

## Forrester Park Veterans' Committee Meeting

### **Minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Present:** Neil Farmer, David Wright, Rob Morley, Ian Smith, Malcolm Harlow, Jeff Chilver, Ron Stovell, Harry Whiteman.

**Apologies for Absence:** Mike Donovan

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed

**Matters Arising:** None

**Captain's Report:** Finally, the wet weather abated during March and into April and we were able to play all of our weekly Vets matches and two home inter-club friendly matches. Our first friendly match was against Ballards Gore on 10<sup>th</sup> April which we won 5½ and 2½ and the second was against Maldon on the 17<sup>th</sup> April which we won 5 and 3. Our next match is away at Harwich on 13<sup>th</sup> May and the sign-up sheet is on the Vets Notice Board.

The course has continued to dry out over the past two weeks and the ground staff have worked hard to bring the greens and fairways back to the standard we are used to. We are now able to play off most of the summer tee boxes and on all of the greens.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accounts for March 2024

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE** There was a surplus during the month of £405.

The Vets received a refund of £100 repaid from the cost of the Marquee purchased during COVID

**MEMBERS BALANCE** £1709 compared with last Month £1304

**CASH RESOURCES** £1279

**OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR** the cash resources are fine for this time of the year.

Malcolm Harlow

Treasurer 2nd April 2024

**General Secretary's Report:** We have had three new members join this month, two of whom already played at Forrester Park. The other applicant is seeking a handicap and has completed two cards.

**Competition Secretary's Report:** It had been suggested to Ron that we send players out in division order for Medal rounds. That is to say gold out first, silver second and then bronze (or perhaps vice versa). The Committee agreed that the random draw is one of the section's strengths and that this should not be changed.

**Update on members' health:** Rob advised that several members were now back playing including Barry Trickett. Terry Shuttleworth is expected to be back soon. Members still not playing include Steve Corkhill and Alan Troman.

If anyone knows of someone unwell or who would appreciate a call please advise him on 07850 604784 or robertmorley812@btinternet.com

### **Any Other Business:**

The result of the poll of members showed a majority wanted the name of the group to remain as Veterans. Of those who responded 53% voted for Veterans, 20% for Seniors and 27% said they didn't mind either name. The Committee agreed that the email poll was a good way to hold a vote on such a topic.

The Committee asked members to ignore emails from BRS advising them of tee times for Wednesdays. These were issued by the club for administrative purposes and unfortunately did not take account of tees other than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and so could be inaccurate. The Vets website should always be the place to look to see your tee times.

A document outlining the roles of all Committee members was produced by Jeff Chilver and Ian Smith. The aim is to be able to help provide cover efficiently should a member suddenly be unable to fulfil his duties. Members of the Committee agreed to review and update their own sections

The document with new Captains' guidelines and rules and contributed to by past Captains was agreed by the Committee. It was subsequently suggested and agreed that a description of prizes for Wednesday events be added to the document.

The suggestion that Friendlies be played on days other than Wednesdays was discussed and it was decided the present situation was satisfactory. At present five of the fourteen matches, a little over a third, are played on days other than Wednesday.

The Committee also discussed the rules allowing people to enter certain competitions such as the Winter League and it was decided that no change was necessary.

The Club has obtained a fleece that it suggested could be worn instead of the traditional pullover for friendly matches. Its use was unanimously agreed and it was felt it would be for individual members to decide whether to purchase one.

Jeff Chilver, who organises food for our events, is carrying out surveys of those partaking including players visiting the club. The response has been very positive so far but in any case the results are shared with the club who are always eager to see them.

Harry talked about HowDidIDo and Handicap Master and advised that with the new system all our information is "on the cloud" and so available via our other laptops with our registration details and passwords.

**DONM:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024