

Seniors Committee Minutes for.

Present: Keith Hitchcock, Ron Barker, Tony Pawson, Peter Kirton, Robin Marling, Mike Travis, Andy Peet, Allan Davies, Les Facer, Nigel Teale, Andrew Whiteley

Apologies: Nil

1. Previous Minutes/Matters arising

None

2. Opens Report

Robin reported that bookings are going well as shown below:

Event	SINGLES	PAIRS	AM-AM	MIXED
Date	Mon 13 th May	Fri 12 th Jul	Fri 2 nd Aug	Mon 16 th Sep
Bookings	82%	94%	100%	48%

As has been discussed before, the Club on-line booking system has significant limitations, particularly for the Singles Open. Robin will now be working hard to fill gaps and move some players around with limited information available to him from the system.

Action: Robin will compile a list of these limitations and discuss them with Paul, the Club Pro, who runs the other Club opens.

Paul is on the H&C committee and it was decided this is the best route to present these limitations to the H&C committee.

3. Competitions Secretary's report

Mike thanked Andy for his work in making the draw (ably assisted by Ken Willet and Euan McClelland) for both the Fraser Tankards and Yarworth Cup. The display of both draws on the Seniors notice board is excellent! Entries are up on last year with 38 entrants for both competitions.

A discussion was held regarding refunds of paid entrance fees if an entrant is unable to play. The general rule is that once the draw has been made, payment is required. However, there may be some occasions where this is inappropriate, the Competitions Secretary should have some leeway, but any disagreement will be put to the next committee meeting for decision.

4. H & C Report

Mike confirmed that approval had been received from the Board for a shotgun start at each Seniors annual Christmas competition prior to our Christmas lunch. This is a significant achievement and much praise goes to Mike for his work for this. The Board decision is recorded in the minutes of their Board meeting on 11th Feb 2019.

***Action:** The meeting requested that the Seniors Secretary write a letter of thanks to the Board for this shotgun start approval.*

5. Treasurer's Business

Tony reported that section finances remain good with £2684.78 banked and £124 held in cash. This cash sum increased during the meeting as Committee members paid competition entrance fees!

Payment has not yet been requested for the new Whiteboard and new Clock but we understand that they are on budget at £510 and £124 respectively.

The whiteboard was viewed after the meeting and clearly shows that it was donated by the Seniors Section.

Current Section membership stands at 81 which is better than this stage last year. Hopefully it be possible to gain the extra 36 members to match 2018.

6. Captain's Business

Keith reported that good numbers were putting their names down for the early matches.

The first match at Cirencester was drawn 4-4. Keith is of the opinion that we may have less victories than last year as his selection philosophy of giving all a chance will sometimes mean we do not field the strongest players.

Selection for Minchinhampton (away) on 9th May clashes with the spring show at Three Counties hence volunteers to play are reduced.

9. Any Other Business

- **Mixed Roll-ups:** Robin has been approached by a member of the Ladies section for our opinion regarding having mixed roll-ups. A discussion occurred with the meeting being a little sceptical as to how well this would be supported. We remain openminded but more work would be needed before a proposal might be formulated.
- **Data Protection:** Ron is concerned that the GDPRs are not fully understood in how they regulate operations within the Section. **Action:** *Ron will investigate the matter with the two Club experts Gordon Herbert and Bill Massey.*
- **Captain's Jacket:** Les raised the possibility of funding a jacket for the Seniors Captain in future years. After a discussion it was decided that although there may be some positives to the suggestion, on balance the committee did not want to propose this to the next AGM. During the discussion it was mentioned that the Captains honorarium might be increased and that this will be discussed further prior to next year's AGM. One of the reasons for Les's suggestion was to present the match team in a more impressive way. The meeting felt that emphasising team dress of white tea shirt and blue jumper along with club tie for the meal is a good way to do this.

10. Date for the next meeting:

Tuesday 25th June at 1000

The meeting closed at 1130