

## Minutes of the Meeting of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### 1. Apologies

### 2. Previous Minutes/Matters arising from Jan 10th

- the 'Introduction to the Senior Section' document has been updated and is available to the Office for distribution to incoming senior members;
- outstanding issues from meeting with Board members: dedicated car space: DF had asked the Chairman for an update; *subsequent to the meeting Micael Hanna indicated that the matter would be dealt with imminently;*
- club ties: Nigel indicated the vicissitudes he had met; the matter was on-going;

### 3 Secretary's Business:

- AP had responded to DF's agenda items as follows:

#### Committee members and roles for 2018:

- RM roll-ups;
- TP Treasurer;
- Peter Kirton has agreed to manage committee meetings and minutes;
- Opens organisation is as yet unresolved;
- AP will manage fixtures and diary;
- AP will front up meetings, including the AGM;
- AP will manage Annual Dinner with 'others'
- subject to confirmation Mike Travis will replace AP as Comps organiser;
- In liaison with DF, AP proposes to undertake some fixture re-timings and may look at the H/A balance;
- AP is eager to push now for the inclusion of 2 new clubs;\*

#### Fixtures 2017 & 2018

- The 2017 calendar is already operational and Nigel involved in meeting the busy annual challenge;
- the schedule for 2018/9 will soon reach planning stage; DF will liaise with AP at each stage;
- the Ladies' captain has been informed that 2018 fixtures v Seniors will be reduced to 1 match;
- \* RM was thanked for tabling Minutes that indicated that this issue had been raised 'seeking a ruling' at H&C committee and for outlining the proceedings; H&C appeared adamant that any request for new fixtures on the back of this would be rejected;
- DF had tabled a document assessing current Senior match use of 1<sup>st</sup> tee (effectively amounting to one hour per fortnight per annum) that showed a

net loss of 1.5 fixtures per annum over recent times (Tewkesbury Park (-1) and Sapey (-0.5))

- AD welcomed in-depth analysis as a tool to support any requests for up to 2 new opponents (Rolls and Redditch);
- after discussion it was agreed to raise the issue at the 6-monthly meeting with Board members and hope that the chair of H&C might be asked to attend;
- RM indicated that Pete Basten's B team arrangements might offer some way into solving any dilemma; DF will await an approach from Pete Basten and the outcome of the meeting above before returning to Committee;
- RM introduced a *John William's big birthday Comp* arranged by Pete Basten to which Seniors would be invited; RM was happy to amend his schedule;

#### 2017 Opens

- DF data suggested that the move to online Opens' promotion and management had been broadly successful: 3 Opens were either full or within a % point of full; the Mixed had reached 50% take-up and it was felt that it should run but with a way found to compress tee-times into a feasible time-scale; DF would discuss with the Office; end-of-season review should help erase any issues that on-line booking has thrown up;
- the reduction of Seniors' Opens green-fees had led to an increase in visitor numbers in Singles and Pairs;
- DF asked match organisers to highlight DF's need for volunteers, traditionally difficult amongst Senior Section males;

#### Presentation Evening

- following the AGM's willingness to find a further way to improve Club/ Seniors relations DF had informed Mike Sterry that principal Seniors' comp winners could be included in the Club Presentation Evening; he also asked for a review of the proceedings with a view to making them less time consuming and more interesting;
- RM indicated that discussions about the event at H&C had intimated that Seniors' events might not be of sufficient import to have them included; committee was very happy to live with the possibility;
- **Website review**
- AP had indicated his intention to review the Seniors' pages;

#### Forthcoming events; the following require organisation/ management:

- 18<sup>th</sup> May Open Singles; 14<sup>th</sup> July Seniors' Open Pairs: DF was confident that with volunteer support and clement weather these would run efficiently;

- 5<sup>th</sup> June Senior Captain's Day; 10<sup>th</sup> July Captain's Away Day: NT appreciated any help forthcoming from DF and particularly TP
- 14<sup>th</sup> June Tankard 1: RM confirmed he was on the case; entry £3;

**Captain's v Vice Captain's scrap:**

- TP indicated that David Wood had made a generous donation for a trophy; this was kindly accepted; a trophy would be purchased but would not be annually engraved; TP to follow up;
- its timing was discussed: balance of views suggested a free-standing match not preceding the Christmas lunch;

**4. Treasurer's Business**

- TP announced a credit balance of £2381;
- membership stood at 94, TP referred non-payers to NT for collection;
- TP tabled the cup he had purchased as winner's trophy for Club Junior Open;
- engraving/ placing of the Seniors' credit plate was discussed and left to TP's discretion;
- LF agreed to manage the outstanding engraving of items in the Trophy cabinet;

**5. Captain's Business**

- Winter League aka Round Robin: NT was delighted to announce that WGC had finished on equal points with Ross who were declared winners on countback; the team's efforts were warmly applauded;
- NT requested a calendar schedule for 2017

**6. Incoming Captain's Business:** nil

**7. Any Other Business:** nil

**8. Next Meeting:** the suggested date of July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am will allow consideration of:

- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> AmAm Open
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Mixed Open

David Fawbert, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.