

**Greener Golf Network  
Leicestershire and Rutland**

**Advisory Group ZOOM meeting notes  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

*Please note: these are not minutes, but a record of main points.*

**Present:**

**Advisory Group members:** Helen Buckingham (Hinckley); Jon Coleman (Beedles Lake) and Adi Porter (Greetham Valley)

**Apologies:** Will Bevan (Cosby); Jim Jacobs (MHGC)

**GGN Board members:** Bob Roberts (Market Harborough), Janet Hartley Byng (Ullesthorpe), Ken Moore (Charnwood Forest) and Peter Haddon (Lingdale).

**1. Introduction and welcomes**

Bob welcomed everyone to the second meeting of this group. This was the second occasion when two members of the group had had to give their apologies. At the upcoming Forum meeting, a couple of further volunteers would be sought to bolster numbers.

**2. Plans for the FORUM on 17<sup>th</sup> October at Beedles**

- Jon confirmed Beedles Lake as the venue. 10.00 a.m. start.
- Bob reminded the group of the intention behind this 'Forum' i.e. a twice yearly opportunity to share information, listen to short talks and presentations and discuss topics of relevance. Twice yearly (April and October?) was agreed as appropriate
- A draft agenda for this coming meeting had been circulated (Sept 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Members of the Advisory group present agreed to give brief talks about issues and progress at their clubs. (Will and Jim to be asked.) This is to set the tone for future meetings.
- Adi would raise the topic of glass crushers for generating bunker 'sand'. This to be a potential commercial talk at Conference 2025
- New display boards to be used and leaflets to be distributed
- BR to ask Ben Devine (LRWT) to attend during discussion on Partnership.

**3. Programme for 2025**

**CONFERENCE**

- The main event would be the conference on 18<sup>th</sup> February at Ullesthorpe. This will be a Network conference, not limited to Leics and Rutland. The programme will be discussed at FORUM
- The Partnership Project Officer will be asked to be there, although s/he may not have visited many clubs by then. It was a good opportunity to raise awareness, answer questions etc. The Partnership needs to be on the programme in some way or other

**Other events**

- Wild Justice to be asked to be present at conference (or to lead a seminar event later...)
- Glass crusher company to be invited to a Forum or conference

- Once Project Officer is underway, consider a site visit or seminar(s) with him/her demonstrating case studies
- The progress of the Partnership might be a topic for a seminar later in the year

#### **4. Updates**

- **Certification** (Adi's suggestion for funding..)

Bob reported back that the board had discussed this possibility, but had decided not to proceed. This was partly because of issues to do with credibility, partly the huge admin involved, and partly the growing possibility of funding solutions from other sources

- **Funding**

There were a number of possible funding sources in the offing: a possible grant from the Fairways Foundation (Aquatrols); further support from Calum Cameron; and a possible grant through the wildlife trusts (Royal Society).

- **England Golf conference 10<sup>th</sup> September**

BR gave a brief report. The conference had had significant benefits for the GGN, but in terms of reaching the right audience it had been a failure

- **Water Voles Survey project.**

The group were aware of this project

- **GGN outreach**

The Warwickshire group was having its second meeting in November. There were possible new groups in Worcestershire and Sussex. Bob referred to the network's plans to develop a 'Framework' for potential new groups. The website had been adapted to allow for sections for new groups, and all groups would share the newsletter.

#### **5. Data protection**

The group gave consent for their names and clubs to be published on the website

#### **6. NEXT MEETING ---- AGREED TO AIM AT APRIL 2025 (post conference) unless required before.**

With apologies for any errors or omissions.

BR 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024