

# Veterans' Section Committee

## **Minutes of meeting held on 3rd July 2019**

Meeting commenced 2.25pm

### ***Present:***

Steve King, Ian Smith, Eric Hoffman, Jim Sadler, Barry Trickett, Alan Wilson, Harry Whiteman, and Malcolm Harlow, attending as prospective new Treasurer.

### ***Apologies for absence:***

Ron Stovell, Mike Donovan.

### ***Minutes of last meeting:***

These were accepted as a true record.

### ***Matters arising:***

None.

### ***Captain's Report:***

The Captain said that our Wednesday competitions have continued to be very well supported and that the numbers have only dropped recently due to the holiday season. He said that so far this year we have had a tremendous forty one different members represent our Section in various friendlies and competitions. He also said that during the past few weeks we have had several charity days, the Yellow ball competition, Charity Fun Day and his Captain's Day mulligan sale. During these competitions, due to the members amazing generosity, he said that a fantastic amount for his fund had been raised which together with the charity raffle for the Clacton home game raised £111, the amount collected for this year reached £1,650 ( up £700 in just over a month). This had already passed his target for the year of £1500. He thanked all members.

The Captain said that a collection, among members, for Matt and Rebecca's wedding raised the sum of £315, a thank you card from them both is on the Vets Notice Board.

The Captain said that June was a busy month with friendlies and the weather was good to us and we managed to avoid several bouts of heavy rain during our competitions. He said the only downside was that heavy growth, during the month, spoiled our monthly medal for many of our members, who were unable to find their balls in the long grass between the fairways. He also said that three minutes is not long enough, in those conditions, to find a ball and we had 15 " no returns " on the day.

The Captain also said how sad he was to learn of the demise of one of our members, Mike Chapman. He said that although Mike had not been a member of the Section for that many years, we would all miss his good humour and company.

Finally he said that he had to thank, our Treasurer Jim Sadler for his many years of service on the Committee. Jim is moving to Suffolk and the Captain said he said we will be sorry to lose a stalwart of our Section for so long and a

good friend. He said he thanked Jim for all he had done and wished him well for the future.

### ***Treasurer's Report:***

#### **Income and Expenditure account:**

Jim said that there was a surplus of £361 in the month, ( no exceptional costs ) and that the cumulative position is £745 surplus.

#### **Balance Sheet:**

Jim said that the balance is now £1,970 cumulatively and £814 lower than last year.

#### **Membership:**

Jim said that there were two new members in the month, Chris Taylor and Bran Yell.

#### **Cash Reserves:**

Jim said that these has increased during the month by £417 and are £1,199.

#### **Outlook for year:**

Jim said that we were likely to have a breakeven position for the year after funding:

Anniversary Trophy – estimated cost for 80 players £410, after charging £3 entry fee.

Under 70's over 70's competition – estimated cost for 80 players £413, after charging £3 entry fee.

Guest Day – estimated cost for 60 players £295. If numbers fall below 60, consideration should be given to reducing the prize fund from £250.

Offset by the surplus from 6 other competitions in July and August.

#### **General Note:**

Because of the fact that Jim was leaving, he raised the point of who would arrange the Sadler Shield Competition, scheduled for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, between the Ladies, Vets, Juniors and Men's Sections. Eric Hoffman agreed to undertake this task.

### ***General Secretary's Report:***

Harry said that Peter Cowley had advised him, that due to his ongoing physical problems, he would no longer be able to arrange the Bill Hymas Invitational against Harwich. Roy Valentine has very kindly agreed to take his place, for which the Committee thank him.

Harry also said that Malcolm Harlow had agreed to take up the reigns of being our new Treasurer, for which the Committee were very, very grateful, and welcome him with open arms.

Harry said that otherwise things were proceeding OK.

### ***Competition Secretary's Report:***

Ron said that he thought that games chosen by the convenors for the earlybird competitions should be limited to single, i.e..stableford or stroke, or

team games, no pairs competitions These types of competition cause him less problems, when members cancel after completion is drawn. This was agreed by the Committee.

Ron also said that for Late entries and Cancellations he did.

- a) Put up notes asking members to check whether they were already in the competition before putting their names down as a late entry, this was happening more and more recently.
- b) He also asked that members cancelling put their tee times down to assist him in finding their name on the competition but less than 25% had bothered to do so.

Finally Ron said that, despite asking members if they have ticked their name for a competition and decided they cannot play, simply to add No next to their name, some members still insist on putting a cross over the tick or scrubbing it out entirely with a pen.

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	Malcolm Bottomley
Peter Cowley	Gerry Dixon
Terry Jones	Trevor Macdonald
Chris Morris	Peter Murrell
Bob Oatham	Ian Gibbard

Alan also advised that Malcolm Bottomley and Peter Murrell would not be playing again.

**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:***

Jim Sadler said that as he was relinquishing the position of Treasurer it was a good time to revise the bank mandates for members able to sign cheques on behalf of the Vets Section. In the past it had been the custom to have the Captains as mandate holders but as they were always changing it thought that now was a good opportunity to make the permanent members of the Committee, the General Secretary and Competition Secretary, Mandate holders in addition to the Treasurer. This was agreed by the Committee and procedures were put in place to enable this action to take place.

The Captain said that he and others thought that the sandwiches and chips provided as a meal for both the home and visiting teams, for the home friendly against Burnham, on 26<sup>th</sup> June, were miserly and inadequate for the number of players attending. It was agreed that we would not choose this option for next year.

Barry Trickett said that he had investigated the option of reusing monthly medals that were not wanted by the recipients, by re engraving and

refurbishing the original medals but that the effort involved did not warrant the additional cost, After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the medals bought for next year would not have any engraving at all on them and if they were not required by the medal winner, a voucher would be provided instead and the medal be put back in stock.

***Date of next meeting:***

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th August 2019.

Meeting ended 3.25pm