

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on October 17th 2018

(The meeting commenced at 2.20 pm)

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

Ron Stovell

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

None.

Captain's Report:

The new Captain said that his year had started well with an unusually straight tee shot down the middle of the first fairway, resulting in Bob Ward winning the prize for the Captain's drive in. He said that he wanted to give his thanks to the Vets members for donating to his charity via the pin badges and golf balls etc., which he sold. He stated that a lower turn out for the recent competitions meant that he only raised £108 from the drive in but had already raised another £120 from the pin badges and money donated in the collection box on the bar.

He said that we had great weather for the Bill Hymas Invitational Trophy, which was a very close hard fought match against Harwich and went to the last four ball. The result was a tie 41/2 to 41/2, which meant that Harwich retained the trophy for another year. The Captain said that he wanted to thank Peter Cowley for doing a great job, organizing the day and with whose generous donations together with those from Ian Gibbard, helped him put 20 prizes together, which helped raise a fantastic sum from a charity raffle. An outstanding total of £200 worth of tickets was generously bought by both teams, Jane Hymas (who presented the trophy), Ian, Peter and the Cornwells, all of which went to Bill's charity.

The Captain said that the Gosfield away friendly match resulted in a defeat of 5!2 to 21/2 but that an enjoyable day was had by all of those who played. This first friendly of his year resulted had fewer than usual names put down on the entry list, unusual for an away game at Gosfield. He said that however, overall 48 members played in at least one match and that he will endeavour to get the entry sheets up earlier next year and hopes that the Vets members will support him in producing teams for the friendly matches.

He said that he first Winter League competition had a great turn out of 80 players and was won with a magnificent 50 points by Michael Fogg and Bill West, with all seven pairs prizes going to players with 46 points and above.

The Captain said that, unfortunately, the need for surgery had stopped him from playing for his first month but that he hoped to be back playing in early November.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that the surplus for the month was £273 slightly down on last year with lower entry fees compensated for by savings on Special Events and Sundries.

The reason for the significant differences on competition entry fees and prizes this year to last year is because the Summer Matchplay prizes are yet to be awarded.

Balance Sheet:

The balance on Members Funds of £1,498, down on last year by £521, reflects the deficit for last year.

The creditor balance is up on last year as a result of the early collection of Winter League Fees and the Summer Matchplay prizes to be awarded. Note the significant reduction in Cancer Research which reflects the lower entry this year compared to last year.

Available Cash Resources:

Significantly down on last year reflecting the deficit for last year and the lower renewal membership fees.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that things were running smoothly at present. He also welcomed back a returning member after an operation, Michael Sabini.

Competition Secretary's Report:

In Ron Stovell's absence:

Harry said that there were no problems at present, other than the usual suspects.

Allocation of Jobs:

The allocation of duties, agreed, was as follows:

Inter Club Challenge	Alan Wilson/Steve King
Essex Seniors Trophy	Steve King
John Day Trophy	Barry Trickett/Steve King
Golfer of the Year	Harry Whiteman
Summer KO's	
Singles and Pairs	Harry Whiteman
Dennis Morley Trophy	Harry Whiteman
Trophies and Award boards	Barry Trickett
Christmas 3 Club/ Fun Day	Ian Smith/Barry Trickett
Clothing and Caps	Ian Smith

It was suggested during general discussions that in order to reduce the stock of ties and caps that they could be used to top up prizes, this was agreed by the committee.

Christmas Raffle Draw:

Following the decision, to divide the profits received by the Vets Section from the Christmas Raffle 50/50 between the Vets Captain Charity and the Vets Section Funds, Jim Sadler advised the following. He said that, he had since been advised, that, at an all Captains meeting convened at the beginning of the year, the decision had been taken to give all profits to charity and indeed print charity on the tickets. This decision was taken without the knowledge of the Vets Committee and indeed the raffle tickets are now available for distribution and do not have charity printed on them.

A unanimous decision was taken by the committee to follow the decision voted for at the recent AGM and split the profit 50/50.

Mike Donovan will be in charge of sales of the tickets within the Vets Section.

Veterans' Membership:

Jim said that from the current tick list and including 4 recent new members the membership stood at 139. Included within this figure were 8 members who hadn't played for some time due to long term ill health and it was decided that these 8 would be omitted from the tick list for the time being. 3 members were omitted from the tick list due to the fact that they had left the club. At the present time, therefore, the membership on the tick list stood at 128.

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	Eric Coleman	Malcolm Bottomley
Peter Cowley	Peter Barker	Ron Garrod
John Cain	Derek Hollows	Terry Jones
Roger Godfrey	Bob Oatham	Alf Root
Tony Hawkins	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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Any Other Business

Harry said that we had a number of awards outstanding which needed to be awarded to the winners and runner ups. These were, the Golfer of the Year 2017 – 2018, Summer KO's Singles and Pairs 2018, and the Dennis Morley Trophy 2017-2018. It was agreed that these would be awarded on Wednesday 31st October, the November Medal. Eric Hoffman will invite Dennis's wife to present the Dennis Morley Trophy, on the day.

Harry also said that he was about to put up the notice for the Christmas 3 club competition and lunch and required details and cost of the lunch for this year.

It was decided to ask Paul for the current cost of the lunch and confirm the details, after which the cost to members could be confirmed.

Barry Trickett updated the committee on the latest position concerning the award boards. Following on from last year it became apparent that there was no room available on the existing boards to add new winners. It was decided we needed to obtain new boards and Barry liaised with Katie with a view to putting them above the waiting counter. The new boards would be engraved plastic mounted on standoff tubes. Barry has since been advised by Katie that Tim would not allow the boards to be placed as requested but suggested that they could be mounted in the men's changing room. The committee requested that Barry now get sample prices for the new type of board.

Mike Donovan asked, if the committee could suggest a date for the handing over of his charity cheque to the recipient the Somerville Foundation. It was decided that this would be presented on Wednesday 14th November

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st November 2018.

(The meeting closed at 3.30pm)