

SENIOR'S SECTION HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 15TH OCTOBER 2018

1 Presentation of Trophies

Prior to the formal business of the AGM, it was intended to present a number of trophies for Seniors' competitions held during the year. However, many of these trophies could not be located and they may have already been presented or be at the engravers. Winners and runners up in the various competitions restricted to seniors were acknowledged. Unfortunately, the Autumn Cup, which was held prior to the AGM was one of the trophies not to hand but the Kuhler Cup and Canada Cup were presented. A list of winners and runners up is attached to these minutes.

2 Welcome

The meeting was held following the playing of the Seniors' Autumn Cup and was attended by approximately 40 Seniors.

The Secretary, Philip Rans, opened the meeting at 1.00 pm and welcomed those attending.

3 Apologies For Absence

No apologies were received.

4 Matters Arising

Philip advised that the minutes of the last meeting were posted on the Seniors' notice board following last year's meeting. There were no matters arising.

5 Financial Statement

The Treasurer, David Trimmell, presented a summary of the accounts, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He explained that it had been a quiet year with only one raffle being held. The bulk of the income therefore came from the Seniors Open. Donations were made to MOSAIC, the Lady Captain's charity, and to Julia's House. While these donations reduced the balance held, funds were still quite adequate for the purposes envisaged in 2019.

There were no questions on the accounts.

6 Captain's Report

Philip presented the Captain's report.

“Thank you all for supporting the Autumn Cup and staying on for this AGM.

At last year's AGM, there being no nomination for Captain for the 2018 season, David Johnson proposed that the responsibilities of captaincy be covered jointly by himself, Peter Brickell and John Wright. As a result, the meeting elected these three to be joint captains. In the event, David Johnson has picked up most of the work, although the contribution of the others should not be underestimated. David also covered for me when I retired to the beach for a month at the height of the season. We should be very grateful for all the efforts made by these people to keep the Seniors going. For friendly matches, we have continued the practice of having a Captain for The Day and this has spread the load further. We are grateful to those who took matches on during the season.

The events organised by the Seniors include two winter/spring competitions, the Kuhler Cup and the Canada Cup. Through the year there are three competitions, the Spring Cup, the Summer Shield and the Autumn Cup, for which we have a shotgun start. We also have two dates to play with the Ladies, also with

shotgun starts. The level of support for all these events continues to show a steady decline. The Kuhler Cup and Canada Cup were seriously disrupted by weather conditions early in the year. However, they were eventually brought to a conclusion and the cups have been presented today. The Kuhler Cup is now in progress, it is not too late to enter. I will put up an entry sheet for the Canada Cup shortly. The event on March 12th with the ladies was abandoned due to lack of support by both gentlemen and ladies, probably a victim of the weather. The event on 17th September also had to be cancelled due to lack of support. It would be a great pity if these, essentially social occasions, were to lapse. They must be a subject for discussion between the new Seniors Captain and the Lady Captain. The Spring Cup was originally donated as a pairs event with partners being drawn to get people to play with others that they do not usually play with. This seems admirable to me but the idea seems less and less popular. Nonetheless, I think we should continue with that format and I hope the event will be well supported next year. The Summer Shield, on the other hand, was set up as an individual competition open for entry all day. This resulted, unsurprisingly, in many more entries than the usual, shotgun start, format.

The Seniors Open was held on 3rd July and was again blessed with perfect weather. The event was much enjoyed by all who took part. This year, we decided to make the event a bit simpler and cheaper. For whatever reason, we had a good visitors' entry of 32. Of whom 30 played. Home entries were 24 and it would have been nice to have a few more. For a change, the winner was a home player, congratulations Hudson Marshall! Overall, the event was a success and we owe many thanks to all who helped including Mike and Deborah in the office and, in particular the Ladies – enthusiastic, efficient and charming as always.

The friendlies fixture list included 20 matches. The start of the season was severely disrupted by the bad weather, causing a backlog of both matches and internal events. Two matches were rearranged, the last of which takes place tomorrow. Overall to date, we won 4 matches, halved 3 and lost 8. Three matches were cancelled because of our inability to field a team and also the Barton away fixture was lost because it was not possible to rearrange it after the weather cancellation. One match remains. It has often been difficult to fill the last few places on the team sheet. We have been trying throughout the season to widen the circle of players, with some degree of success. We appreciate that communication is the key factor but it would be nice if members would check the notice board and motivate themselves to sign up for matches and internal events. Some Seniors may not be aware that on the club website, under membership – Seniors Golf, you can see up to date information on matches and other events. We have a complete fixture list for 2019. I hope it will be well supported under the new Captain.”

7 Matters Arising from the Report

There were no matters arising.

8 Election of Officers for 2017/18.

8.1 Captain

There was one nomination, John Morgan, proposed by Philip Rans and seconded by David Trimmell. John Morgan was duly elected. John introduced himself and expressed his belief that Highcliffe Castle G.C. should be able to man 20 matches and he hoped that matches and internal events would be well supported during his captaincy.

John Richards proposed that volunteers for Vice-Captain should invited to come forward. However, no interest was expressed.

8.2 Treasurer

There was one nomination, David Johnson, proposed by Ray Claridge and seconded by John Morgan. David Johnson was duly elected.

8.3 Secretary

There was no nomination for secretary. Philip pointed out that he had agreed to serve for two years and had served for three. He felt unable to continue and was therefore definitely standing down. He agreed to administer the two winter competitions but could not make any commitment after the start of the next season.

It was agreed that he and John Morgan would liaise to identify individuals who could assist.

(Subsequent to the meeting Ray Claridge and Mike Hodgson agreed to take on elements of the secretarial workload)

9 A.O.B.

No further matters were raised

10 Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

SENIORS COMPETITION WINNERS 2018

6th April 2018 Seniors Spring Cup

Ray Claridge & Steve Johnstone 41 points

Chris Bates & David Johnson 37 points

4th May 2018 Seniors Vets Cup

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25 May 2018 Seniors Cup

David Jenkins 38 points

Keith Ades 38 points

18th June 2018 Seniors Summer Shield

Cliff Putterford 44 points

Fred Benham 41 points

30th July 2018 Seniors Challenge Shield

Peter O'Hanlon 40 points

Ken Connor 39 points

1st October 2018 Over 80's competition

Bryan Vivian 21 points

Derek Leach 20 points.

15th October 2018 Dr Hunts Tankard

Phil Donkin & Martin Slade 43 points

Ray Claridge & Steve Johnstone 43 points