



Middlesex Golf

Minutes of Board Meeting

Held at Stanmore GC

7pm, Tuesday 29th April 2025

ACTION

In attendance: David Niccol – Chair (DN), Di Rowlands – President (DR), Hasmukh Pattni (HP), Anne Koychev (AK), Ruth Holmes (RH) zoom, Robbie Martin (RM), Lee Patterson (LP), Ketan Raja (KR). Des Cassidy (DC)

1) Apologies for absence

None

2) Matters Arising

Change of company address has been actioned to all parties concerned. All bank mandates have been altered, Virgin Money is still in the process of being changed. AK requested a finance procedures document to be prepared and circulated.

Safeguarding forms have been revised and are being distributed to team managers.

RH requested that the family fun day is promoted by all Directors at their own golf clubs.

Finance policy constructed and circulated to the Board 01/05/2025

3) Chairman's Report

DN has attended opening Championships for the 2025 season and was pleased with what he observed. There was, however, one incident involving an overly attentive parent, which David managed to placate. Nevertheless, David is confident of another successful Championship season.

4) Finance Director

HP reported on the updating of County Finance Policy and Procedures to include the future use of Xero accounting platform. Xero to go live from Friday 2nd May, coinciding with a training session on the same day.

Quarterly Management Accounts will, in future, be presented at every Board Meeting.

HP & LP to attend Xero training 02/05/2025

5) Secretary's Report

LP asked for comments with regards to his previously submitted report and further stated competition entries are healthy. The County office has been busy with many and varied projects, not least of which is the revision of the business plan.

LP mooted the introduction of honorary life membership for those considered to be long term supporters of Middlesex Golf. County awards in general were agreed to be reviewed generally and a sub committee is to be formed to undertake that task. The formation of such a committee is yet to be agreed.

An electronic County card is imminent and will be distributed to all affiliated members as soon as it becomes available.

Board sub-committee to be formed to examine County Awards. Composition tbc.

6) Teams & Coaching

An application was received for the Directorship of Teams & Coaching. After a full discussion, the consensus of the Board was that this Directorship should be a completely independent person, who in no way benefits from the Teams & Coaching contract, this to ensure there was never any danger of a conflict of interest.

The Teams and Coaching contract, as previously advised, is due for renewal in October 2025. Invitations to apply for the contract are live with a closing deadline of mid May, following which interviews will be scheduled.

A subcommittee, comprising of AK, RM and DR, supported by LP, will convene to examine applications and arrange interviews. A team manager is also to be invited to offer an opinion.

7) Tournament Rules

RM confirmed that tournament entry conditions are to be discussed at the next meeting of the tournament committee.

KR confirmed that every effort would be made to ensure referees are present at Junior Championships.

8) England Golf

DR attended the England Golf AGM and gave a draft copy of the their County governance guide. DC to consider in due course.

The rebuilding of the National Golf Centre is confirmed and this project will now proceed.

9) Development

The Development Steering Group met on 17th April and agreed our annual grant distribution. All projects were confirmed as reflecting guidelines laid down by England Golf. Additional funds would be used to support community golf instructors, mental health initiatives and sustainability. Support for the Family & Friends Fun Day was reiterated.

10) AOB & Date of next meeting

DC requested that social media content is liked, retweeted and shared by board members at every opportunity.

Board Meeting 2025 - 8th July, 7th October, at 7.00pm. Venue - Stanmore Golf Club

AGM 4th February 2026 at 7.00pm. Venue Stanmore Golf Club

General Meetings – 6th November & 10th November. Venues Wyke Green & North Middlesex GC's

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LP to advise applicant that his interest is politely declined. Completed 01/05/2025

DR, AK, RM, LP to agree interview dates.

LP to investigate whether Golf Genius (GG) can filter out players with suspect handicap records. GG confirm this is not possible and has to be done manually.

Des to circulate Family & Friends poster to Board