

**FARRINGTON PARK SENIORS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2015**

ATTENDANCE

A full list of those attending is retained with the minutes on the Seniors file, together with e-mail addresses and expressions of interest to play in friendlies.

APOLOGIES

Keith Shepherd, John Ward, Tim Waller, Stephen Cook, John Butler

MINUTES OF 2013 AGM

The minutes were accepted as true record of the proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING

None that will not be addressed at today's AGM

CAPTAINS REPORT

Jim Farmer opened by stating that he had experienced a most enjoyable year captaining what he firmly believes is the strongest and best seniors section in the area and he gave specific thanks to Ray Vickers for his tireless efforts in organising our Wednesday Seniors Days. He said that we have had one of our most successful Opens of recent years following its re-introduction in September and he gave his thanks to Dave Elliott and Chris Liberty whose efforts in relation to this event were vital, he also thanked Jean Sage and the ladies for their support in running the reception desk. The profitability was thanks to the excellent contacts that Dave Elliott was able to call upon for sponsorship. He thanked Tony Clements for his sterling work in arranging the inter-club friendlies and reported that we had enjoyed a successful year, winning 18, drawing 8, and losing the balance of the matches played. In relation to participation in the matches we had 43 different players competing in the matches over the course of the season, this amounts to about one third of membership. In closing, Jim thanked Ken Hutton for his help in staging the successful and enjoyable Captain's Day and then all Section members who had supported him over the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ian Clement reported on the accounts which were circulated and had been audited by Steve Cook and found to be accurate. Ian said that the most important thing to note is that the financial statement was based on a 15 month period rather than the customary 12 months due to our change over year for the new AGM date. He stated that we had £8302 at the bank at the start of the season and that by the close of books we held £5977, a reduced holding which

was reported as an intention at last year's AGM. This was achieved by altering the amount of costs deducted from our Wednesday event payments that go towards financing the running of the section and increasing the prize fund. Over the year we had an expenditure of £30089 and an income of £27764. The accounts were accepted unanimously by those present. A full cpy is filed with the minutes of the AGM.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Steve Cook reported that the accounts had been checked and were accurate and had certified this fact on the accounts. Acceptance of the Auditors report was proposed by Phil Thompson and seconded by Eddie Cheasely and accepted by the meeting.

COMPETITION REPORT

Presented, all matches were eventually played ,this was monitored by Mike Henton.

SENIORS WEDESDAY PROGRAMME

Ray Vickers advised the AGM as to the way matters were running and the only issue he raised – the crossing out of names on the sheet and non- attendance by members will be raised under items for discussion.

ELECTION OF OFFICER

The following individuals were elected to the various positions on the Committee:-

Captain - Mike Henton proposed by Mike Hedges and seconded by Ian Clement – accepted by the meeting

Vice- Captain - Dave Elliott proposed by Mike Henton and seconded by Mike Hedges – accepted

Treasurer – Ian Clement proposed by Mike Hedges and seconded by Dave Elliott – accepted

Secretary - Mike Hedges proposed by Mike Henton and seconded by Dave Elliott – accepted

Committee members – elected unanimously by the AGM and voted in en block Jim Farmer (competitions), Tony Clements(fixture), Ray Vickers(Wednesday organiser), Roger Stone(handicaps), Rob Thain(publicity and diary) Chris Liberty(opens) & Phil Thompson(member). Steve Cook was elected as Club Auditor.

INCOMING CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS

Mike Henton thanked the AGM for their support, he said that he had enjoyed the past year as Vice-Captain but that now he will be getting a grip of the Captain's Role and he looked forward to the continuing support of members.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Two matters had been nominated for discussion, one of which concerning the format of friendlies will be discussed at the first meeting of the new committee. The second item for discussion concerned the format of qualifying competitions and the continuing debate around green and yellow tee boxes. It had been believed that the Club were going to revert to a single tee of the day for the forthcoming year which would have rendered the issue unnecessary for discussion, however, the Secretary had been advised today that this will not be the case and the Club will continue with Green and Yellows. As result of this the suggestion received that as a section we cease placing the yellow tee box on the thirteenth on the forward tee for qualifiers was discussed and after a lively discussion it was agreed by 22 votes to 18 that we continue as in past years.

The next item for discussion was that raised by Ray Vickers that we reinforce the fact that members who have put themselves on the Wednesday list but are then unable to play, should not cross themselves of the list and do nothing else – they should first contact Ray Vickers by phone to advise him before any further action is taken. It was also emphasised that players should not just fail to turn up – it is bad manners and lets other players down. This course of action received full support of the AGM and will be subject to further discussion in committee as to possible sanction for failure to comply.

There was then a discussion concerning the balances held by the Section and various suggestions were made for running down the balance further. Ian Clement was firmly of the view that for the forthcoming year – a standard 12 month year that we continue at the present level but dependant on year end figures there were a number of opportunities for reducing balances such as increasing prize money or giving more prizes. This will be monitored by the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT AGM Thursday 11th February 2016, however, due to the success in terms of turn out for today's AGM, this may be moved to 10th February 2016 on a Wednesday afternoon.

**Mike Hedges
Honorary Secretary**

