

## Minutes Seniors Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Following Covid 19 rules the committee were asked to confirm that they had neither a new dry cough or that they were running a temperature and that they had not, knowingly, been in contact with anyone confirmed positive for Covid 19. The answers were affirmative.

Apologies:                      None

Item 2:                      Future Arrangements Snr Capt/Vice Capt

Captain Ron apologised for as he put it “causing disruption with his decision to relocate back to the North of England” However family first is a maxim followed by most and was the sole reason for his decision. He had been very happy at the Worcestershire and was sad to be leaving.

After brief discussion it was agreed that whilst there was no compelling reason for the Senior Section to align with Club and Lady Captain periods of office it was nonetheless an opportunity to forge stronger relations within the club and could be beneficial in the long run. A proposal by Nigel Teale—seconded by Les Facer - for Vice Captain Andrew to assume full captaincy from October 31<sup>st</sup> bringing the Senior section in alignment with both Club and Ladies periods of office was approved without dissent . Accordingly it was recognised that the Seniors financial year and AGM would need to fall in cline and to facilitate the change it was agreed that the current year would be extended to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 and the Seniors AGM would be scheduled for end of September or early October 2021. (SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING I HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY ANDY PEET TO REQUEST THAT THE YEAR END BE CHANGED TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 BECAUSE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TANKARD IS SCHEDULED FOR MID SEPTEMBER AND ALL 4 TANKARDS

SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY FINANCIAL YEAR. I CONCURED AND AMENDED THE MINUTES. THIS CHANGE WILL MEAN THAT THE SENIORS AGM WILL TAKE PLACE IN LAST WEEK IN OCTOBER) The task of finding a new Vice Captain had traditionally fallen to the Captain and the committee found no reason to deviate leaving Andrew to find a suitable candidate to present for committee approval. Les Facer requested that time should be found to hold the Capt v Vice event before Ron's departure but it was felt that the original date of mid January would suffice.

Item 3: Captain Ron was keen to outline his part in the presentation to H&C of the proposal for the Seniors to be permitted a 2hr reserved tee-time on Monday mornings. His anxiety was built on a belief that the proposal that had been agreed at the H&C meeting would not be the same as that subsequently presented to the board for final approval. Mike Travis stated that in substance the proposal was the same and would meet the Seniors aims. Gordon Herbert confirmed that the board has discussed the proposal and that they were minded to proceed with a pilot run for a period of 8 weeks. However the board recognised the need to carry hearts and minds and the pilot period would not start until they had published a communication to that effect. Capt Ron volunteered to meet with John Davison, James Noon and Nigel Teale to continue to explore how best to fulfil the reqts to only run competitive events in the approved time slot. A proposal by Nigel Teale seconded by Andy Peet that the timing of the reserved slot should be 8.00am to 10am in the summer and 8.30 to 10.30 in the winter was approved. A long debate took place over the issue of who would be qualified to take part in the reserved time slot. Initial view was that only fully paid up members of the Senior Section should participate. Nigel Teale proposed that all male members over 55 years of age should be allowed and even encouraged to take part. This led to an inconclusive discussion on the value of retaining a

subscription fee for enrolment in the Senior Section. At this point the secretary stated that the suggestions were too radical for him and would challenge the very essence of being a Senior. Finally the subscription idea was further discussion and the meeting moved on.

Mike continued with his report claiming the recent "International" event was a major success with 42 Seniors taking part and requesting that the minutes recorded his appreciation for the help he had received from Paul Barker in collating the score cards and formulating the result. The Xmas lunch and Prize presentations scheduled for 10.12.2020 would not take place due to Covid19 restrictions but a 3 or 4 ball Alliance would be run with the option of a rolling lunch for those taking part.

The Champion of Champions Comp for this year was cancelled by general agreement again because of Covid restrictions preventing some events taking place. The final of Corless Goblets would take place but only in a fourball format:

#### Item4:           Opens report

Robin outlined his plans for running the 4 Open Competitions for 2021. Vice Capt Andrew regretted that there was no Mens Singles Open – an event that many clubs offered to visitors. Robin defended his position but said the possibility of a future Mens Singles Open would be considered should the Mixed Open prove not to be attractive.

Robin had decided not to offer food vouchers, as in all previous years, because of the possibility that Covid restrictions could interfere and occasion refunds. Robin was persuaded not to favour visitors over members in pricing arrangements which he accepted.

Item5:                    AOB

Gordon reported that good progress had been made on the recruitment of a new Admin Manager with news that the chosen candidate had accepted the offer and would be joining shortly. Gordon asked for two volunteers to verify the proxy voting forms at the AGM and both Robin and Andrew offered help

Andy Peet presented a Treasurers report with current Bank Deposit of £2788.83 and cash of £148 01 totalling £2936.84 In addition he anticipated a total of £780 from the 4 tankards which he needed to confirm with Judy as the funds were held in the club safe. After deduction of 4 engraved tankards the funds available for prize distribution would be £608 shared between tankard winners and runners-up. In addition we were holding £128 for Corless winners/runners-up and a total of £132 for early entrant payers for the cancelled Yarworth Cup and Fraser Tankards comps. The payees would have the funds held over for next years events We still needed to either recover the £100 deposit paid for the Seniors Captains away day or use it by a number players willing to go to the Bells Hotel course and using the deposit in green fees whilst reimbursing the Senior Section funds from their own pockets. Andy reported that he still awaited an invoice for the bell that was yet to appear on the course. Mike Travis asked if the notice board to the right of the entrance to the gents toilet could be designated for Seniors use. Gordon suggested Mike contact Judi.

The meeting closed at 12.10