

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 13th February 2019

Meeting commenced 2:20pm

Present:

Ian Smith, (Vice Captain) Eric Hoffman, Ron Stovell, Barry Trickett, Alan Wilson, Jim Sadler, Harry Whiteman, Mike Donovan.

Apologies for absence:

Steve King.

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

None.

Vice Captain's Report:

The Vice Captain said that this year's Winter League competition has now been completed, it had been a very close run competition and that it wasn't until the final day that the winners were known. He congratulated the overall winners Kevin Royan and Brian Bowring and gave the section's thanks to Peter Waknell for running the competition in such an excellent manner. The Vice Captain said that he was disappointed to see that some groups took over five hours to complete their final rounds and that he had considered suggesting a different format. He said that however feedback from members had made it clear that the Pairs Texas Scramble is a very popular format. The Vice Captain went on to say that there had been a couple of hiccups in the final scoring recently but having discussed them with those involved that he didn't expect them to be repeated. He said he thought that the " card collecting " is carried out to a high standard and that he would say that in the 8 years he had been a member of the section that these are the only two incidents he could remember. He said he didn't think we needed to worry. The Vice Captain said that he would be absent for the competition on Wednesday 6th March and that Ron Stovell had kindly volunteered to stand in for him. He said he was sure that everyone would be as kind to him as they had been to himself.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that there was a surplus in January of £616 giving a cumulative surplus to date of £737.

He said the improvement is the result of the retention of £179 from the Christmas Draw and the income generated from the four competitions held during the month.

Jim said that we are tracking in the right direction on prizes as a percentage of entry fees, it has now reduced from 59% to 55% cumulatively.

Balance Sheet:

Jim said that the Captain's Charity has increased by £179 during the month and now stands at £607.

He said that the members balance is now £1,962 but still down on last year by £851.

Cash Resources:

Jim said that the cash reserves have improved during the month and are now £1,339.

Harry Whiteman said that after discussions with Paul Tritton, the cost of the friendlies for the year had increased to £15.25. After discussions the Committee unanimously agreed that the cost to members would be held at £15, the section funding the additional £0.25.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that during conversations between, the Captain of Five Lakes and our Captain Steve King, the question of reinstating the friendly between the clubs, on a one off basis per year, was resurrected. After discussions between Harry and Steve it was agreed to play it for this year, to see what support we had from members. The teams would only comprise 14 players each. The first match, for this year would be at Five Lakes on Friday 19th July. Otherwise things were proceeding OK at present.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that things were proceeding OK with no obvious problems at present.

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.

Steve Anslie	Trevor Baines
Malcolm Bottomley	Peter Cowley
Ron Garrod	Ian Gibbard
Terry Jones	David Smith

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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Winners Boards:

Harry said that he now had the costs for the boards, which were discussed by the Committee. It was decided that the costs of the three honour boards would be part funded by charging £3 entry fees for the Fun Day, the Anniversary Trophy and the under 70's over 70's, Bob Nice Trophy which have free entry at present, although there will still be free lunches and donations from the Committee members. The final position of the new boards was also decided, with approval from management received, for them to be mounted in the position of the existing boards in the spike bar.

Any Other Business

Ron Stovell said that he would appreciate it if he could have the friendly selected teams, two weeks in advance of the competition dates, so that he could conduct the earlybird draw from the remaining section members.

Barry Trickett said that progress was being made with the John Day Trophy competition in that we were playing Three Rivers at home and two dates had been given to them to choose a final competition day.

Eric Hoffman wished to thank Ron Stovell for his donation towards the purchase of the above mentioned new honour boards.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March 2019.

Meeting ended 3:07pm