

## Veterans' Section Committee

### **Minutes of meeting held on January 3rd 2018**

( The meeting commenced at 2.05pm )

#### ***Present:***

Mike Donovan ( Captain ), Eric Hoffman, Harry Whiteman,  
Barry Trickett, Ian Smith, Steve King, Ron Stovell.

#### ***Apologies for absence:***

Jim Sadler, Alan Wilson.

#### ***Minutes of last meeting:***

These were accepted as a true record.

#### ***Matters arising:***

There were no matters arising.

#### ***Captain's Report:***

The Captain said the last month had been difficult with the sad death of a Vets stalwart in Bill Hymas. He said that he would be missed by many and will leave a void within the club, particularly with regard to the Bill Hymas Invitational Trophy played against the Harwich Vets.

The Captain said that unfortunately the snow and freezing weather meant that he had to cancel the 3 club portion of the Christmas 3 club 12 hole competition and Lunch, which was very disappointing but that we had a wonderful lunch and that he was pleased that everyone joined in the festivities by participating in the heads and tails challenge which raised the sum of £85 towards his charity. Also each table provided a joke to keep the party mood ticking along.

The Captain said that it was disappointing to hear that the Christmas raffle ticket sales were down this year by 31% for our section. He said that he hoped that we could push the ticket sales back up to the levels that we had achieved in previous years. He also said that it was unfortunate with the cancellation of the Christmas 3 club competition that we did not have the opportunity to try our mulligan voucher experiment, hopefully we can include this in a competition later in the year.

The Captain said that there had been a good response to his proposed Captain's Away Day for this year, with approximately 40 members adding their names to the list, interested enough to play. He had therefore sent a deposit to Burstead Golf Club to reserve tees for the day. This will go ahead on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Finally the Captain said that with Christmas and the terrible weather there was really little else to report on the golfing front and that he wished all our members a Happy New year and hopefully some good golf in the year ahead .

### ***Treasurer's Report:***

#### **Income and Expenditure account:**

Jim said that the surplus, year to date, has reduced by £651 and is now £675. The reduction is attributable to the costs of the Christmas Lunch of £517 and the staff gratuities of £375, offset by the net income from the two competitions held.

Expenditure on prizes has fallen to 45% of the entry fees, this needs to be increased over the coming months to achieve the target of 50% paid out of entry fees.

#### **Balance Sheet:**

Cumulative Members Balance now stands at £2,413, slightly ahead of last year.

The Captain's Charity has increased by £330 during the month, £85 from the Christmas Lunch, £27 donation, and £218 from the Christmas Draw and is now £457..

#### **Christmas Draw:**

The amount attributable to the Vets Section is 50% down on last year, with sales of tickets via the Section down by 31%.

Overall ticket sales were down by 23% and the costs for prizes were up by 32%.

### ***General Secretary's Report:***

Harry said that generally things were progressing satisfactorily.

He said that he had received an email from the secretary of Rochford Vets stating that they had voted to change to smart casual dress for all their home friendly games. He said that he had, in reply, said that we would adopt smart casual dress for their match against us at Forrester Park.

Harry said that he had agreed and received official confirmation from the Burnham Seniors, that the initial round of the John Day Trophy, to be played at Burnham, would be played on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Harry also said that Kevin Royan had advised him that all singles competitions, that we play off of white or yellow tees, will be qualifiers as from 1<sup>st</sup> January in accordance with EGU rules.

### ***Competition Secretary's Report:***

Ron said that everything was generally going OK. He said he would remind members yet again of the following point.

Again he reiterated that Winter League partners should check that both partners have ticked their names for each round. He said that in the past he has been very lenient with members and had tried to accommodate late requests if they haven't by the time the draw is made. Things have not improved despite repeated warnings. In future if both names of the entered pair are not ticked by the time the competition is drawn then members will stay with the drawn member, in a pair, and will not be changed.

***Update on members health:***

Alan Wilson is on holiday and so is unable to post his usual update list this month.

We do know that Colin Loveridge is in hospital suffering from pneumonia, the Section wishes him well and a quick recovery.

***Any Other Business:***

Harry Whiteman raised the point that following the demise of Bill Hymas the committee agreed that the Bill Hymas Invitational against Harwich should continue but that we needed an organizer. He said that a few members had offered to undertake the duty and after a discussion it was agreed that Peter Cowley should be asked if he would agree to undertake the duty. After the meeting Harry contacted Peter who agreed to act as organizer for the day liaising with Harwich and picking the team for the day.

***Date of next meeting***

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

( The meeting closed at 2.40pm )