**Alston Moor Golf Club**

**Minutes of Committee meeting**

Date: 28th May 2024 Location Clubhouse at 7.00pm

Attendees P Parkin, A Dodd,A Parkin , P Bell, D Rutherford, P Rymer, M Younger

Apologies V James J Younger, M Younger,P Richardson

**Agenda:**

1. Previous Minutes 30th April 2024

Agenda Action List Treasurers Report,Greens Report, Handicap & Competitions ,Marketing Publicity,ANOB

**Action List**

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| **Ref** | **Action List** | **By Who** | **When** |
| **1** | **New Website is up and running. Policies have been updated an added. Add copies of latest Minutes of Meeting to website, Secretary to acquire HH email. and links to local accommodation. Booking issues for Competitions via the website .New Card forwarded, Fixture list forwarded** | **HH** | **Remove** |
| **2** | **Clubhouse New Bar worktop (Cascina Pine Grey) installed White strip installed on inner bar edge PR. Review further refurbishment to the front and back and floor of the bar as Clubhouse needs redecoration. Quote for new flooring behind the bar is awaited. Work required to reposition beer line and electrical cables.**  **Budget of £400 agreed.**  **Look at a Hive to replace the Thermostat** | **MH/AD** | **Ongoing** |
| **3** | **Dark Skies. Solar Panels have been installed and are working. Electricity Bill for April 12 GBP. Westmorland and Furness Council have agreed to fund £10k towards a small fibreglass observatory approx. 2.2m dia. Alston parish Council have agreed to fund £2k, which will fund the purchase and installation of a Pulsar Observatory. Car park has been cleared. Next stage is the mark out and excavation of the foundations and the services of an electrician will be required.** | **PP/AD** | **Ongoing** |
| **4** | **Ladies have requested that a screened toilet area is constructed amongst the tees on the LH side of the short 4th tee. A nylon screen was discussed and a Portapotty has been donated.** | **DR** | **Ongoing repair** |
| **5** | **Tidy up around the Clubhouse and concreting with reinforcement in front of the machine shed to give a working area. The observatory will require precast concrete so we should consider trying to do it as the same time as the Observatory funds. New building to be constructed with purchased timer. Area has been cleared. Conveyor belt on site for sides, need posts holders. Post foundation need to be constructed. RH to remove some of the unused cars from the site.** | **RH/JR/CB** | **Ongoing** |
| **6** | **Contact Forestry Commission, Countryside Stewardship and Woodland Trust with regards to funding from Carbon Offset schemes, Grants for stonewalling and Ash Dieback.**  **Application with Defra/Countryside Stewardship to give the Secretary access to their website Application forms.**  **Two meetings todate with ANOB and Cumbria Woodland Trust about the possibility of a Wilderness Walk which would be 100% funded on the other side of the road. A Bird survey will be conducted to access what assistance ANOB can provide. ANOB /Rural payments have approved a grant for 48,969.20 for 1066 metres of drystone walling,1066metres of Top wire and 55metres of replacement stone on the 66-acre site.**  **Drystone Walling agreed with Mog McGuire at £30 who has confirmed is availability from Spring 2025.Secretary to confirm in writing.** | **AD** | **ongoing** |
| **7** | **Greens Keeping contractors. S Love will cut the rough and C Dickinson will cut the fairways and Jack Marples is cutting the greens. All staff advised that they must use the Invoicing template to receive payment. Clarification from CD on this issue.** | **PP/AD** | **ongoing** |
| **8** | **Captain**  **Captain would like the practice facilities improving.**  **Concrete on the base of the practice net and potential extension to a double bay and the cutting of a practice green.** | **MY** |  |
| **9** | **Motorhome Planning application to be submitted. Local rate at Haggs Bank is £30 per night. Secretary to investigate any setup fees. Planning 400 and an annual charge of approx. 200GBP.Agreed to discontinue as cost outweigh benefits.** |  |  |

**2.Treasurers Report**

2.1 Accounts Update Payment to Cumbria Golf GBP 960.50

2.2 Accounts

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| Account | 210223 | 300523 | 180723 | 031023 | 190324 | 280524 |
| Community Account | 7695.33 | 17319.99 | £14890 | 13316.08 | 3411.21 | 10032.42 |
| Savings Account | 8138.70 | 8026.67 | 7736 | 7771.63 | 7834.63 | 7860.05 |
| Competition Account | 3273.73 | 3521.30 | 4037 | 4238.46 | 4399.12 | 3599.08 |
| Bar Account | 7244.60 | 8026.67 | 8601 | 10382.51 | 10189.86 | 10718.03 |
| Total |  | 36585.96 | 35264 | 35705.68 | 25834.82 | 32209.58 |
| Observatory | 5000 | 7775.16 | 7760 | 7745.16 | 3100.16 | 3085.16 |

2.3 Membership

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| Membership | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Total | 70 | 78 | 97 | 93 | 87 | 77 | 48 |
| Full | 41 | 52 | 58 | 58 | 50 | 39 | 26 |
| Senior | 18 | 19 | 21 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 17 |
| Junior | 1? | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | - | - |
| Country | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 Day | 5 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 1 |
| Social | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Honorary |  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

2.4 Greens Fees £TBA

2.5 Members who are not rejoining M Deadman, A Moffit

**3. Greens Committee**

Greens

3.1 Preferred Lies are now a local rule .EGU have advised that Preferred lies have to be removed by the end of May.Dispensation will be considered by an application to your local golf union, Sign will be displayed on the car park notice board to confirm status. The rules on the scorecard apply.

3.2 Staked and Guarded trees both qualify for relief .

Restaking of Trees and removal of tree covers and small stakes are required. Restaking with

large stakes was agreed. Stakes have been acquired. The removal and replanting of a number of trees on the 3rd /12th was discussed.

3.3 Course issues

* 1. Catching of moles and rabbits. Alan Frater to be asked to catch moles on a regular basis. Mr Frater has advised that he is waiting for the course to dryout a second molecatcher is to be located.Mr Frater to be contacted and V James to ask the price and availability of an alternative catcher.M Deadman M Collins and Danny Taylor have also been shooting rabbits (52) todate.
  2. Work party required constructing new storage shed.
  3. New Tee Markers 10% complete and Yardage stakes 90% installed. Advertising is to be considered.

d. Rough Mower and fairway mowers are aging and we should lookout for suitable

replacements.

3.4 Trim the branches of the trees along the roadside to improve visibility of the road and the course as Mr Glovers permission.

**4. Handicap &Competitions**

**5. Clubhouse**

5.1 The following non-committee members are formally approved to serve behind the bar Christine Walton, Carl Dickenson, Colin Carnell, T Younger, K Short

5.2 Clubhouse boiler Simon Lee has been requested to repair and serviced. Secretary is pursing government energy grants for a new boiler NEW Storm Arwen fund has been considered but does requires a standalone power system that will operate for 72 hours.

5.3 New floor covering inside the Ladies cubicles is awaiting a quote.

**6.Marketing /Publicity Committee**

6.1 Consider an Introduction to Golf Day or Free Invitation Taster to find new members. Offered Free Friday golf for three Fridays in May without any uptake.

7. **Any Other Business**.

7.1 Install an air compressor to by the car park noticeboard to allow members to clean shoes, and buggies. Compressor is currently stored in the workshops a safe box is required for the top car park. Base and Cover are required and an automatic switch timer is required.

7.2 Car chargers will be installed at no cost to the club we may need to factor in a 3 phase supply to the solar panels if this proceeds. Trustee will be required to authorise. A copy of the Land Registration certificate is required. Issues with the Land registry associated with the Dryborough loan, which is associated with the Deeds. A Dodd to contact Pernod Ricard ,process complete need a copy of the Letter of Completion from Cartmell.Land registration will take upto 18 months

7.3 Course seats need refurbishing. New wedges are required in the cement sided seats and the cost of new composite boards is to be acquired.

7.4 County Membership entitles members to 10 rounds on courses within Cumbria and affiliates for

£100.

7.5 Addition signage required.

i) 3rd and 12th Ring Bell after finishing hole.

ii) 2nd Repair pitch marks and be aware of golfers on the 3rd and 12 th Tee

iii) 6th Be aware of golfers playing the 4th & 13th Hole.

iv) Sign no practice driving off the 1st and 10th tees and remove the plastic box full of balls .

near the clubhouse.

V) Bell on the 18th hole

7.6 Low Flatt is now up for sale.Request from Low Flatt to reroute the path that goes through their land. Mr Pease appear to be using the course land as overflow for his rubbish.Secretary to discuss.

7.7 Alston Bowls Club have the use of our aerator.There is some concern with regard to the future of the bowls club so we need to make sure that we recover the equipment if it closes.

Next meeting 18th June 2024

Meeting closed 7.50 pm Andrew Dodd Secretary