

Seniors Committee Minutes for 22nd January 2019.

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

Apologies: Les Facer

1. Previous Minutes/Matters arising

The question of the Section contributing to a new Golf Club sign on the approach road will not be pursued.

2. Secretary's Business

- It was decided to propose the Officers and Committee nominations as a block at the AGM.
- A discussion was held regarding Club Board liaison with several suggestions made. The conclusion was that Allan remained on the Committee to ensure ongoing liaison with the Board

3. Opens Report

Bookings for 2019 Seniors Opens are satisfactory to date.

SINGLES - May 13	PAIRS - Jul 12	AMAM – Aug 2	MIXED – Sep 16
60%	83%	FULL	40%

Robin will review the bookings in March but considers that some work will be required for the Singles Open, adjusting tee times to cope with un-paired pairs or finding markers.

4. Competitions Secretary's report

- Mike pointed out that the Shotgun start which occurred for the 2018 Christmas Lunch competition will need to be applied for each year. The Club will not grant this on a recurring annual basis.
- The final of the Corless goblets competition is planned prior to the AGM. However, it was agreed the prizes would be presented at the Christmas lunch and prize-giving.
- Lists are on the notice board for the 2019 Yarworth Cup and Frazer Tankards with the entrance fee noted at £4. This will be mentioned at the AGM.

- For Seniors events that include a meal, Mike felt the when a tip for the staff is included in the entrance fee, this should be noted on the event notice.

5. H & C Report

- Mike reported that the annual Handicap Review had occurred.
- All H&C meeting dates for 2019 are now published, Mike is available for all but two and will seek a deputy when required.
- Due to the requirements for the start of the 2020 Handicap system, players will need to submit 3 cards in 2019. A review will take place in September to ensure that this requirement will have been met by the end of the year.
- The Club Chairman, present at an H&C meeting, voiced concerns that the operational strength of our computer systems may not be sufficient to run the World Handicap System. He confirmed this will be addressed.
- The Club Chairman also agreed the requirement to provide a computer system so that Competitions and Opens can in the future be screened live. It was hoped this could be trialled the first Seniors Open.
- Following the last point a number of committee members stated that they would be prepared to help with the computer system trial.
- There remains a desire and need for a new Competitions Whiteboard. Club Professional, Paul, has obtained estimate of total cost of £510.
- Mike confirmed to H&C that he would be asking the Seniors Committee, at their January meeting, if they would contribute to this cost. This was appreciated by the H & C committee. (See AOB)
- Seniors D Day Competition. The Seniors Captain had written to H & C requesting permission to hold a competition to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. It was agreed the Seniors will adapt a mid-week stableford. (See AOB)

6. Treasurer's Business

- Tony presented the meeting with the annual balance sheet and a discussion was held with explanations for various items.
- Section finances are in good order.
- The proposed changes to Birthday gifts were discussed prior to them being proposed to the AGM for a vote.
- Tony requested that clarification be made to the AGM that midweek Tankard events would be self-funding, the cost of the tankards will now be deducted from the prize fund.

7. Captain's Business

- Andy reported the Annual dinner had been a success with £224 collected and presented to the Ladies Captain Julia Radley for her chosen charity.
- Andy noted that there is an error in the Club paper diary for the match against Kington on 30th May. This match will be at home and not as stated. All Club electronic diaries and the Seniors paper diary are correct.

9. Any Other Business:

- Publicity for the Seniors Section was discussed. The Captain produces match reports and Robin produces a press release after each Open. These and any other releases should be with the Club publicity officer Diane Meakin prior to 9am on Mondays.
- Andy discussed a proposed Royal British Legion Golf event which is intended to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The RBL consider that prior to Remembrance Sunday is an appropriate time. The Club are happy for the Veterans Stableford competition on the 23rd October to be used for this with a proportion of entry fees to go to the RBL. The RBL's suggestion in addition is that the aim should be for an ideal medal score of net 75 with a contribution per shot over this to the RBL. Details will be worked out at a future date.
- A significant discussion occurred regarding a suggestion from Mike that the Seniors should fund the new Club Whiteboard. The conclusion of this and a suggestion from Les regarding funding for a new clock to go on the Pro-shop wall was that: - The committee propose to the AGM that funding be approved of up to £700 for these items. The committee is aware that if we do not fund these items, they will be bought from other Club accounts. The whiteboard would have an inscription stating that it was donated by the Seniors section.
- Keith is seeking thoughts and ideas as to how to widen the pool of players who play in Seniors matches. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Date for next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April at 1000

The meeting closed at 1215