

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on May 9th 2018

(The meeting commenced at 2.15pm)

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

None.

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Captain's Report:

The Captain said that it had been a very busy month since our last report with friendly games against Maldon and Ballards Gore, both home and away plus an away game against Burnham. He said that unfortunately the weather was still unrelenting in the first game against Maldon with the game reduced to 9 holes due to waterlogged greens. The score at the end of the 9 holes was 41/2 to Maldon and 31/2 to Forrester Park. The return game also finished with all players soaking wet and the score at 4 games all.

The Captain said that fortunately the weather was slightly better in the matches against Ballards Gore with plenty of close games and the final scores, both home and away, finishing with a very creditable 4 all draw. He said that unfortunately it was not such a tight game with Burnham, who played a very strong side, with the final score of 6 games to Burnham and 2 games to Forrester Park.

The Captain said that the Vets also played the first round of the Essex Seniors against Three Rivers and again this was a very close match. Eventually with scores tied we had to go to a playoff hole. Kevin Royan was our nominated player who heroically won the first playoff hole, with a miraculous third shot.

The Captain said that there were plenty going on in the next month with his away day at The Burstead GC, the Summer KO singles and pairs competitions plus Charity Fun Day, and he urged all members to look at the Vets Notice Board regularly to make sure, that they did not miss any of the up and coming events.

Treasurer's Report:

The Committee welcomed Jim Sadler back into harness.

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that there was a surplus of £199 for April reflecting only 3 competitions (Bees Plate charity competition excluded) and continued significant reductions in competitor entry numbers. He said that the cumulative surplus is £1,171 which is a significant reduction on the same period last year and competition fees were 22% down on last year.

Balance Sheet:

Members balance has increased to £2,909, £830 down on last year.

Cash Resources:

At £1,862 they are sufficient for our immediate needs. He said he hoped that the weather “ picks up “ soon and that we see an increase in competitor numbers on a Wednesday.

Jim said that he thanked Ron Stovell and Ian Smith for banking the weekly income whilst he was away and said that during this time of low entries to the weekly competitions, notice should be taken of the entry numbers particularly by convenors of the earlybird competitions before calculating the amount of cash available for prizes.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that we have had problems with the members putting their names down for friendly matches particularly after being chosen for the team and then realizing that they had put their names down for the wrong match. He said that members should ensure that they write in their names on the correct match sheets because it causes the organizer of the friendly match a great headache if a team member withdraws late in the day.

Harry also said that he had confirmed with the new Seniors Secretary of Clacton G.C., Bob Baggalley that the new trophy put up by Roy Valentine, to be called the Valentine Vase, will be played for this year on an aggregate score basis. Both the Committee at Clacton and the Forrester Park Committee would like to thank Roy for his generosity in providing this trophy. Harry also said that he and the Committee, would like to thank Barry Trickett for organizing and arranging the team to take part in the inaugural John Day Trophy arranged by the EGU. This new KO competition for players with a handicap of between 13 and 28 drew us against Burnham away, a tough task, and we lost 7 individual games to 2. Harry said that Barry mentioned that the match was closer than the result sounds, with a few of the games very close to the end. The Committee congratulates all the members who took part. Harry said that otherwise things were progressing OK.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that there had been a general drop in entry numbers for the various competitions, which he hoped would pick up as the weather improved. He also said that Ian Smith had suggested that we should have a larger pool of card collectors. Ron said that whilst he was not opposed to having more card collectors in principle both he and Harry thought that if we trained too many members, by the time came round to undertake the duty they may have forgotten how to do it. Harry said that Geoff Pettitt had said he would like to

be trained and thought that one or two more would be enough. This would be ongoing. Otherwise Ron said things were proceeding OK.

Update on members health:

Alan advised the following:

The following members are all either already playing or due back within the next week or two:

Doug Aldridge, John Bewley, John Daniels, Mike Chapman, Terry Drew, Fran Morley, Ron Garrod, Peter Murrell, Roger Godfrey, Colin Place, Frank Porter, Malcolm Harlow.

Individual cases:

John Bloomfield	Various problems, hopes to be back soon.
Malcolm Bottomley	Recovering well but not yet ready to play golf.
Eric Coleman	Leg injury not playing too often.
Peter Cowley	Rheumatoid Arthritis, taking tablets, awaiting progress.
Roy Davidson	Long term back injury.
Peter Gamester	Hernia operation.
Derek Hollows	OK but not playing on Wednesdays.
Terry Jones	Treatment completed, going to try to play next week.
Bob Oatham	Bladder cancer gone, further treatment for 6 weeks.
Danny Plato	Recovered, back in a couple of weeks.
Les Willsher	Starts Radiotherapy next week, operation on 1st May, awaiting news.
Roy Cooch	Awaiting further update.
Ian Gibbard	Heart operation.

Alan asked that if any member becomes aware of any of our member, who become ill or injured, to let him know.

Further to the meeting the Captain contacted Ian's wife who said; The operation went well. he looked better the next day and had moved into a normal ward and was moving about slowly. All seems to be going well and she will bring him up to the club once he is stronger.

Any Other Business:

Ian Smith instigated a general check through for the Charity Fun Day, all areas seemed to have been covered. Tickets for Mulligan's will be available on the day priced at £2 each, this was a feature due to be tried out for the Christmas 3 club competition but cancelled due to the bad weather. Barry Trickett advised us of the progress made obtaining new award boards. Samples of the design were shown, with literature and he said that he was still awaiting information back from the club regarding the positioning of the new boards. Work in progress.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th July 2018.

(The meeting closed at 3.15pm)