

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 5th February 2020

Meeting commenced 2.45pm

Present:

Ian Smith, Barry Trickett, Alan Wilson, Harry Whiteman, Malcolm Harlow,
Steve Barraclough, Ron Stovell

Apologies for absence:

Steve King, Mike Donovan.

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

None.

Captain's Report:

The Captain reported that he was sad to learn, that another friend of ours, had passed away. Colin Loveridge had been a member of the club for many years and had devoted a lot of time and energy to its organization.

He said that Ron Garrod's funeral had been well attended by members of the section past and present. Two grandchildren told of their memories of Ron and mourners left the room to the sounds of Gracie Fields singing " Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye ".

The Captain said that Trevor Macdonald organized a working party to help clear leaves from the course. He was joined by Geoff Pettitt, Mark Beesley and Roy Valentine for a commendable three hours of work, allowing the ground staff more time for other duties.

He also said that the hut by the 5th tee had been measured and the repairs needed assessed. The Vice Captain and Captain aim to carry out the work in the spring, with the help of volunteers, Any help is greatly appreciated.

He said that the Florida Scramble, due to be played on the 15th January, had to be cancelled. Rain fell throughout the night before and was still coming down, as members were due to tee off. No one went out, not even the hardy Mike Donovan and his pals. Most entrants turned up and although there was no golf, the day was started off with coffee and a good chat.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:..

Malcolm said that there was an increase in the income of £481 from a deficit of minus £15 in December. He said that although we lost two weeks income, due to competition cancellations, there were no large expenses.

Members Balance Sheet:

Malcolm said that the Members Balance stands at £2023, compared with £1962 a year ago, which is a healthy position to be in.

Cash Reserves:

Malcolm said that the cash reserves stand at £1581 but we have to invest in buying monthly medals, birdy balls and paying entrance fees into the Essex Club Competitions, all expensive items.

Membership:

Malcolm finally said that there were no new members joining during January.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that things generally were proceeding OK . He had noticed however that there were numerous errors in this year's club diary within the Vets section, although the full and correct information had been given to the club. He asked members to check with the website for competition dates etc. Harry said that he had come across certain information, which he thought would be of interest to section members..

- 1) If members log onto the Essex Golf Union website, click on information > handicapping and then CONGU Quick guide to handicapping system for players. This guide contains all the handicapping information a player would need, explained clearly.
- 2) If members register with England Golf, they get access to their CDH id, which is sometimes necessary when entering competitions at other clubs. Since 2009, all official club members have been held on a Central Database of Handicaps with an identity number, having this id number allows members to move between clubs with their handicap without having to put in three cards. Another benefit is that after registering, members get automatic personal liability insurance.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that we still have one or two members who fail to read instructions regarding cancelling how to cancel their name on the tick list before the draw is done. Instead of putting NO next to their name if already ticked they cross the tick out, which is wrong. In addition, he said, when there are Winter League competitions, there are a small number of members who fail to tick their name or fail to get their partner to tick their name when they are on holiday. Ron then said they automatically expect him to place them with their partner after the draw has been made. Finally Ron said that when he closes and removes, the Late Entry/ Cancellation sheet he expects them to contact him either by phone or email, not write their name on the competition sheet, which is forbidden.

Ron said it would help if members read the instructions instead of assuming they know the procedure.

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.

Ted Moulds
Peter Waknell
Malcolm Bottomley
Jim Sadler

Michael Sabini
Chris Williams
Roy Davidson

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:

Alan Wilson reminded the meeting, that Jill Smith would be presenting prizes for the Pat Smith Trophy competition again this year. Accordingly the matters discussed last year ensuring that she is properly entertained during her visit, will be put in hand.

Ron Stovell said that Harry would be covering for him from mid March for two months as Competition Secretary.

Malcolm Harlow said that a previous member, Brian Stafford, had tried to enter a competition and paid his membership fee, although it was found out afterwards that he was no longer a member of the club. It should be noted that if anyone is not a paid up member of the club they cannot become a member of the Vets Section.

Barry Trickett said that he had made contact with Stoke by Nayland Seniors, our opponents in the John Day Trophy and that they had offered a free round, at the course for our team, prior to the competition being held. He also said that he would like to thank Dick Groves for his help in packing up the honour boards, prior to their return to the suppliers, for updating.

The Captain said that due to the late issuing of course committee minutes, Trevor Macdonald had offered to give us a summary, of items discussed, after the meeting was held.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March

Meeting ended 3.22pm