

# Veterans' Section Committee

## **Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Meeting commenced 2.05pm

### ***Present:***

Steve King, Ian Smith, Eric Hoffman, Jim Sadler, Barry Trickett, Alan Wilson, Harry Whiteman, Mike Donovan.

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

Ron Stovell.

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

These were accepted as a true record.

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

None.

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

The Captain said that the course has stayed in very good condition and that we have continued to have excellent turn outs for the competitions. He said that unfortunately last week, the May Medal was rained off and that he would be discussing with the committee, if there is a way we can try to fit this in our busy schedule. He then said that our success of last month had not been continued, as our team lost at Abridge in the Essex Seniors Cup despite valiant individual efforts on a huge 6,000 yard course. The Captain said that our John Daly team also put up a great fight at Ballards Gore but went down 5 – 3, both were very tough games drawn away.

The Captain said that we lost our away friendly at Burnham, always a difficult prospect, and surprisingly also lost the return home game against Maldon by the closest of margins.. He said that we also lost away at Benton Hall and Clacton and that the sheets for next month's matches were already on the Vets Notice Board.

The Captain also said that the first collection box for his charity had been emptied and another £110 had been added to his total fund, He said that there was also a surplus, from today's Yellow Ball competition after allowing for the cost of prizes from the entry fee, of £147, taking his year's total, so far, to £950.

He also said that finally, on a personal note, that he had been informed that his knee replacement operation, needs to be done rather sooner than next year and that he had reluctantly accepted a place on the waiting list ( probably in August ).

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

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

Jim said that there was a deficit, in the month, of £188 attributable to the net cost of £402 for the honours boards.

The cumulative surplus is now £868, down on last year by £303,

It should be noted that Trevor Macdonald had very kindly donated £50 towards the cost of the new honours boards, in consideration of taking ownership of the previous wooden Captains board.

Jim pointed out that May was going to be an extremely costly month, with the Charity Fun Day and the Past Captain's Cup costing circa £750, which would virtually eliminate the surplus, year to date, He said that expenses should be kept to a minimum, particularly the cost of prizes as they were already exceeding the target of 50% of income.

**Balance Sheet:**

Jim said that members balance is now £2,093, £816 lower than last year.

**Membership:**

Jim said that membership has increased by 1 during the month, with the renewal of Richard Groome. Total membership now stands at 132.

**Cash Reserves:**

Jim said that these now stand at £1,272, down on last month, with the purchase of the honours boards.

**Position of Treasurer:**

Jim said that with great regret he had to announce his intention to step down from the Committee, approximately mid July, given his health condition and the fact that he and his wife were " moving to the country ".

Jim suggested that the Committee should start looking now for a willing volunteer, to take his place and whom he would " train up " where necessary. He said that consideration should also be given to Bank Mandate changes to ensure a smooth transition.

**Note from the Committee:**

We think that the whole of the Vets membership will join the Committee in thanking Jim for all his help and advice in ensuring the smooth operation of Vets finances over these past years and wishing him well at a very difficult time for him and his family, all our good wishes will go with him.

**General note from the Committee to all members:**

Should any member be interested in taking over the position of Section Treasurer they should contact any of the Committee members in the first instance to state their interest. Jim says that the job is not too arduous taking up about half an hour per week filling in information into existing spreadsheets and preparing a monthly report for the Committee. He says that he would take them through all aspects of the job before he leaves.

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

Harry said that things were going smoothly and that new members were constantly wanting to join, so that we must be doing something right.

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

Ron said that he had nothing to report on for this month and that 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.

Mike Chapman	Peter Cowley
Gerry Dixon	Ron Garrod
Bob Oatham	Terry Shuttleworth
Les Willsher	

**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 said that problems had occurred with this year's date for the Pat Servis Trophy, in that one of the ladies had arranged a society competition, for the ladies, on the same day, which had reduced the ladies team. Discussions were ongoing whether the existing date should be changed, certainly for next year.

The Captain brought up the subject of a replacement date to play the May Medal, which was cancelled, he said that a number of members had asked if the medal would be played later in the year. Eric asked why the competition had been cancelled on the day. The Captain, said that only three people wanted to play 18 holes, one of them to obtain a handicap and the bunkers were already full of water.

Harry said that the eventuality of losing a Monthly Medal, had already been catered for, in that as stated in the club diary, the Jock Morrison Trophy counts as a replacement for Golfer of the Year and the Dennis Morley Trophy.

***Date of next meeting:***

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

Meeting ended 3.00pm