

Minutes of meeting held on 12th March 2025

Present: David Wright, Colin Coates, Jeff Chilver, Ron Stovell, Mike Donovan, Steve Smith, Neil Farmer and Ian Smith.

Apologies for Absence: Bob Ward.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Agreed

Matters Arising: None

Captain's Report: I'm glad to say the weather has improved and the rain is hopefully behind us. Maybe we will be allowed back onto the main tees soon. We have the first two sign-up sheets for the friendly matches up on the board and they seem to be filling up nicely. The numbers playing in the Wednesday competitions seem to be holding steady and may that continue. I held the first 50/50 raffle last month which raised £22 for my charity which all helps With the Bee's Plate and the £160 coming from the club in due course from the quiz night it's building up quite nicely.

Treasurer's Report: There have only been only two Wednesday competitions in February due to bad weather. This resulted in fees for the month being only £340.

The only expenditure in the month was for prizes and some engraving which resulted in an increase in the surplus of £18.

Available cash resources remain healthy at £2,208.

General Secretary's Report: There have been no new members this month although there has been an enquiry which is ongoing. We are continuing to document procedures for all roles in the interests of consistency.

Competition Secretary's Report: Ron asks that members refer to the competition sheets on the website on Tuesday evenings before each competition as changes in timing and grouping can take place at this late stage.

Update on members' health: Bob is away on holiday this week and gave apologies for his absence. He has been continuing to keep in contact with those not playing and will update us on the names and status of those involved at the next meeting.

If anyone knows of someone unwell or who would appreciate a call please advise him on 07983 136159 or sue.rob57@gmail.com

Any other Business:

Slow play. After a discussion and examination of the data it was agreed that we should continue to monitor the speed of play.

Food for Friendly Matches. Jeff had created a provisional list of meals and prices (which have gone up minimally) after liaising with the club. The menus were agreed and when discussing Wednesday lunches through the year we decided to look into an alternative for the Autumn Bowl to add some variety.

Handicap Monitoring. It was agreed to maintain this in order to review the situation later in the year.

Divisional Handicap Split. Harry Whiteman and Geoff Pettitt devised a new split designed to even out the divisions playing on the winter red tees and also for the white and yellows when we begin using them.

Clacton Friendly Matches. Dates for 2026 games have been amended and will be included in next year's diary.

Winter League. Prizes will be decided upon when we have referred to last year's awards.

Summer Knockouts. Peter Waknell kindly agreed to organise these competitions. The members of the committee give their thanks to Peter.

DONM: 23rd April 2025