

CLACTON-ON-SEA GOLF CLUB
NOTES OF THE SENIORS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th March 2024 AT 9.45AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Hewitt (TH Captain & Chairman) John Kemp (JK Hon. Secretary), Bob Baggalley(BB Imm Past Captain), Geoff Haslam(GH Vice Captain), Michael Horley (MH Hon Treasurer),), Ray Fage (RF), Craig Day (CD) , Gary Dymond (GD)Paul Tubbs (PT)and David Cowdery (DC)

APOLOGIES

NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The notes on the last meeting were approved by the Committee and signed by the Captain TH

MATTERS ARISING

Matters from the Committee meeting, there were none.

CAPTAINS REPORT

TH advised that the Handicap review which was carried out recently is now in force. The first Inter Club match is imminent and the invitation sheet will be posted

TREASURERS REPORT

MH reported due to cancellations of competitions very little has changed .

The current balances are as follows:

Bank balance £331.39.

Club Card £539.27 both as last month.

There will be income from the recent competition.

The cheque to the Alzheimer's Society of £2610.00. has not yet been presented.

REGISTERED SENIORS NUMBERS

73 There were some new players in the competition on Monday 4th which are not included

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JK reported that he had not had any further contact from other clubs about the 2025 Inter Club Matches so he assumes that ,at this point in time the proposed fixture list is provisionally agreed.

He reported on a nice gesture from Braintree Senior's Captain who has sent us a voucher for a four ball at their course. This is intended to help boost the Captain's Charity of clubs they play. Our club have already sent a voucher to Braintree.

TH advised that he will give thought of how to use this , possibly an auction at his Captain's Day or on the Guest Day. The voucher is valid for 12 months from the 1st of August.

JK had previously advised of the passing of Norman Starling. Many will not have known him but he was very involved in the Seniors being a past Captain in 2004 and was one of our Honorary Members. No funeral dates are known yet but it is hoped there will be a presence from the Seniors. JK will send a sympathy card to his family.

FUTURE COMPETITION STARTERS

Monday 18 th Mar Stableford	Early GH/CD	Late BB
Monday 25 th Mar Fun Game	Early DC	Late PT
Monday 8 th April 19 th Catering	Early JK	Late MH
Monday 15 th April Fun Game	Early GD	Late RF
Monday 22 nd April Medal	Early GH	Late CD

COMPETITION RESULTS

Top Dogs overall 1st Terry Hewitt & Tony Wood 2nd Paul Tubbs & David Cowdery

FUTURE COMPETITIONS

TH will meet with Tee Time Catering to discuss if discounted food would be available as in the past. Subject to the result of this PT & DC will compile an invitation sheet to include food. Any charge for food would be taken by Tee Time Catering as normal.

TH & GH had held a meeting with the Ladies, Members of the Board and the Club Professional to discuss the way forward with regard to Ladies playing in our Six(6) Medal competitions.

The Club and the Ladies currently use the Club V1 system for entries .We have been asked to consider using this to book in for these medal competitions. TH said he was in favour of this as he felt it would make things simpler.

All Committee members were asked their opinions so a full discussion was held.

GD said he disagreed as our whole ethos to use our system of drawn formats as we have always done. The benefit of this is that the organisers can tailor the varying handicaps and try to get different players to play together.

CD said he felt there would be reasonable argument either way. He was a bit concerned that if we do go down the V1 booking system we may be under pressure to do all our competitions this way.

RF asked would there still be Three ball groups...Yes. He also asked can we keep our block booking. He thinks the ladies may not wish to play with the men.

He would be against changing things to suit a very few.

BB said he was uncomfortable with the proposal for three reasons. Firstly we may lose our independence and control of the Monday slot. Secondly he likes the way all our competitions are a drawn format allowing a broad section of different players to mix and play together. He said the assumption he has is that we currently have control over our bookings Entry payments and prizes which he fears may be lost.

Thirdly he is worried we may lose our financial independence. He therefore would like to keep the status quo.

MH was concerned that using the Club V! booking system would result in a late fee for all to try to get a slot. TH re-assured the meeting that there will be a reserved slot. MH would like to keep the method we use now.

DC asked if we could use the Club V1 system and still keep our way of working.

GH advised that the Ladies were ok with us putting up a tick sheet in their changing room for entries, however he felt it was unlikely that many Ladies will actually enter. It had been earlier mentioned that few ladies would want to play two days running. For that reason he would prefer to carry on as we have been doing for the first year of this trial.

PT thinks the current system works well for us and we should put the two tick sheets up. As he and DC will be the organisers of the summer competitions he assured everyone that they would be as fair as possible with the allocation of places.

TH then summarised and suggested the matter be dealt with by a vote.

PT proposed that we stick with our current way of working for the first year. This was put to a vote which was carried by a majority.

TH will set up a meeting with the Ladies and include members of our Competitions subcommittee.

SUB COMMITTEE ROLES

GD with assistance from DC will check the cards and quantify the competition results.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sadly due to lack of golf there have been no reports.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DC advised that he had a member complain to him that the full entry fee was charged for the recent Stableford Competition which was reduced to ten holes. TH said he had heard a similar view. It was decided no action is possible as the shortened course applied to all.

GH advised the Committee away trip is confirmed despite Thorpeness GC making an error on the booking form.

All ten members of the current committee are booked in and GH asked if he should extend the invitation to past Captains and committee members to make the number up to twelve which would make three four balls. This was welcomed.

PT asked about the current three divisions we have in our competitions and whether they should be actually fixed on a certain handicap. They are currently decided by dividing up the number of entries. It was decided to monitor this going forward.

TH said there was no date in the diary for the Gage Cup. We had left the date in abeyance in case of weather such as this year. Many of the ladies are not keen on playing in wet conditions. TH will liaise with the Lady Captain Sonia and hopefully include Bob Gage so a suitable format can be agreed.

He also asked if everyone except him has a key to the Senior's locker. We are one short so if needed more will be obtained.

GD asked if the winter pairs competition can be extended due to the weather. This was agreed but it was hoped that the two rounds outstanding can be completed fairly soon. He asked if entries to our Guest day could be widened to include all age groups. Our constitution states that it is a day for players aged over 55 and any change could only be done on a vote at the AGM.

CD suggested that the live leader board could be suspended as he feared that people are checking the results whilst playing and possibly then entering a score to protect their handicap. This will be looked at. He suggested that a read only whats-app group could be formed to advise of course closures and other issues. It was agreed this would take a lot of work and would be subject to Data protection so no action will be taken.

RF asked if there could be anyway that we could get any early warnings about course closures. The office will be asked

BB read a letter he had received from the Alzheimer's Trust thank us for the donation. BB will post this on the board.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 @ 9:45a.m. in the clubhouse.

The Meeting closed at 11.40

Signed as a true record:

**Terry Hewitt
Captain & Chairman**