

## Veterans' Section Committee

### Minutes of meeting held on November 21st 2018

***Present:***

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

***Apologies for absence:***

Harry Whiteman.

***Minutes of last meeting:***

These were accepted as a true record.

***Matters arising:***

None.

***Captain's Report:***

The Captain said that he had been very impressed by the numbers playing in the competitions over the past month, despite the section still having quite a few members out, ill or injured. He said that this had meant having a healthy prize fund and enabled him to give prizes down to 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> place in some instances. This in turn had meant a lot of extra work for Ron Stovell to keep sorting out and making changes to the start sheets and he thanked him for all the work that he had done. The Captain said that all playing members should check the website, for changes, to enable Ron to stop having to phone them for every change.

The Captain said that he thought that the course has been in very good condition and the weather fair and warm up until ten days ago, although the Winter League greensome competition was held on a wet day.

The Captain also thought that it was still taking too long to complete some rounds, medals in particular and although he does not expect anyone to rush through the round, it is disrespectful to players behind, or waiting in the clubhouse, if you are the slow player.

The Captain said that the Autumn Bowl was a success and everyone seemed happy with having the meal on a rolling basis and with the quality and quantity of food served.

He said he thought that the November Medal was disappointing to him, in that only four out of the nine winners waited for the presentation but that last week, after the Florida Scramble, almost everyone stayed, which he really appreciated.

Finally, as we near the holiday season, he wished everyone a happy and healthy Christmas.

This is endorsed by all the remaining members of the Committee.

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

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

Jim said that the surplus for the month is £750, £220 up on last year, reflecting:

- 1.0 Higher competition entry fees and an increase in subscriptions.
- 2.0 Savings on Special Events and Sundries.

#### **Balance Sheet:**

Members Balance is £1,975, £287 down on last year, reflecting the deficit last year but offset by the increased surplus this current year to date.

#### **Cash Resources:**

At £1,374 it is more than enough for current requirements.

#### **Membership:**

Jim said that we now have 98 paid up members and 22 over 80 members, 120 members in total.

He said that currently 7 previous members who have not renewed and 8 on the long term sick list.

#### **Staff Gratuities:**

The Committee agreed to the payment of staff gratuities of £415, the same as last year.

The Treasurer had produced a funds projection to the end of December which shows a small surplus, after charging £180 for Essex Competition entries, £415 for staff gratuities and £544 for the Christmas Lunch and assumes that the weather will be " kind " to us and Competition entries don't decline significantly.

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

Harry reported, that things were running smoothly at present.

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

Ron said that there were still quite a few late entries but that otherwise things were going very 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.

Doug Aldridge	Trevor Baines	Peter Barker
Malcolm Bottomley	John Cain	Chris Collins
Peter Cowley	Eric Coleman	Ron Garrod
Ian Gibbard	Terry Jones	Roger Godfrey
George Lintner	Bob Oatham	Derek Hollows
Les Willsher	Ken Hornett	

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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### **Competition Boards:**

Barry Trickett discussed the possible new award or honour boards and showed mocked up examples of how they would look. The approximate costs were £193 for a 1220mm x 610mm board and £213 for a 1625mm x 406mm board. Each board is more than capable of including more than one competition. The Committee decided to investigate what competitions are to be included and hence how many boards would be required and how the section meets the costs. This will be ongoing.

### **Any Other Business**

Following a discussion on the subject, Ian Smith was tasked with investigating arranging two winter away days, for members of the section, on a Friday in February and March, next year.

The matter of the Florida Scramble format was raised by Ron Stovell following various queries raised in the past, and it was decided to clarify the methodology.

- a) The player, in a 3 player team, who hit the chosen ball, does not participate in the next shot taken, as is the case with the 4 player team.
- b) To compensate for teams having differing total numbers of players, the handicap allowance is calculated differently;  
For a 4 man team the allowance is the total handicap for the team divided by 10.  
For a 3 man team the allowance is the total handicap for the team divided by 6.
- c) Each member of a 4 player team has to take 4 drives, each member of a 3 player team has to take 5 drives.

Jim Sadler informed the committee that Mike Donovan had sold £400 worth of Christmas Raffle tickets, to date. Jim said that it was important that the raffle prize budget was in keeping with the overall ticket sales.

Steve King said that there a member had again raised the point of using yellow tees for the Winter League matches. The matter of playing off yellow tees for the Winter League, had been decided by committee, a number of years ago taking into account the varying age of the members and the weather conditions during the winter period. Following a discussion it was felt that playing off the yellow tees, helped preserve the teeing ground during the Winter months.

Steve King advised the Committee that Paul Triton our friendly Chef had offered to supply prizes for the first and second places, for a replacement nine hole competition, if any Winter competition were cancelled due to poor weather. The Committee agreed this was a generous gesture and a good idea for all concerned.

It has been decided by the Club that a new local rule concerning the revision of the out of bounds rule would be revoked and would not now be adopted. Any reference to this on our Website will be amended accordingly.

***Date of next meeting:***

There will not be a December committee meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th January 2019.