

CLACTON ON SEA GOLF CLUB – SENIORS

MINUTES OF THE 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 held at the Clubhouse at noon on Monday 5th February 2024

PRESENT

Bob Baggalley (Captain) Conor Kinnerk (Immediate Past Captain), Terry Hewitt (Vice Captain), John Kemp (Honorary Secretary), David Needham (Honorary Treasurer), Geoff Haslam, Gary Dymond, David Reid and Michael Horley (Competition Subcommittee Members) and 66 registered senior members.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Captain Bob Baggalley welcomed the Seniors present.

APOLOGIES

John Kemp advised apologies had been received from Club Chairman John Richmond and Paul Tubbs

ABSENT FRIENDS

The Captain asked the meeting to stand for a moment's silent thought for absent friends: – Adrian Dale ,Richard Pink and Tony Doggett

The Captain requested that those present remembered passed friends and a minute's silence was observed.

MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Captain advised a full version of these minutes had been on permanent display for scrutiny on the Seniors noticeboard and on the Seniors page of the Club website for the past 12 months. They had also been circulated by email to all members for comment. John Kemp advised no comments had been received from members.

A vote to accept the minutes as a true record by all present was proposed by Jim Wiggam and seconded by Roy Dennis. The Captain and Secretary duly signed them.

MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the Any Other Business part of the last AGM had been posted on the Notice board and on the Seniors web page. In addition copies were made available on the day together with the response(s) from the Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Needham gave the following report:

I am quite happy to answer any questions but could you keep them to the end of my report as they may be answered during the presentation.

A copy of the 2023vAccount Summary has been available on your tables and I do hope that you have taken the opportunity to look through them. After all, it is your money and I want to you to be happy with the figures presented.

The full accounts have been inspected and audited by two of your colleagues, John Stuck and Robert Gillespie on the 16th of January. It is a mere coincidence that John has gone to India for two months however no financial inducement was made!
Incidentally the Full Accounts are available for inspection.

Now down to the summary-----During the summer months of 2023 it was clear that the income from Competitions was not sufficient to meet the expenditure and provide an acceptable surplus at the end of the year.

Your Committee decided to increase the competition entry fee to £3.00, the first increase in approximately 12 years. This increase ,together with the income from the fun games has boosted the income form competitions £6425 in 2022 to £7828 this year. This has enabled us to continue to subsidise events such as the Turkey Shoot and todays breakfast whilst still leaving an acceptable surplus. The rest of the figures are self-explanatory but I will quickly run through them so you are aware how we handled your Monies.

David then went through the accounts.

The surplus carried forward this year is £1875 which compares to £1276 last year.

As you will now be aware after 5 years on the Committee and 3 as Treasurer ,I am stepping down but I will give every assistance to my successor should he need it. I can now devote my energies to Golf and getting my Handicap down although at my age this may be a forlorn hope.

David then asked for any Questions. There were none.

Captain Bob asked for a proposer to adopt the minutes .Prosed by Tony Sutton and Seconded by Peter Cross. The report was carried unanimously.

Captain Bob then thanked David from the chair for his hard work as treasurer and wished him well for the future and hoped his handicap will come down.

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SECRETARY,S REPORT

John Kemp gave the following report:

It was pleasing to see numbers of registered seniors at a steady level. Since the dreaded Covid 19 we lost quite a few players who no longer wanted to play competitive golf but it is pleasing to see new people joining us.

I have tried to arrange this years matches and fixtures to suit everybody and have tried to change as many interclub matches to spread them out. Not an easy task when you are dealing with some clubs. I am already getting requests for dates in 2025!

We play 11 home and 11 away matches during the (hopefully) warmer and drier months.

Places to play in these matches are available to all registered seniors and I am sure incoming Captain Terry will try to give as many players as possible a chance. It is normal ,in fairness , that if you play in an away fixture you should make yourself available for the corresponding home one.

You may soon hear of Captain Bobs pride on the showing of the inter club teams although I am unconvinced their success is entirely down to him!

For this AGM we have received four nominations for three committee places . This is welcomed as it is good for the seniors committee to have new faces who may bring new ideas.

The constitution and Competition guidelines are the Committees rule book . Copies of these are displayed on the Notice Board and on the Web Page. I urge you to look at these. You will see that there are Two amendments proposed by the Committee for you to consider and vote on shortly.

John asked if there were any Questions. There being none.

Captain Bob asked that this report be adopted. It was proposed by Mick Patey and Seconded by Craig Day. The report was carried unanimously.

MOTIONS.

Captain Bob then asked the Secretary to read the motions put forward prior to the AGM..

1. Proposed by the committee following their meeting on 2nd January 2024

The starter of the day will only postpone and/or cancel any scheduled competition if less than nine(9) holes are open for playing.

Reason: To enable competitions to be run during periods of prolonged wet weather.

The motion was carried unanimously.

2. The seniors will allow ladies ,over 55, to play in their scheduled medal competitions during 2024. This will be on a trial basis ,for 12 months provided the lady member pays the full cost of entry.

The secretary read out one Email which raised concerns about reducing the speed of play. There followed a short discussion and it was suggested that any ladies would be expected to play in accordance with our guidelines regarding pace of play and assurances were given that no four balls of all Ladies would be allowed.

A vote was held and the motion was passed on a majority.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Bob Baggalley gave the following report:

At last year's AGM I set out two aims for my committee in 2023.

The first was to encourage more seniors in the club to take part in our senior games. During the year the committee made some changes that were successful in improving the numbers. In particular the Roll Ups were dropped and replaced with fun games-all with booked tee times and a starter. These resulted in increased numbers of seniors taking part.

Over the summer months an average of 63 seniors played in our Trophy Competitions.

I was especially pleased with the support for our Inter Club matches in 2023 with 55 players taking part over the season including several new club members.

My second aim was to foster good comradeship amongst the seniors. I think we did achieve that with events such as Captain's Day with 85 and Guest day with 60 taking part. Also the Turkey Shoot with 77 seniors and the new style Christmas party with 72 attending. By the way at the New style Christmas Party we made a small surplus of £32 and we also raised £180 on the night for the music department of the Clacton County High School who attended as Carol Singers.

Unfortunately ,postponement of some competitions was unavoidable at both the start of the year and towards the end due to the very wet weather conditions. Despite this this 25 Medal and trophy Competitions were played thanks to the Committees dedication in making this happen.

In regard to Inter Club matches I was delighted Stoke by Nayland GC joined our schedule. I am pleased to report we had many positive comments about our course and our friendly Clubhouse from visiting Clubs. We played 22 matches overall , we won 12 were all square in 2 and lost 8. I am proud to say the wins included our teams double-home and away – over both Colchester and Stoke by Nayland Golf Clubs.

Given booking issues at our club when holding a long standing seniors match on a Friday ,John and I spoke to our counterparts at Colchester GC (the only home match on a Friday) has now been changed to a Thursday.

Most inter club matches are 16 players a side- the exceptions being Purdis Heath (Ipswich) and Frinton GC. These clubs could not raise a full team. The Committee will continue to monitor this situation as it is not ideal.

I enjoyed playing in the mixed games with Fiona Cope ,Ladies Captain, who was good company and a competitive golfer. I would recommend playing in these games to all Seniors. They are good fun.

I would like to thank the various Club personnel who have made playing at Clacton such a pleasure during 2023. Nicole and her Catering Staff -Jass and her Bar Staff , - Sue at the Halfway House , -CEO Terry and his staff particularly Jane. -and the Greens staff led so well by Doug.

I have really enjoyed my year as your Senior's Captain . I think it was a good year but it would not have been possible without the huge amount of work the Committee puts in on behalf of the senior's . My thanks to them all.

A special thanks to Secretary John who has given me such great support this year. Thank you John.

Also thankyou to Paul Tubbs who, over and above his Committee duties ,restored the Jeff Sinnott memorial bench to its former glory.

Dave Needham and Conor Kinnerk – both are leaving the committee at the AGM – after many years of dedicated service. You will both be missed at future meetings .

Finally I am delighted to report the amount of money raised for my nominated charity - Alzheimer's Research UK is £2610 . Thank you all for your support.

That's it then – This is Captain Bob signing off – hopefully I kept the promise I made when I became Captain to build on the success of our Senior's Section. I wish in-coming Captain Terry all the best for 2024.

Captain Bob asked the meeting to approve the report. This was proposed by Tony Dumper and seconded by Roy Dennis. The vote was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

John Kemp Hon Secretary then took over the meeting and announced that Geoff Haslam was elected unopposed as Vice-Captain.

He further announced that Michael Horley was elected, unopposed as Honorary Treasurer and John Kemp elected unopposed as Honorary Secretary.

He then announced the result of the ballot for Committee places. Formally elected were Dave Cowdery, Craig Day and Ray Fage. Not elected was David Reid. John Kemp gave thanks for all the work David has carried out in the past. He asked the new Committee Members to stand up. He asked the meeting to welcome them all onto the Committee. He then asked them to join the Committee on the top table.

HANDOVER

The Captain then briefly took over to induct incoming Captain 2024, Terry Hewitt. He was presented with the Captains Plaque and his Tankard and donned his Senior Captains Blazer...

NEW CAPTAIN'S VISION & AIMS FOR THE YEAR

Terry Hewitt thanked Bob and congratulated him on a fantastic year. He added that he thought Bob chaired the meetings very professionally and kept us all in check. He added that surprisingly on the course his win record was very impressive. He said if I can do as well I will be a happy man. Of course it is a team effort and I thank the Committee for all their hard work during Bob's Captaincy and I look forward to working with you all in this my year.

I consider it a great honour to be elected senior's Captain. I promise to do my best and follow in the footsteps of some great Past Captains

On that note I would like to mention my dear friend the late Malcolm Pitcher. It was Malcolm who originally kept asking me to play in the senior's on a Monday. But I kept refusing because I had heard stories that you were all boring and it was like God's Waiting room.

But it was not, it was fun, competitive and sociable. I can say I have enjoyed playing golf with everyone of you over the last four years.

Which brings me to my aims and vision for my year as captain.

I believe we have the best section in the club. If it is not broken do not fix it but we do need to continue to support the committee in everything they do, enter competitions, support the social events and spread the word on how much fun we have in the senior's Section.

If you enjoy it as much as I do then tell your friends, tell other club members and get them to join us. If you do not enjoy something then please tell me.

I am pleased that you have supported the Committee's motion on allowing senior ladies to join us during the year in our Medal Competitions. I do believe that is the right thing to do and I hope you will welcome them as you welcomed me.

My Charity this year is the Clacton on Sea branch of the RNLI and I promise that every penny will go to the local branch where funds are much needed to keep this valuable service available for all of us in times of need.. This is more important now than ever as the sister lifeboat at Walton on the Naze is to be decommissioned later this year.

I thank all of you who gave generously and tried to guess the distance of my Captain's Drive In. I did find some of the guesses quite derogatory but to be fair there were stupidly long estimates as well.. They clearly don't know how bad I am. My drive in will take place straight after the AGM outside on the 18th fairway..

Finally the part of my speech you have all been waiting for ,I would be honoured if you would all join me at the bar afterwards for a drink.'

Thank you everyone and I look forward to my year and hope I do you and Clacton Golf Club proud.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nigel Martin said he was concerned that some players were winning a lot of competitions and he believed that some handicaps were clearly wrong. He asked why do we no longer have senior's winter handicaps as in the past .

The reply was that under the WHS system this was dropped some years ago but the committee will monitor this going forward.

CLOSE

Captain Terry Hewitt thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to join him in a drink at the bar and closed the meeting at 12.40pm.

Signed as a true record:

Terry Hewitt
Seniors Captain

John Kemp
Honorary Secretary

Clacton on Sea Golf Club Seniors
Accounts summary year ending 31/12/2023

Income	Club Card	Bank Account	Total
B/F	£1,173.90	£3232.31	£4406.21
Comp Entry	£7828.00		£7828.00
Raffles	£1192.00	£1918.37	£3110.37
Charity	£154.00	£230..	£384.00
Xmas Dinner		£2482.00	£2480.00
		£540.00	£540.00
Transfer from Card		£1100.00	£1100.00
Catering	£340.00	£1021.00	£1361.00
Total	£10687.90	£10007.68	£20695.58
Expenditure			
Comp Prizes	£2,261.00	£895.84	£2,526.00
Raffle Prizes	£600.00	£368.00	£986.00
Trophies/Gifts	£40.74	£768.77	£809.51
Catering	£3183.10	£636.00	£3819.10
Misc	£50.50	£63.98	£114.48
Stationary	£53.74	£305.54	£359.28
Transfer to Bank	£750.00		£750.00
Green Fees Guest		£280.00	£280.00
Xmas Dinner	£2450.24		£2,450.24
Charity Donation		£3168.00	£3168.00
Total	£9739.32	£6504.13	£16243.45
Balance C/F	£948.58	£3503.55	£4452.13
Captains Charity C/F			-£2576.72

Actual fund C/F

£1,875.41