

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Aug 8th 2018

(The meeting commenced at 2.40pm)

Present:

Mike Donovan, (Capt), Steve King , Harry Whiteman, Jim Sadler, Barry Trickett, Alan Wilson.

Apologies for absence:

Eric Hoffman, Ron Stovell, Ian Smith.

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

Further to the decision taken to rename the Bill Hymas Invitational trophy as the Bill Hymas Memorial Trophy, after discussions with his daughter, Jane, it was decided to revert back to the original title of the Bill Hymas Invitational Trophy.

Captain's Report:

The Captain said that July had proved a quieter period with him away on holiday for two weeks and the Vice Captain Steve King taking up the reins for the July Medal and the home friendly match against Harwich which he congratulated Steve and the team for winning 51/2 to 21/2.

He said that we have since played against Rochford, with another good win 41/2 to 31/2, with special thanks to Geoff Pettitt for stepping in at the last minute to earn an important point,

The Captain said that in July we played two big events, the Vets Anniversary Trophy, which is a pairs better ball competition won by Trevor MacDonald and Gordon Henderson, with a magnificent 51 points. He said that we then played the Anniversary Plate which was won by Dave Powell with an incredible score of 43 points.

The Captain said that last week we had our annual Vets Guest Day, with 30 members and their guests, 60 in all, taking part. He said that he would like to thank the head green keeper Jeff and his team for setting up the course in such great condition after the recent rain.. He said that as usual there was a great carvery and thanked Paul, Matt, Sally and the team for looking after those attending, so well. He also said that, rather embarrassingly, the overall competition was won by himself and his guest with a very good score of 47 points and that, after much debate, the second prize went to Ian Smith and his guest John Gibson with 44 points on count back.

The Captain said that he would like to thank everyone present for their generous support of the raffle raising £275 for the Captain's Charity, The Somerville Foundation,

Finally he said that we have up and coming matches with Benton Hall, the Ball and Chain against the Ladies, Rochford and Gosfield Lakes. He said that we do still need one or two extra players for all these matches and

encouraged members to please check the Notice Board and add their names if they could play.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that as anticipated we had a deficit of £527 for the month of July, resulting from the costs of the Anniversary Trophy and the free competition for the Club's Anniversary Plate.

The year to date surplus is £339, down by £482 on last year.

Balance Sheet:

Members balance has reduced by £527 to £2,007.

Cash Resources:

These are reduced by £527 and now stand at £1,284.

Members:

Jim said that we have had 2 new members join during the month and one renewal.

Outlook for the year:

Jim said that we are heading for a deficit for the year, with the costs of Guest Day and the Under 70's Over 70's competitions being held in August of circa £900.

Jim said that the Captain's Charity now stood at £1441 after receiving £275 from the raffle receipts of the Vets Guest Day.

Finally Jim suggested that the entry fee for the Vets section be held at £5 per person for the next year. This was unanimously approved by the committee.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said following the discussions contained within last month's minutes concerning data protection and the approval for the exchange of telephone numbers between members, he had investigated our arrangements and come to the following conclusions. The welcome packs given out to new members do contain their agreement to exchange telephone numbers with other members within the section. New members also agree to accept this condition by filling in and signing the members registration form. The committee thought it appropriate that all members sign an appropriate registration form and it is now the intention to have a quantity of forms available at the AGM to have all members present sign one and catch up with remaining existing members as and when.

Harry said that he would soon be putting up a nomination sheet for officers and members of the new committee for the period 2018/2019 together with details of closing dates for proposals for consideration at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018.

Harry also advised that where it had been decided at a previous meeting to nominate June 5th next year 2019 as the inaugural Captain's Day, after

looking at next year's calendar it would be appropriate to change it to Wednesday May 29th in order to place the June medal in June, on 5th June and not the tail end of May. This was agreed by the committee.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron Stovell is on Holiday.

Harry acting as Completion Secretary in his absence said that no problems at present.

Update on members health:

Alan advised the following:

Trevor Baines	Hopes to be back soon.
Malcolm bottomley	Recovering very slowly.
Peter Cowley	Recovering very slowly.
Ian Gibbard	Due to play next week.
Peter Barker	Various problems still out for a few more weeks.
Ron Garrod	Making progress, hopes to play soon.
Terry Jones	Awaiting operation.
Bob Oatham	Hopes to be back soon.
Derek Hollows	Still got medical problems.
Roy Davidson	Back Injury.

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

Any Other Business:

Steve King brought up the ongoing problem of Slow Play and what we could do to overcome it. The committee has tried numerous ways of improving the speed of play in the past, without any success. Without penalizing individuals, which we are loathe to do, we can only encourage members to speed up their general play and follow the procedures detailed in previous committee minutes.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th September 2018.

(The meeting closed at 3.40pm)