, will look at the divisions, on a Saturday morning.

GH

Will not be Senior captain for this coming season, BUT would like to stop onto do competitions

PH

Will not be continuing with club treasurer

KA

Will not be continuing with general committee

Having spoken earlier about the alleged bullying by SG towards SC, SW stated the following:

“Marcus is dangerous, and as a result, not got the best interest of the club at heart. The quote of “bending Over backwards”, is utter nonsense, the very thing is a big issue. The tee time issue, difficult at times to book Past 11am in the past. It’s a historical thing, that we have a Saturday morning, for club competitions. MK wants to make money overpriced Guinness, £5.60 per pint and the overpriced food, the other week, due To the course being closed, some players booked the PAR4 facility at Astwood Bank, MK took a disliking to This, which resulted in a heated exchange on the club WhatsApp group, which then ultimately MK left the Group chat. We try to support the course in any way we can, BUT will not be bullied into buying when MK Wants us to.”

In another instance, SW mentioned:

During a time when Stu was on holiday, Marcus approached me about the team to play Redditch Golf club, the team will be drawn out of the hat from the players that wanted to play. The rest of the players would then play in a normal competition, which Marcus did not agree with, as local press would be attending, and didn't want ANYONE else on the course. On a separate occasion Marcus then suggest to me (again whilst Stu was away) that he felt he should have a say on Who was in the committee, I felt he would refrain from speaking to Marcus any further. Again, I felt that Marcus was manipulating the situation, whilst Stu was on holiday, and I felt uncomfortable with the whole thing."

GH

Has any work started on the tees as of yet?

SG

Not known, as not able to talk to SC

Those present:

Stuart Gorton	SG
Steve Walker	SW
Matt Dyer	MD
Helen Gorton	HG
Hayley Gorton – Snowball	HGS
Ian Snowball	IS
Pete Harrison	PH
Paul Wood	PW
Bert Harris	BH
Glynne Harris	GH
Ken Amos	KA
Steve Howard	SH

Apologies:

Adam Osborne

Marcus Killingsworth

Not present:

Darrell Ashley

Meeting started at 19:00 and closed at 20:38