

CLACTON ON SEA GOLF CLUB – SENIORS

MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

held at the Clubhouse at Noon on Monday 3rd February 2020

PRESENT

Nigel Martin (Captain & Chairman), Rick Hale (Immediate Past Captain), Malcolm Pitcher (Vice Captain), Bob Baggalley (Hon Secretary), Robert Seggie (Treasurer), Jim Wiggam & Ray Fage & John Willson & Malcolm Taylor & David Needham (Competition Sub-Committee). 77 Seniors recorded their attendance.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Captain Nigel Martin welcomed the Seniors present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Kemp and Norman Starling and Paul Euston.

ABSENT FRIENDS

The Captain asked the meeting to stand for a moment's silent thought for absent friends – Gordon Weller

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Bob Baggalley advised a full version of these minutes had been on permanent display for scrutiny on the Seniors noticeboard and in the Seniors Section on the Club website for the last 11 months. He then read out key parts of the minutes for the attention of the members.

The minutes were agreed by the meeting as a true record by all present. The Captain and Secretary duly signed them.

MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Seggie gave the following report:

As at 31st December 2019:	£
Balance brought forward December 2018	3,048.80
Total Income	22,430.48
Total Expenditure	16,591.95
Balance in the bank December 2019	5,838.53
<u>Less</u>	
Debt Outstanding – Captains Charity -	2,966.00
Balance carried forward to 2020	2,872.53

"The working capital has risen in recent year's mainly because of the growth in the numbers playing in the Seniors Competitions which averaged 67 over the last 12 months.

The amount of working capital may appear to be a large sum but it should be appreciated that over the last year some £3,786 was needed to cover expenses for the Seniors Competitions. The monies spent in running these Competitions has to be paid 'up front' to suppliers of trophy's, prizes, whiskey & wine, golf balls, etc, etc. The price of many of these purchases has risen over the year's but I assure the members that the Committee is always looking out for bargains to keep the costs down. This usually entails many hours of surfing on the web!

If this surplus continues to grow and accumulate in 2020 the Committee will look for ways of returning it back to the Senior members in some form or another. As an example the Committee paid for the wine used in the 2019 Turkey Shoot out of surpluses and it was not charged to the entry fee."

The report was proposed by C. Kinnerk and seconded by J. Walker and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Baggalley gave the following report:

"I'm pleased to say that the numbers in the Seniors Section remains very buoyant with 155 Seniors registered as at the 15th January 2020.

You will appreciate that our Constitution is the organisational 'rule book' for the Seniors Section. A copy is always on display in the changing room adjacent to our notice board and on the Seniors page on the Club website. The same is true of our Competition Guidelines & Rules which is the 'rule book' for our annual competitions. Both can only be changed at an AGM or at an EGM by yourselves, the members.

The Committee has proposed two changes to the Competition Guidelines & Rules for members approval. They will improve the smooth running of the competitions and matches and I hope you will support them when they are voted on later in the proceedings.

We have received one nomination for a new person to join the Committee and three nominations from existing Committee members. Voting on these nominations will take place later in the agenda. However it is pleasing to see a nomination for somebody new to the Committee.

During the year the Committee ran 25 trophy matches and 25 inter club matches and a number of 'fun' and 'roll up' matches as well.

Next year we have the honour of hosting the Essex Veterans Tournament here at Clacton Golf Club and the Committee will keep you informed as plans for this major event evolve.

Finally as is traditional I draw your attention to the lists of previous and this year's trophy winners on each table."

The report was proposed by P. Cross and seconded by J. Bligh and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

MOTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Bob Baggalley read out the 2 motions that had been put forward by the Committee:

"1.

The Management Committee at its meeting held on 3rd December 2019 unanimously agreed to recommend the following motion: -

To make the following addition to section 1 in the Competition Guidelines & Rules: -

1.12 The number of qualifying games will be four each qualifying year for the Annual Turkey Shoot

Reason

To address complaints received that some members were not playing in enough qualifying matches, and paying their fees, before benefiting from the Turkey Shoot

2.

The Management Committee at its meeting held on 5th November 2019 unanimously agreed to recommend the following motion: -

To make the following addition to section 1 in the Competition Guidelines & Rules: -

1.13 To remind all Seniors: -

- If No contact is made with the starters of a Competition that the Senior has entered but then does not intend to play in;*
- If the Senior does not tick off their name to signify they will be attending Inter Club matches;*
- If the Senior fails to abide by the required timings as stated on the Competition start sheets;*
- If the Senior attempts to alter Competition start sheets once published on the notice board;*

The Senior's name will be removed from the next Competitive game and/or Inter Club match start sheet they enter to play in.

Reason

To resolve the difficulties encountered by Committee members when arranging Seniors Competitions and Inter Club matches

The motions were proposed by Nigel Martin and carried by a unanimous vote of the members.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Nigel Martin gave the following report:

"My thanks to the Committee for their full support during my year. It is with sadness that I advise that Rick Hale, Malcolm Taylor and Jim Wiggam are leaving the Committee at this AGM. On behalf of you all I thank Malcolm Taylor for his many years of service and excellent organisation of very many Seniors Christmas Functions and Rick Hale for his years of sterling service.

My thanks also to the Senior members for a great year with no moans and groans. I tried to play with different Senior members in both Inter Cub and Competition matches so I did play with most but not all of you.

I believe we have had a successful year of Inter Club matches and Competitions. As I promised at the last AGM I have spoken to most of the visiting Senior Captains and carefully assessed all Clubs visited and see no problems with continuing with 12 Inter Club matches a year. Results and details of our Inter Club games have been published on the Seniors notice board. The visitors to our Club were very happy all round and always want to play here so my thanks to the Catering staff, the Greens staff and the Office staff for all their assistance and help throughout the year.

The Golf Professional has asked if we want to switch the way in which we award the prize money from our Competitions from the members Club card to the members Pro Shop account? I would like to ask your opinion of this in a show of hands in favour or against.

A show of hands was unanimously in favour of remining with the present arrangement.

As the Treasurer has already said the working capital has risen in recent years and we are

suggesting we spend £650 on refurbishing the broken shoe cleaner which was originally bought by the Club Veterans many years ago. However we want you to consider if that is a good use of your money or if you have any other ideas you could suggest we spend that £650 on? Malcolm will revisit this question under AOB to ascertain your thoughts.

Finally my thanks all of you for supporting my Charities with almost £3,000 raised to be split 50/50 plus the Captains guest day RNLI contribution of £150.

I have enjoyed wonderful support all year from you and I hope you will do the same for Malcolm Pitcher.”

The report was proposed by M. Pitcher and seconded by B. Gage and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Bob Baggalley then took over as Chairman:

He announced that a ballot was necessary for the position of Vice Captain with two nominations received. The nominees were Jim Wiggam and Conor Kinnerk.

A vote was held and Jim Wiggam was appointed as Vic Captain. He thanked everybody who had voted for him and said he looked forward to supporting Malcolm Pitcher in his year.

Bob Baggalley said there were four other Committee positions vacant for which there had been three nominations so duly appointed were:

- Honorary Secretary – Bob Baggalley
- Treasurer – Robert Seggie
- Competition Sub Committee – Conor Kinnerk

Bob Baggalley congratulated and welcomed Conor Kinnerk as a new member to the Committee and thanked the tellers Jim Bligh, Geoff Manning and Peter Cross.

Nigel Martin then took over again as Chairman.

HANDOVER

Outgoing Captain Nigel Martin said a few words wishing Malcolm Pitcher well for 2020 as the new Captain. He then presented him with his Captain's tankard and gavel and assisted him in donning his Captain's blazer.

Malcolm Pitcher then took over as Chairman. He said looked forward to working with the Committee in the forthcoming year. He asked for the support of the Seniors during his year. He promised Inter Club match team pink sheets would be placed on the notice board in good time and urged all Seniors to put their names forward for the teams. He said his Charity for his year would be the Colchester Hospitals Radiotherapy Unit for Head and Neck Cancer. Finally, he urged all members to enjoy the fun and friendship of the golfing year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Malcolm Pitcher asked members for their suggestions to the question on what we could spend £650 on? The members by a majority show of hands rejected the refurbishment of the shoe cleaner. Other suggestions from members included biodegradable pegs for divot repair and finishing the starter hut and building a new shelter on the back 9 holes. Malcolm Pitcher said the Committee would consider carefully all suggestions at their next meeting.

WINDING UP

Malcolm Pitcher thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to join him in a drink at the bar and closed the meeting at 12:55pm.

Signed as a true record:

Malcolm Pitcher Captain

Bob Baggalley Honorary Secretary