

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 13th March 2019

Meeting commenced 1.10pm

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:

Jim Sadler said that certain members had been asking about the actual costs of the new honour boards and whether the additional levy of £3 entry fees to the previously free entry, Fun Day, Anniversary Trophy and Bob Nice Cup, to help pay for them, would continue into the next year.

Harry Whiteman said that the total costs of the three boards are £702, and it should be noted that £300 has been donated towards this cost by members of the Committee.

Jim and Harry also said that we have had our competition computer, for a number of years now, approximately nine and it was the Committee's intention to run the levy, for one additional year to purchase a new one.

Vice Captain's Report:

The Vice Captain said that we have had good support for the Maldon away match. He said that Steve King the Captain had picked his team and will be back to captain us for the match.

The Vice Captain said that it was good news that Peter Waknell has agreed to be the Section's Vice Captain for the 2019/2020 season. He said that it is well known that Peter already makes a significant contribution to the main club and that he was sure that he would be a great asset to our committee. He also said that he was looking forward to him joining us and was sure that all members would give him a warm welcome.

The Vice Captain said that he had two points to make as his period as stand in Captain draws to a close.

1) He said his impression was that an increasing numbers of members are leaving before the prize giving. He also said that if members have grandparents duties to perform or other appointments, so be it but if not he believed that staying afterwards particularly for the prize giving was part of the competition event. He said it showed respect for everybody else participating, including the winners, the organizers and the card collectors, plus it's enjoyable.

2) The Vice Captain said secondly, the card collectors have recently found an ever increasing of cards with incorrect totals. He said can we all double check our cards before we sign them if only to help the collectors who do a

difficult job so well. They could probably disqualify players if their cards were wrong but generously make allowances on many occasions.
The Vice Captain said finally thanks to the Committee for making his time as stand in captain so easy and pleasant. It's a great section to be a member of.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that the surplus for the month of £213, as a result of the inclusion of the surplus on the Christmas Draw and the timing of the payment for the GCQ competition which was paid in February, last year, at a cost of £336.
He said that we continue to make progress, reducing the percentage of prizes paid out, which is now 53% cumulative.

Balance Sheet:

Stocks have increased significantly, with the purchase of medals for the year and mementoes for future competitions.
Members balance is now £2,361 which gives sufficient leeway to purchase the new honour boards.

Cash Reserves:

Jim said that these remain at the same level as last month, £1,388, following the investments in stocks..

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that we have had four new members join the Vets Section since the last meeting, Nigel Howchin, Jeff Chilver, Michael Clark and Alan Mixture. He also said that the Secretary of Clacton, Bob Baggelley, had contacted him concerning the friendlies for 2020. They wanted to play the away game, at Clacton, on the Thursday following their usual Monday date. Harry told Bob, that provisionally, he could see no problem with the change.
Otherwise Harry said things were proceeding OK.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that, it had become apparent that over the past few months, that more and more members were using the late entry sheet to enter competitions. The correct method is to tick your name on the tick list. If your name is entered into a competition via the tick list groups and teams can be balanced up. It causes the Competition Secretary a lot of additional work if names are entered late, via the late entry sheet. If members continue to abuse this method, Ron said that he may be forced to take the cancellation/late entry sheet down much earlier, with members having to contact him direct, to either be cancelled from or be entered into a competition.
Ron said otherwise things were proceeding smoothly.

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	John Bloomfield
Mike Chapman	Peter Cowley

Ron Garrod
Terry Jones

Ian Gibbard
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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Award Boards:

Harry said that the boards had now been ordered, checked and were now in production and we were awaiting notice of delivery. Arrangements would then be made to remove the existing boards in the stud bar, the area made good and the new boards mounted on the in their place.

Course Committee Representative:

Geoff Pettitt has decided to stand down after two years representing the Vets Section on the Course Committee and I am sure all members would join the Committee in thanking Geoff for his valiant efforts on our behalf. We now need a replacement and the Vice Captain is pursuing various channels in a search for a replacement.

Pat Smith Trophy:

It has become apparent from this year's competition that we need a better arrangement for:

- a) Greeting and entertaining Jill Smith, our guest for the day.
To this end it was agreed that members who were friends of Jill, would be included in the Captain's group, first off the first on the competition day to keep her entertained through lunch and the presentations.
- b) To ensure that, if the overall winner cannot stay to receive the prizes, for whatever reason, someone is nominated to accept them on his behalf.

Any Other Business

Barry Trickett said that he had a number of mementoes, particularly those for the winners and runners up, for the Winter League, that were still awaiting to be awarded.

After a discussion it was decided that a date would be decided, ensuring that at least on one the pair be available to collect the trophy and prizes.

Jim Sadler advised Ian Smith of the total of the prize fund for the Winter League.

Ron Stovell said that, due to the problems in one individual dropping out of pairs competitions, after the draw had been made, he suggested that this type of competition be avoided over the Winter period and they be replaced by team competitions which were easier to control. The Committee agreed.

Ian Smith suggested that club vouchers be added to the list of types of prizes that the Vets Section award. The Committee agreed.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th April 2019.

Meeting ended 2.05pm