

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Sept 6th, 2016

1. **Present:** Les Facer (LF) , Dave Anderson (DA), Allan Davies (AD), David Fawbert (DF), Robin Marling (RM), Andy Peet (AP), Nigel Teale (NT);
2. **Apologies:** Tony Pawson (TP), John William (JW)s; David Wood (DW);
3. **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**
 - **Opens Prizes:** Committee approved DF's draft to reconcile handicaps and age weightings for next year's Open Singles only; other Opens and Tankards had been reviewed and would not be changed;
 - it was noted that the Senior Section—commissioned **drinking fountain** was installed and operational;
 - Committee asked AD (newly elected to the Board to keep them posted re **Main Office** arrangements;
 - DF, NT and AP agreed to attend a meeting with the Chairman to explore **Us/Them issues** at Micael Hanna's convenience;
 - DW had joined **Handicaps & Comps**; RM outlined recent developments that might or might impact on Senior arrangements: Seniors' Committee approved retention of **drop zones** on 1st and 15th; **Continuous Handicap Review** required improvement; H&C confirmed that **tee closures** would not be applied for 'social golf' events – Seniors requesting a Wednesday roll-up slot would include this in the Chairman meeting t.b.a.; amendments to the number and scheduling of **midweek Club Competitions** was under review; Di Wilde had recalculated tee closure times for **matches**; the question of **policy for Opens** was 'in the air';
 - 'Junior Vice' suggestion was deferred
 - **register of mobile phones:** NT wished to include the centralized collection of **e-mail addresses** as part of his aim to use electronic communications rather than Notice Board; in the first instance however both channels would remain open until people got used to it/ purchased the equipment required;

3. Secretary's Business

- fixtures 2017-8; a pending **Diary meeting** date t.b.a. would iron out clashes; this would be the task of the new H&C chair;
- **fixtures 2018:** Committee considered and commented on DF's paper seeking ways of playing against new clubs without adding to the overall volume of current Diary commitments; he agreed to publish a Position Paper for the next meeting;
- AP provided an update of **Senior Section comps**: everything running to time; Corless paperwork about to be published;
- **2016 Opens:** DF thanked all who contributed to the success of 3 completed Opens;
- **Sept 19 Mixed Open:** would break even but only just owing to modest entry; TP is i/c in DF's absence
- Review of **Opens' wording** would be provided for the 2017 electronic promotion materials to reflect age changes and age/handicap Prize balance in the Open Singles:

Forthcoming events

- **International Match** (Oct 20) AP and DA reported that everything was in hand;
- **Annual Dinner** (Nov 7): DF will assemble promotional paperwork; LF passed on an approved menu from the caterers; DF would agree the price and take steps to ensure the Dinners' viability; it was agreed to invite Club Captain, Ladies' Captain and Chair of the Board as guests of the Section;
- **Champ of Champs** (Dec 7): AP reported that everything was in hand;
- **Xmas Lunch** (Thurs Dec 15th): a shape similar to the 2015 event was agreed (16-hole; miss out 6/7) DF would negotiate a price; other refinements to the Prize-giving aspect would be finalized at the November meeting;

4. Treasurer's Business

- TP's report was approved with thanks; there were no questions;

5. Captain's Business

- LF outlined the transfer of power arrangements to NT;

6. Incoming Captain's Business

- NT opened up discussion of match dress code, with particular reference to club ties; he agreed to clarify the current state of play with the Office; DF confirmed that previous explorations of a dedicated Seniors' tie had foundered at the cost of initial financial outlay;

7. Any Other Business

- AD indicated that one new Board priority would be the review of protocols and rules, wording and interpretation; Committee was keen to participate in the process, possibly electronically vis AD

8. Next Meeting: the suggested date of **Nov 1st** will allow consideration of last minute Annual Dinner problems, Christmas Lunch arrangements and initial AGM arrangements.

David Fawbert, September 6th, 2016.