



Rossendale Golf Club



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Scrutiny of the Board

How is the Board managing?

We welcome a co-opted Director of House, Chris Walsh. He comes from a project management background and is a great addition to the team. His confirmation will go out to vote when he is completely satisfied with the direction the board is taking.

Given that the most extraordinary set of circumstances were thrown at the newly formed board we are doing extremely well.

Each board member contributes more time than originally anticipated largely due to the restrictions Coronavirus has enforced on the club. But we all offer our time freely and with enthusiasm to put the club on a sound business footing.

Financially, the club is in a reasonable position, the treasurer has taken advantage of many of the finance incentives available to us as a business. And as a board we look keenly at what we can and cannot afford. So far, the club is in safe hands with Alan Schofield.

The golf committee is gathering strength and focussing entirely on the game and the course and ways to improve the experience of golf for everybody. This is done under the great leadership of Barry Brown and that allows the board to concentrate on running the business knowing that competitions, handicaps etc are being managed at the Golf Operational Committee

We believe we are communicating more frequently to members through emails, Scott Hearn and also the newsletter. When restrictions are lifted, we will also make use of messages and news through either of the TVs in the lounge.

The current Board will operate without a chair as this role has not attracted a volunteer. We will look to re-advertise the position in the new year for presentation at the AGM. As we have a passion for the club and are constitutionally quorate, we will continue to focus on the way ahead and the strategic plan.

Farewell to Martin

Martin has informed the club he wishes to leave by August 31st after many years of long and hard service. We wish him every success in his retirement.

Martin pictured receiving a certificate of great appreciation from the Mayor in 2019



The Board has advertised for a temporary replacement and will be interviewing in the coming weeks.

The future of the Lounge?

Covid-19 has changed the shape of the restaurant and bar industry. The Golf club is no exception to this.

The cost analysis carried about by the Board evidences that the bar is not cost effective and that the revenue earned from the kitchen last year did not meet £4.5k

We have considered various options. The first was to offer Mitch, the caterer, the option to hold the franchise for both the bar and the kitchen. He has declined this option.

Next option is to recruit a temporary Bar manager whilst the board look at all the financially viable options, but the franchise is likely to be put out to tender in 2021.

Summer Event Good news

It was great to see so many members competing, buying raffles and mulligans to support the Captains' Summer Event. A big thank you to all the organisation and to all of you who took part or helped out. It wasn't the best weather the event has ever had, but that didn't stop us. We raised over £3000.

Congratulations to the winners with a massive 97 points:

Shaun Marsden
Gordon Carswell
Andrew Burke
Luke Howarth

Followed closely by with 94 points

Chris Nicholls
John Spencer
James Cassell
Iain Hackett

We are delighted to see that a ladies' team came 4th with 90 points, well done

Joyce Watson
Janice Radcliffe
Sue Blades
Lisa Hartley



Pilates Pilot

The clubhouse will be used for a Pilates Pilot on Monday afternoons. Currently it is for ladies only and a maximum of 10.

If the pilot is successful, the treasurer will apply for a grant to continue the current class and more classes during the winter with the aim of keeping members fit during the winter months.

If any ladies would like to join the pilot please contact Debbie Nash.

Call for help!

The **halfway house garden** needs more plants and bushes. If members are tidying up gardens and throwing out overgrown plants, please bring them to the Halfway house where they will be replanted.

Your views matter



There have been numerous conversations with differing board members from members on the current set up in the lounge and halfway house.

Why no beer at the Halfway House has been frequently asked?

Answer: we have agreed that buying alcohol with members card is within the limits of our licence. This is now in place.

When is the Kitchen opening?

Answer: managing the bar and lounge during this Covid-19 pandemic and within national guidelines is difficult for all clubs. Many golf clubs chose keep all facilities closed because they believed they were unable to meet the government guidelines. We ran a two week trial to open the bar and lounge, members approved the regulations in place and we therefore agreed another two week trial with extended opening hours. This gives us more time to assess our capabilities. Re-opening the kitchen brings a further set of issues which will need to be carefully planned and managed. Normality seems a long way off, but we are doing our best and will keep members informed as we progress plans.

What is happening at the Barn?

Answer: it is on hold at the moment until we complete a business and project plan. We have applied for a grant to contribute towards the costs of completing the work there.

Why can't we have Sky TV in the Lounge?

Answer: The cost of £4k is prohibitive

What was the view of the first Scrutiny Report?

Answer: they found that the minutes did not completely reflect the actual actions of the board, that we had not identified where were monitoring targets or where we had made progress with the Strategic Plan. This has been addressed. They will report again in 5 months