

# Minutes of the Seniors Annual General Meeting of February 7th 2018.

A moments silence was held to remember absent friends.

The Captain and 40 senior members were in attendance; there were 5 apologies.

The **Minutes of February 10th, 2017** were accepted as a true record of the meeting. **Matters Arising** are addressed under other headings.

## Captain's Report

**Nigel Teale** thanked the section for electing him as the 2017 Seniors Captain and thanked those who had supported him during an enjoyable year. He felt that the year had run fairly smoothly although Dave Anderson had suffered a stroke during the match at Cirencester. Dave is recovering well.

A point to note for the future is that our friendly fixtures have been extended following our withdrawal from the Winter League.

**David Fawbert** is standing down from his position as **Seniors Secretary**, which he has held for 12 years. Captain Nigel paid tribute to and thanked Dave for his stalwart service, pointing out that his duties had been all encompassing, particularly with regard to the successful running of the Seniors Opens.

## Secretary's report

- **David Fawbert** offered Nigel his warmest good wishes, pointing out that his tenure had achieved two mystical wishes for the senior section. A dedicated car parking space for the Seniors Captain and a new Club tie.
- Dave offered his best wishes to Dave Anderson and his thanks to Dave Wood for his generous donation to the section funds.
- Dave thanked a number of people for their roles in supporting the committee:
  - Andy Peet for work on fixtures, diary coordination and the Club website.
  - Mike Travis for improving relations with the H & C committee.
  - Robin Marling for invaluable work with Roll Ups and integrating new members.
  - Tony Pawson for his skill and dedication to the section finances.
  - Judi and the office staff for their invaluable assistance.
  - The caterers and bar staff for their brilliant efforts.
  - Finally to the committee as a whole, for supporting the Section and Club.
- The Club Junior Open was held in 2017, with the winner's trophy, provided by our section, being awarded. It is hoped that this event will attract many more competitors in the future.
- **Mike Travis** was asked to report on his success with the H&C committee. He has achieved written terms for matches, dedicated tee times and other details. The agreed document is set out in an Annex to the Seniors Committee Minutes for January 16th, 2018.
- At this point, Dave bid farewell as Secretary, and described some memories of his time in post. He also wished Andy the best of luck in his tenure as Captain.

## Treasurer's Report:

- **Tony Pawson** also paid tribute to Dave Fawbert's dedication to the role of Seniors Secretary and presented him with a gift to thank him. Tony then proposed that Dave be granted Honorary Life Membership of the senior section to recognise his significant contribution. This was seconded by Stan Jones and approved unanimously.

- Tony provided the year's financial statements for income and expenditure for members to view. He explained the finer points to those present. He considered that the section finances continue to be in good order, allowing us to continue to make contributions to the Club as a whole.
- Tony thanked Euan McClelland for auditing the accounts and these were accepted by the meeting.
- Tony pointed out that the running of the Seniors Opens made a significant contribution to the balance sheet and asked for support in providing markers and desk staff for this coming year's events.
- Tony reported that the Club had challenged the section over the running of Seniors Opens. The Club felt that these should be non-profit making events. The Seniors Committee were forceful in their defence to maintain our current ethos. This avoids the risk of us making a loss, and allows us to make contributions to the Club when a suitable item is identified. The Club accepted our position. Please see the second item in AOB.
- Tony reported a small drop in the number of older members, but the addition of 12 members under the age of 60.

## **Election of Officers and Committee members**

- From the 2017 committee, Dave Anderson is standing down. Les Facer, having previously been the past captain member, is standing to remain on the committee as an ordinary member.
- **Nominees, with proposers and seconders were offered to the meeting and accepted as a block**
- **Keith Hitchcock's nomination as Vice-Captain in 2018, and Captain elect for 2019 was thereby approved;**

## **Andy Peet took the Chair.**

- Andy thanked and congratulated Nigel for his contribution to the Seniors Section throughout the year.
- Andy pointed out that he had been co-opted to the role at late notice, but looked forward to an enjoyable and successful year.
- Andy stated that we are playing 30 friendly fixtures this year including three new Clubs. He asked for support in fielding teams for these matches.
- Andy hoped that members representing the section in matches would wear the new Club tie to the meal afterwards.

## **AOB**

- Ivor Dalglish gave a short presentation about serious medical emergencies on the course. He pointed out that a mobile phone should always be carried and that the first call should be to 999. Postcode and phone numbers are on the scorecard. A second person's phone should be used to call the Pro shop. The staff there are trained in the use of the two defibrillators which are on the course, one at the shop and the other at the halfway toilet. Some points were raised from the floor with answers given by Ivor and others.
- The Club had decided that to enhance the atmosphere in the clubhouse, they intend to display photos from the history of the Club in suitable locations. **Alan Davies** has suggested to the committee that the section might wish to contribute to this effort by providing the frames for a number of these photos. The committee approved of the idea and sought the meetings agreement for up to £500 to be spent. (Each frame would cost approximately £60). Having been proposed by Alan Davis, Mike Travis seconded the idea and it was approved by the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2pm

**Date of next AGM: February 6th, 2019.**