

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Held at
DORSET GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2010

Present:

John Smith	-	President
Douglas Pratt	-	Vice President
Iain Donnelly	-	Captain
Giles Legg	-	Vice Captain
Bill Kennedy	-	Junior Secretary
Anthony Eden	-	Seniors Captain
John White	-	Executive Member
David Steward	-	Executive Member
Ian Hulse	-	Secretary

Apologies: None

ACTION

Meeting opened at 10:35 hours:

Item 1 - Welcome: The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was nice to see all around the table.

Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting 17th December 2009:

The minutes were signed by the President as a true record of events.

Item 3 – Matters arising: All actions on the previous minutes had been completed. The secretary had briefed the County Coach on dates (item 3). Trophies and blazer badges had been purchased for the juniors as per item 7. The secretary had sent a letter of congratulations to Kevin Spurgeon.

Item 4 – Captains Report: The captain briefed the meeting and whilst the weather had curtailed play the response to the practice sessions had been very positive. He felt a good team spirit is being generated and this bodes well for the two remaining sessions to be held in March. The captain is to arrange some practice at Remedy Oak. The teams have been selected for the pre-season friendlies and all squad players will get the opportunity to feature in a least one of the fixtures. The President made the observation on how important it is to ensure all players involved in the Kent match have access to a DMD. BK asked if the Colts were being invited to these sessions, the captain said yes and he will include some of the junior squad in some sessions.

Item 5 – Vice Captains Report – Colts: Nothing to report only to state he would hope to see some of the Junior Elite Squad both past and present taking an Active part in the Colts fixtures this year..

Item 6 – Senior Captains Report: All was well in the seniors camp and the captain was to arrange some foursome practice sessions so when reaching this years final the team will be better equipped and strong pairings will be available.

Item 7 – Juniors Secretary's Report: The last meeting of the Juniors Sub Committee was on 21 Feb 10. The key items discussed were Coaching and Junior OOM.

Coaching

The overall coaching programme is progressing well for all three squads – Under 14s, Juniors and Elite. The overall programme is slightly over budget as the Coach introduces more into some of the sessions including fitness and mind mapping which meant the Junior Squad sessions being extended to a full day. Any excess of expenditure will come from the current sponsorship money.

OOM

The Junior OOM has been revamped to include more events and it will now work on a points system similar to that of the men's. It is hoped this will help to ensure the better

players are in the top echelon on this years OOM.

Item 8 – Secretary’s Report:

Correspondence: The secretary briefed on the various correspondences received.

Finances: Secretary briefed the meeting on the accounts. He also presented the meeting with the 2009 Audited accounts for approval so they could be distributed to the clubs.

Approved

The meeting then discussed the proposed budget 2010, after discussion members were again asked to approve for distribution to clubs.

Approved

County Dinner: All was well, the venue is the Crown Hotel Blandford and numbers were stable at around 138. The Presidents golf will be at Remedy Oak.

EGU Matters: The secretary informed the meeting on the following:

Merger

An update was given on the merger discussions and the steering group has decided to move forward by setting up working groups to examine the detailed implications of merger. The findings will help the steering group to draw up its final proposal which will be put to the voting members of both organisations identifying the benefits a merger would bring to the amateur game in this country. These include:

- Golf would speak with one voice – and the message that golf is one sport for all would be clearly heard.
- One strategic vision for golf would take the game forward for all players of all ages.
- One single body, uniting men and women, would be positive for the sport and could encourage more people to take up the game.
- Golf would have greater commercial power. One organisation representing men and women would attract a wide range of sponsors, particularly those who wish to appeal to the family market.
- One merged organisation could increase efficiency in development, club services, coaching, championships, media and marketing.
- Costs could be reduced and more effective use made of resources.

County Champions of Champions

After much discussion at the last general meeting the Championship Committee have decided the following will happen for this year:

The county champions will continue to play their 36 holes championship on the Sunday.

The junior county champions will not, as last year, play 18 holes on Saturday and 18 on Sunday. They will play 36 holes on Saturday, followed by their prize-giving.

This year, they will not arrange a similar championship for senior county champions.

Item 9 – Any Other Business (AOB):

- a. **Partnership Update:** Bill Kennedy as current Chairman of the Partnership asked the committee consider the following:

Dorset County Golf Partnership (DCGP) is now one of 32 county partnerships set up under the umbrella of the England Golf Partnership (EGP) through which it is funded by Sport England up to 2013. When initially set up no funding agreement was put in place by either the DCGU, DLCGA and PGA should the central funding stop. Ways to fund future initiatives will have to be addressed in the next three years. Both the DCGU and DLCGA have agreed to fund the last year of the proposed Club and Coach programme with the DCGU putting in £3000 and the DLCGA £1000. At the end of the final years money from Sport England funding will cease, both parties will have to look at this initiative to see if it is still viable and worth funding.

DCGP is a partnership between the DCGU, DLCGA and PGA, and is now also strongly supported by Active Dorset and the Golf Foundation. The partnership has a development plan covering the period 1st October 2009 – 31st March 2013. The detailed action plans have been drawn up in line with the EGP Whole Sport Plan (2009 – 2013). Development Plan sets out the aims and objectives of the Dorset Golf Partnership. The objectives will be achieved through implementation of the detailed action plans that form

the programmes and initiatives for golf in the county. One of the major activities is to steer clubs through GolfMark qualification which is a national scheme that identifies and recognises junior and beginner friendly golf facilities.

The county partnership to help meet its objectives has employed a County Development Officer who will be responsible for putting into action the partnerships development plan. Both the DCGU and DLPGA have a material interest in the activities and outcomes of the DCGP. It behoves both organisations to be well informed about the DCGP and maintain an active interest in its work. It is therefore proposed that:

One member of the DCGP steering group should be a member of the current executive of both the DCGU and DLPGA.

The DCGP is a standard item on the agenda of DCGU Executive Committee meetings. The DCGP should try to attract club members onto it and include it as a standard item on the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Council.

- b. **Executive Meetings:** The secretary asked the meeting if it felt the current meeting were too many / few. It was felt the current meeting programme was about right and that where possible they should be held on the third Thursday of the month. When dates clashed then if possible the meeting to be held at County Championships when most of the executive will be in attendance.
- c. **SW Week Accommodation:** Accommodation has now been arranged at Trevoze and due to the club not being able to fit us in for a training weekend it was proposed to go down on the Friday prior to practice and lead straight in to the championship.
- d. **SW Counties - Dorset to Nominate Junior Vice President:** This matter was dealt with prior to the meeting with discussion between President, Vice and the secretary, it was strongly felt the fairest system to follow for nominations is that of asking Past Presidents in the strict order of their Presidency. If a Past President should decline then the next in line would be asked. To start this off the next Past President in line is Mr Ian Clark who has accepted and is delighted to have his name go forward to the SW Committee.
- e. **Seniors Championship:** The secretary asked the meeting to consider now we have revamped the Seniors Championship if we should not also award our County Seniors Champion with a Silver Medal. All members agreed this should be done. The president also stated that he felt any previous Champion should have the option to also purchase a silver medal retrospectively, which was also unanimously agreed by the committee.
- f. Finally the Captain proposed a vote of thanks to John Smith our President as this will be his last meeting in the Presidents chair, all members thanked John for all his efforts and he has been a delight to work with over the last two years.

Item 10 –Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held at DG&CC Thursday 29 April 2010 at 1700 for a 1730 hour start.

All

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:45 hours.

Signed as a True record:

Douglas Pratt President 29 April 2010