

Minutes for July 11th, 2017.

1. **Present:** Nigel Teale, Andy Peet, Tony Pawson, Robin Marling, Dave Anderson, Mike Travis, Peter Kirton, David Fawbert **Apologies:** Les Facer, Allan Davies;
2. **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**
 - Robin announced his intention to stand down from H&CC;
 - he felt that Seniors' section needed continued representation on H&CC to transmit Senior matters and to counter misunderstandings, misinterpretations or negative attitudes;
 - Mike Travis agreed to replace Robin who was sincerely thanked for his very sensitive contributions on behalf of the section;
 - DF felt that the invitation extended to the Lady Captain to attend a recent H&CC meeting that generated discussion and reached decisions on issues that had not been raised by Senior Section itself and without a Senior representative present was unfortunate;
 - after discussion and view of a tie sample offered by AP, committee asked NT to pursue the necktie initiative;
3. **Secretary's Business**
 - Recent events: Nigel was very happy with the way his Captain's Days had unfolded;
 - Presentation Evening: RM indicated that the Yarworth, Corless and Frazer winners would be invited formally to attend the Autumn Presentation Evening;
 - Club Junior Open trophy : TP indicated that the Trophy donated by Senior Section was ready for use as arranged;
 - RM indicated that a Diary meeting was mooted for Autumn 2017;**Meeting with Board members**
 - the 6-monthly meeting with Board members discussed car park (on-going) and ties (deferred); the Chair of H&CC (**MS**) attended; Seniors appreciated this second meeting;
 - DF produced data that demonstrated negligible use by Seniors of dedicated 1st tee time for home matches (amounting demonstrably to **1 hour per fortnight**);
 - open discussion involving MS had enabled him to present the data to H&CC but had not, to RM's mind, led to any greater understanding or substantive change in attitude on behalf of other members;
 - DF was astonished that an appeal to the Board against what was effectively an H&CC decision had been handed back to H&CC.**Fixtures: AP's business**

These minutes are not necessarily in the order in which they were discussed:

- DF was asked to confirm committee's decision of a single Ladies' fixture to Ladies' Captain; it was known that the Ladies' Captain regretted the decision but preferred the autumn date; it was noted, too, that AP had suggested a 3-way competition including the Juniors (as yet unanswered); committee was however not opposed to the remaining Ladies' fixture retaining its current format;
- AP was wrestling to create a schedule that met committee's desire for some change and progression and the Club's requirements that, by common consent, at times appeared unnecessarily restrictive;
- Seniors' withdrawal from the Winter League was seen as a pivotal way of reconciling conflicting interests;
- committee voted to leave the W/L in the 2018-9 season with the option of immediate withdrawal if the Sapey situation generated unacceptable alternatives;
- *subsequent to the meeting DF indicated to relevant clubs that WGC Seniors were withdrawing from the Winter League with immediate effect: the re-opening of Sapey and the instatement of Ludlow meant that its current format could be maintained without WGC;*
- AP discussed his current plans and took comments: doubt was cast over Rolls Senior volume; the gap in Redditch schedules in 2017 that led to their request had been plugged; the Staffordshire might fill AP's gap;
- to avoid potential banana skins committee felt it advisable for AP to produce his preferred schedule for committee by Sept 5th and in the light of Winter League developments refer it to H&CC with any additional notes prior to the Diary meeting;

2017 Opens

- The Open Pairs was in hand;
- the move to online Opens' promotion and management has been broadly successful; however no-shows increased in the Singles so DF has recruited an emergency Markers' list for stranded Pairs in the Open Pairs;
- committee identified problems generated by the on-line booking system to be discussed with Judi at the appropriate moment (e.g. start-sheets);
- Mixed Open: this is still only 2/3 full and spread between the original stated times so with gaps; the online booking system provides no way of compressing entries into a workable continuum;

- Committee voted to replace the current Mixed Greensome by an AmAm style 4-ball in 2018 (RM suggested a 'better man/ better woman' scoring format)
- 4. **Treasurer's Business**
 - AP produced a wholly optimistic report:
 - current membership of 112;
 - his recommendation to increase the Captain's honorarium by £30 was approved *nem con*;
- 5. **Captain's Business;** dealt with above;
 - Committee approved Nigel's wish to invite a guest speaker to the Annual Dinner; subsequent captains were under no pressure to repeat this format;
- 6. **Any Other Business:** nil
- 7. **Date of Next Meeting:** the suggested date of September 5th will allow consideration of International Match and Annual Dinner

David Fawbert, July 11th 2017.