

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Jan 10th, 2017

1. Present: Les Facer, Nigel Teale, Tony Pawson, Robin Marling, Allan Davies, David Wood, John Williams, David Fawbert

2. Apologies: Andy Peet, Dave Anderson

3. There were no matters arising

4. Secretary' Business:

- DF thanked colleagues who had ensured the smooth running of the Christmas Lunch and Champions play-off; the events had received full coverage in the Malvern Gazette;
- it was confirmed that Trophies had been recovered after the luncheon and returned to the Trophies' Cabinet; labels had been updated; DF and TP would see to the engraving of the Yarworth Cup;
- DF confirmed that there no clashes between the Club diary and his own published match and events schedules;
- RM took away the draft Fixture Card and would amend it to include his own schedule of roll-up dates and formats; once final agreement was reached the card would go to print in time for the AGM;
- it was agreed that the '**Introduction to the Senior Section**' document would be updated and copies retained in the Office for new members; the document would not however be distributed to gentlemen over 50 as in previous years;
- Committee asked David Wood to chat to AP as regards web-site content in an effort to offer new angles not covered in the paper document;
- Out of courtesy DF would contact Past Captains outlining the committee's recommendation of David Wood as Seniors' Captain for 2018;

Meeting with Board

- after delays NT, DF and AP had met with the Chairman, Fred Bentley and Colin Lowe;
- they were pleased to learn that the Section was regarded as part of the Club family and that the Board approved both its management and financial arrangements;
- notions of 'them and us' did not exist at Board level;
- DF and TP had prepared support documents for Seniors' appeals against Board decisions viz Green Fees, a dedicated car space and selected tee closures; NT also requested a supply of Club ties;
- Subsequent Board meeting accepted a Green fee variation of minus £1 for 3 of the 4 Opens this summer, would provide a dedicated car-space for Seniors' Captain but rejected request for tee closures; NT would participate in the design of the new club tie;
- the decision to repeat the meeting on a 6 monthly basis was warmly approved; it was hoped that other Board members might agree to participate;
- DF had contacted Mr Hanna and thanked him; DF had previously expressed his frustration to the Chairman as regards a decisions process that did not appear to have delved into the data deeply enough;
- the move to online Opens' promotion and management had experienced teething troubles: whilst all had acted in good faith, some agreed figures were entered inaccurately without means of redress; thankfully discrepancies were small; outside the meeting he had learnt that the Office would book online for members with a bank card;

- RM introduced his proposals for further ways to improve Club/ Seniors relations (already approved in absentia by AP and DA)
- after discussion Committee agreed to make a proposal to the Seniors' AGM recommending partial participation in the Club's autumn Presentation Evening but involving Yarworth Cup, Corless Goblets and Frazer Tankards winners only; above all the warmth and conviviality of the Christmas Lunch would remain sacrosanct;
- DF was asked to contact Mike Sterry and urge him to review the Presentation Evening formula to refresh what was acknowledged by those who had attended/ hosted the event as bordering on the over-lengthy and seriously boring;
- Committee agreed that surpluses (generated largely by Opens) should be ploughed back into the Club (the first in response to a Club request to build a bridge, the second a Seniors' committee commissioned water-fountain); available funding would be drawn to the Board's attention and a mutually acceptable project sought that could be recommended to Seniors members via Notice Board;

AGM of February 8th 2017:

- John Williams has resigned from Committee to devote himself to his forthcoming Club duties; John was warmly thanked for his contribution;
- other current members indicated their willingness to continue;
- DF would as of routine seek **Committee Nominations** via a Nominations form and indicate space for 'new blood';
- **AGM materials** would be posted between now and February for the attention of all Senior members plus a draft copy of the AGM agenda and 2016 Minutes;
- DF felt that Committee had respected the views expressed at last year's AGM;

5. Treasurer's business

- TP tabled his draft financial report and led committee through the figures; these would be audited prior to submission to the AGM;
- his presentation, admirably clear and unchallenged, was warmly acknowledged by those around the table;

6. Captain's Business

- LF clarified arrangements for the Captain v Vice Captain challenge and the difficulties he had faced, complicated almost certainly by the choice of day;
- LF indicated 2 matches he had organised v Rolls of Monmouth; the home fixture would be treated as a Society event, with Green Fees paid etc;
- DF reminded committee that any decisions to change the Senior match profile by relinquishing 2 current home matches and replacing them in favour of new opponents was not yet at negotiation stage and could only apply to 2018;

7. Incoming Captain's business

- NT outlined his club tie progress and the time-scale he wished to follow;

8. AOB

- AD requested help with the proof reading Club Articles and Rules currently under redesign; RM and DF agreed to help;

9. Next Meeting: April 4th at 10 am