

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 7th August 2019

Meeting commenced 2.00pm

Present:

Steve King, Ian Smith, Eric Hoffman, Barry Trickett, Alan Wilson, Harry Whiteman, Malcolm Harlow, Ron Stovell, Mike Donovan

Apologies for absence:

None.

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

None.

Captain's Report:

The Captain said that we have had a good month and that the weather had been very kind to us, with both the Anniversary competitions being well attended and successful. He said that we have played three matches over the past five weeks, starting with a win against Harwich, a loss at Five Lakes and finally a 4 all draw at home to Rochford. It should be noted that Rochford decided to play all 18 holes on the hottest day of the year and finished 3 men down but some of our team generously decided to play alternate holes against the opposition but all agreed that they had had a good day out. The Captain said that it was good to see new members joining in with the friendly matches.

He went on to say that the Vets Guest Day was all that he could have hoped for and that he thanked all who came along. He said that we were a little down on numbers entering this year but that looking at Alan Wilson's list, he could see several regulars who were unable to play this year and that he wished them speedy recoveries.

The Captain said that there were some fantastic scores on the day and that his guest and himself, only came sixth, with 46 points. He said that his raffle was generously supported and raised another £205 for his charity. This brought his total for the year to £2,040 so far.

The Captain said that he must give his thanks to Ron and Diane Ketley. Ron acted as starter preparing all the cards himself and he and Diane also ran the refreshment hut and acted as card collectors using the white board, to display the scores. The Captain said that Ron has been a stalwart for the section since its inception and went a long way to making the day so successful.

The Captain also thanked David Gillespie for providing the wonderful cut glass trophies for the winners.

Treasurer's Report:

The new Treasurer Malcolm Harlow has taken over from Jim Sadler and this is his first report.

Income and Expenditure account:

Malcolm said that there was a loss of £173 in the month, largely due to the cost of the Anniversary Trophy lunch of £505 and the cumulative position was now £572.

Balance Sheet:

Malcolm said that the balance is now £1,798 cumulatively and is £279 lower than last year.

Membership:

Malcolm said that there was one new member in the month, Keith Parrott. Total membership is now 136.

Cash Reserves:

Malcolm said that these have decreased during the month by £154 and are £1,045.

Outlook for year:

Malcolm said that we should break even, taking into account the cost of an estimated loss for the free lunch for the under 70 over 70 competition.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that things generally were proceeding OK.

He went on to say that he wanted to:

- 1) Thank Peter Waknell, for once again, agreeing to run this year's Winter League competition.
- 2) Thank Malcolm Harlow, on behalf of the Committee, for his efforts in preparing his first Treasurer's report on time, despite having had a smaller hand over period than envisaged, (two weeks instead of six weeks).

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that despite numerous comments in previous minutes there were still a large number of members putting their names down as late, late entries. Members get 5 weeks notice to put their names down on the tick list, which is ample time. Putting, your name down late, can disrupt the arrangements for the competition in question.

The Committee decided that if this behavior continued, penalties would be considered.

Other than the above, Ron thought that things were going well.

Update on members health:

Alan advised that the following members have been contacted to obtain their current condition, as they have all been suffering from ill health or injury.

Trevor Baines	David Brown
Peter Cowley	Stephen Eales
Ian Gibbard	Roland Hughes
Terry Jones	Trevor MacDonald
Fran Morley	Bob Oatham
Alan Moss	Ken Hornett

Derek Hollows

Alan asked that if any member becomes aware of any of our members, who become ill or injured, to let him know.

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Any Other Business:

Malcolm Harlow said that all information required by Barclays Bank for changes to the Bank Mandate and authorized persons, were with the bank and that we were awaiting a reply.

Malcolm said that he had an amount of money designated for the Bees Plate and asked what should be done with it, He was advised that it should be transferred to Peter Waknell, the Men's Section Treasurer, to be given to the Bees Charity.

Ron Stovell said that David Reynolds, who was eligible for free entry to competitions, had decided to pay in future.

Eric Hoffman said that the Sadler Shield , due to take place on 3rd August, had been rearranged to take place on 14th September.

Steve King gave a report on the one off match against Five Lakes, arranged for this year. He said that the match was played on a different course from that normally played, the meal came out on trays, with the cost being £17. He thought that things had not improved, from two years ago, when we had decided to drop them from our friendly match rota. The Committee again decided that we would not add them to next year's rota and Harry Whiteman was designated to inform them of our decision.

Due to the fact, that we are adding Peter Waknell, to our list of Committee members, eligible for election at upcoming AGM. Eric Hoffman said that he would be standing down and Mike Donovan would be putting his name forward, for re election.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September 2019.

Meeting ended 2:45pm