

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 9th January 2019

Meeting commenced 2:20pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

Steve King, Mike Donovan..

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

None.

Vice Captain's Report:

The Vice Captain said that his proposed away day had been cancelled due to lack of support from the members. He said that he had thought that there may be members, not included in other organized events, that would like to play in such an event but it proved not to be the case. He said he thanked those members who did put their names down and that everybody had been informed. He said he preferred to think of it, not as an epic failure, more a valiant effort.

The Vice Captain said he thought that the Christmas 3 club competition and Lunch had been a great success. He said that the food, service and presentation were all first class and that he would like to thank, all of those on the committee, who helped with the organization. He said that Ron Stovell's spreadsheet was used by the club to produce name places, which added to the table settings and all the other elements that made the day a special one.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that the surplus year to date has reduced by £769 during the month and now stands at £121. The reasons for the reduction were the net costs of the Christmas lunch at £459 and the staff gratuities of £405, offset by the income from two competitions held during December.

He said that we were significantly down on last year, £554 reflect lower competition entry fees and the higher cost of prizes.

Balance Sheet:

Jim said that the members balance is now £1346, £1067 down on last year.

Cash Resources:

Jim said that at £755 they are lower than desirable but should build back up if we can continue to play competitions without losing any to the weather.

He said that one positive was that Peter Waknell had indicated that there is a surplus on the Christmas Draw of £915.76 (subject to any late costs) and our share, on sales, is £358.11, £179 05 which will go into section funds.

A general discussion ensued concerning the amount of money being spent on prizes. It was unanimously decided to revert to a maximum amount to be spent on Wednesday competitions, the amount to be £90. This amount equates to 50% of an individual entry total of 60 members, should the entry, for a competition, be lower than this, the prize fund would be 50% of the money raised from the individual competition e.g. if 50 members playing the prize fund would be £75. It was also decided the maximum number of prizes for a singles competition would be 6 and for a pairs competition 3. For earlybird competitions the maximum for prizes would be £75. One of the reasons for this action, is to enable the competitions with free lunches to continue.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that he and the Committee were disappointed by the members response to the Christmas 3 club competition and Lunch. The numbers were boosted by quite a number of members who were unable to play in the 3 club competition, for various reasons, but still attended the Lunch. It takes a lot of effort by the Committee to organize these types of events and we would like to see better participation from all members otherwise we are wasting our time.

On a similar theme he said that he hoped that this year's friendly matches will be better attended than in the past years, when without a basic core of members, on some occasions, we would not have been able to field a team. We have changed the format for home matches to smart casual dress and for the Burnham match simplified the format completely. So please make an effort in putting your names down when the sheets go up, otherwise eventually there may not be friendly matches to play in.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that there were no real problems with the job. There were still a few problems with members not using his instructions when cancelling on the tick list.

Update on members health:

Alan said that we started the new year with good news, in that many of our injured players, are now ready to play again.

Alan also 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	Peter Barker
Malcolm Bottomley	Peter Cowley
Ian Gibbard	Terry Jones

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 suggested that future winners boards should only include major trophies and to this end the list was defined as the following:

List of past and present Captains.

Captain's Cup.

Autumn Bowl

Golfer of the Year

Veterans Anniversary Plate

Winter League

Annual Foursomes

Summer Knockout Singles

Summer Knockout Pairs.

This was agreed by the Committee.

Harry said that he anticipated that three competitions could be fitted on one 1625 mm x 406 mm board. Armed with the number of players required per competition and with a suitable allowance for future winners, he said that he would go back to the supplier and get final prices to present to the committee.

Any Other Business

Harry provided a schedule of fixture dates for 2019 friendly matches and asked the Committee to decide who would be Organiser and Convenor for the individual matches. After a discussion this was decided and the schedule completed.

Ron Stovell advised that dropping zones have been provided on the 13th hole adjacent to the new bunkers.

Alan Wilson said that David Skeggs asked him whether the 9 hole competition on Wednesday mornings were to be resurrected. Ron Stovell advised that he was going to contact Ron Garrod in February to reinstate the competition for the Spring as Winter was an unknown quantity. He said however as we cannot expect these members to tick sheets, unless agreed, he needs a point of contact to advise him who wants to play on what dates which do not necessarily have to match up with the medals.

Date of next meeting:

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

Meeting ended 3:40pm