

Royal Cromer Golf Club

Minutes of the Veterans Section 40th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 21st October 2022

Present:

Captain:	Bob Charles
Vice Captain	Martin Lee
Treasurer	Nick Wade
Assistant Secretary	Peter Keen

an additional 28 members were in attendance.

Apologies for Absence: Secretary Alan Hill
Apologies were received from members: David and Maureen Harper, Chris Saul, Bob and Debbie Gowers, Peter Carpenter, Keith Brown, Mick Russell, Terry Alderman, Gary Newton and Dick Aitken.

The Captain opened the meeting at 13.30 hrs with a special thanks for the Club Chairman and Club Captain for attending. A minutes silence was then observed in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the members who had sadly passed away in the past year, David Bibby, Ron Brown and John Lines.

Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held on Friday the 22nd October 2021: These were approved unanimously.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting: There were no matters arising.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer reported that it would be unfair to compare the accounts with the previous year due to Covid. The only source of income was from entry fees to competitions – these were up and as a result winners prizes would be raised to £20, £15 and £10. Donations had been made to the Club Captains Charity and the Veterans Captains Charity. A £200 donation had also been made to SSAFA and a £100 donation to the Junior Section had been reinstated. Due to the re-arranged Autumn Texas Scramble (re-scheduled for the 4th November) there would be more monies coming to the Veterans Captains Charity. Overall it had been a good year and the Section was in a good financial position. The Treasurers Income and Expenditure Sheet is at Annex A.

Captains Report: The Captains report is at Annex B.

Election of Officials for 2022: The following officials were elected unopposed to the following positions:

Captain:	Martin Lee
Vice Captain	Paul Self
Treasurer	Nick Wade
Secretary	Alan Hill
Assistant Secretary	Peter Keen

The new Captain thanked everyone for electing the new committee and gave a big thanks to Bob Charles for all that he had done for the section in different roles and trying circumstances over the past 5 years. This was met with wholehearted agreement from all present and was followed by a big round of applause. He then went on to advise that there were things being planned for the 40th Anniversary and hoped that support for the monthly lunches would continue to grow and was looking forward to the year ahead.

Any Other Business: There being no other business the meeting closed at 13.57hrs.

Peter Keen
Veterans Assistant Secretary

Attached: Annex A – Treasurers Income and Expenditure Sheet
Annex B – Captains Report

Annex A – Treasurers Summary Sheet

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Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th September 2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	PAYMENTS	2022	2021
Entry fees					
Texas Scrambles	£232.50	£130.00	Stableford Prizes	£840.00	£280.00
Stablefords	£1,528.00	£370.00	Trophies/Engraving	£174.00	£0.00
Winter League	£40.00	£32.50	Texas Scramble Prizes£30.00	£45.00	
Charity Day	£230.00	£195.00	Charity Day Prizes	£0.00	£15.00
Winter/Summer Eclectics	£0.00	£0.00	Capt's Drive-In Prizes£30.00	£0.00	
Capt's Drive-In (inc Sweep)	£164.00	£112.50	Memorial Day Prizes £30.00	£0.00	
Singles Knockout	£82.50	£62.50	Sub Total	£1,104.00	£340.00
Capt's Putter	£70.00	£60.00			
Foursomes M'play	£70.00	£62.50			
Memorial	£82.50	£131.50			
Sub Total	£2,499.50	£1,156.50			
Xmas Dinner			Xmas Dinner		
Xmas Dinner Income	£1,476.00	£0.00	Food	£1,456.00	£0.00
Xmas Dinner Raffle	£235.00	£0.00	Tips/Gifts/Raffle prizes	£120.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£1,711.00	£0.00	Sub Total	£1,576.00	£0.00
Other Income			Sundry Expenditure		
Sundry	£0.00	£2.50	Reg P'mer/Hodds fees	£0.00	£0.00
New Members	£10.00	£17.00	Sundries	£256.92	£24.25
Texas/Charity Days/Raffles/Donations	£12.50	£285.00	Hon Sec Honorarium	£0.00	£200.00
Reg Palmer, Amb's/Hodds entry fees	£0.00	£0.00	Junior Section	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£22.50	£304.50	Charities	£800.00*	£400.00
			Sub Total	£1,056.92	£624.25
Total income	£4,233.00	£1,461.00	Total Expenditure	£3,736.92	£964.25
Bank Balance B/F	£1,779.90				
Bank Balance C/F	£2,275.98				
Stock			Excess of receipts over payments	£496.08	£496.75
Stableford/Comp prizes	£240.00	£180.00	* SSAFA	£200.00	£300.00
Cash in hand	£7.00	£96.00	Fr iends of Cromer Hospital	£500.00	
			Club Capt's Charity	£100.00	£100.00

Annex B Captains Report

Captain's Report for 2022

Welcome to the 40th AGM of the Veterans' Section of this wonderful club to which we all belong and a special welcome to our Club Captain and also to the Chairman of the Management Committee. This is quite a milestone in our history and I know that you will be pleased to hear that ideas that have been put forward to mark this occasion are slowly coming to fruition through the outstanding work that is being done by your committee. There will be more information for you all in due course.

Inter-club Matches

First of all I wish to offer my warmest thanks to all those members who put forward their names for this year's matches and for the wonderful support that you have given me. We have probably achieved the best stats for the year for a long time, certainly in the time that I have been involved with the committee, albeit that 2020 and 2021 were rather truncated due to the pandemic. Of the 30 matches that we have played, home and away, we have halved two, lost 12 and won 16. We were not successful in playing our programmed matches against the Ladies Section; in the first case we were stymied by the weather and the second match was cancelled following the death of our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth. There will be some changes for these matches next year. My Vice-Captain, Martin, and I made the decision to cancel the fixture against Richmond Park following a visit there in March when we found that the course was not up to what we would expect or the conditions we would expect our team to endure. For 2023, Richmond Park has been replaced by Wensum Valley GC and thanks go to our Secretary Alan Hill for organising that. Alan has also been busy organising the diary for next year when we will be starting a number of our home matches at lunchtime. This timing change is due to a requirement made by the Management Committee following a Fixture List review of the whole club.

Charity

As you will all be aware my chosen charity for my time in office has been the East Anglia Children's Hospice. As yet I do not have the final figure for the sum raised as we still have the Autumn Texas Scramble to play, when the proceeds of the raffle will be added to the final amount. However, I am deeply indebted to Sarah Keen for the fantastic sum she has raised and given to the three Captains' charities after entering and being sponsored for the gruelling London Marathon. What a fantastic achievement and the sum raised for my charity alone amounts to £816.25. Sarah I cannot thank you enough.

Social Lunches

Once each month it has been my pleasure to host the Social Lunch. These are always a wonderful occasion but unfortunately numbers attending have not been as high as in the past. There are perhaps good reasons for this in that members, and especially social members, remain wary of meeting in groups after the pandemic of the last two years. Numbers are beginning to rise and it would be good to get back to the days of 20 to 30 members sitting down together for lunch. I look forward to attending these events next year when I hope that numbers will have risen.

Clothing

During the last year we have had the introduction of the Veterans Cap and Woolly hat that have been commemorating our 40th Anniversary. Tim Stanford has also introduced a Gilet and a quarter zip Jersey. I hope that all of you can see your way clear to purchasing some, or all, of these high quality items and display to the world at large that we are proud Veterans of RCGC.

Thanks

It is easy to stand here and tell everyone what a great year this has been for me and that it has been a privilege and an honour to serve the Veterans Section during the last five years. These words are very true, of course. However, I could not have done it without the outstanding assistance of your Committee and many others.

Alan Hill took over from me as Secretary and was immediately thrown in at the deep end with the forming of the Fixture List Review sub-committee. He has since organised the diary for the next two years as well as the myriad of jobs that the post requires. Thank you Alan.

Martin Lee, as Vice-Captain, took on two of our inter-club matches, at Caister and Gt Yarmouth and at Gorleston GC's, both home and away, with great success and he has been an unending source of ideas for the future. His brilliant idea to fine members for going in to bunkers during their round on my Charity Day raised over £90. To you Martin I wish a very happy future and good fortune in your endeavours.

Peter Keen, our Assistant Secretary, has done a splendid job and kept the momentum going for our internal competitions and all that whilst organising the Junior Section of the club. For that, Peter, you have my sincere thanks.

Where would we be without someone to look after the financial side of the section? Nick Wade has been in post as Treasurer for many years now and would be very happy for someone to take over the reins. Thank you Nick.

David Falconer is not an elected member of the committee but has been co-opted for a number of years as our Welfare Officer. You will find him coming to you for your signature on a card or to ask if you have any information relating to so and so. Again my deepest thanks for the job you do, David.

But it is not just the committee to whom I owe many thanks.

To our ladies in the office I can offer nothing but praise. Thrown in at the deep end following the departure of the Secretary/Manager earlier this year, with little experience of how a golf club is run and managed, they have done a sterling job of helping to keep the club on a steady track.

Jim Milligan, Chairman of the Management Committee, has not had an easy year. He has taken on a lot of the jobs that would have been done by the Secretary/Manager whilst at the same time watching over all the sub-committees, be it Governance, Ladies Charter or whatever. Thank you Jim for looking after the club and for all that you have done in the background for the Veterans Section. Lee, Tim and Mitch in the Pro Shop are always there to offer advice or assistance when asked and they have been a great asset for me this year. I cannot thank them enough, especially for the banter !!

Mark Heveran and his fantastic team of green keepers deserve thanks from all of us for the way that they keep our course in tip-top condition and wonderfully presented despite the ravages of the weather in all its forms.

Finally to Meghan and her staff and to Henri and everyone in the kitchen, thank you for keeping us fed and watered throughout the year and for your ever friendly approach to us all and specially to our Inter-club visitors.

I now look forward to the New Year when I can relax a little more and enjoy golf for its own sake. However, I will be working in the background in assisting Chris Kemp with the organisation of the Poppyland competition which will be reinstated in 2023. The last five years have not always been straight and level but, if nothing else, they have been some of the most interesting years of my life. To all members of this wonderful section, thank you.

Bob Charles

Captain 2022

