

Minutes of a RCGC Veterans' Section Committee Meeting, Held at RCGC on 5th May 2021

Present: Peter Wenham Captain
 Bob Charles Vice-Captain & Secretary
 Nick Wade Treasurer
 Peter Keen Assistant Secretary
 Alan Hill Secretary (Elect)

Apologies: David Falconer Welfare Officer

Item	Details	Action
1. Welcome	The Captain opened the meeting at 14:45 and explained his reason for calling the meeting at such short notice. Apologies were accepted from the Welfare Officer and the Captain said he had the Welfare Officers thoughts for the meeting.	
2. E-mail from Sheringham GC re Lady team members	It was explained that the Secretary had received an e-mail from the Match Secretary at Sheringham GC (SGC) stating that SGC Seniors would not want ladies to play in our Inter-club match and therefore would wish us to provide only an all male team. (See Addendum) . This was seen by the RCGC Veterans' Captain and Vice-Captain as an affront to our lady members and required discussion within the Committee as to our response to SGC Seniors. Following a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that RCGC Veterans' should cancel both the Away and Home fixtures with SGC Seniors. The Captain will put together a letter to SGC Seniors of our decision and mention our dismay at their intransigence and cancel our matches with them. This situation has been mentioned to the RCGC Club Captain who stated that RCGC are in complete agreement with the Veterans' Committee in our decision and will have the complete backing of the Management Committee.	Captain
3. Veterans' Section Inter-club Matches	At the last meeting of the Committee the Captain informed everyone that he and the Vice-Captain would shortly be discussing the reduction of	

	<p>Veterans' Inter-club matches with the Club Captain. Since then it has been shown that due to other considerations within the Management Committee this will not be possible in the near term and therefore the Club Captain has decreed that the number of Inter-club matches that will be played during 2022 will remain the same as this year. This now allows the Secretary to plan next year's (2022) programme.</p>	Captain/ Vice-Captain
4. Inter-club Match against Royal Norwich GC Seniors	<p>The Captain informed the meeting that he had received an e-mail from Royal Norwich GC Seniors asking if it was possible to re-instate the match that was scheduled to be played on 2nd June. We had received a message from the Royal Norwich Captain earlier that they would be cancelling all matches until 21st June due to the pandemic. This edict has been rescinded by Royal Norwich GC and the Secretary checked with the club office to make sure the date was available only to be told that it had never been deleted.</p> <p>The Captain will communicate with Royal Norwich and confirm the match is re-instated.</p>	Captain
5. Any other business	<p><u>1. Team Selection.</u> The Captain informed all present that despite the fact members had put their name forward for selection there has been many who have now backed out. This is causing him problems but there does not appear to be a way of solving the same.</p> <p>This has been a problem in the past and we, as a committee, need to find a way of countering the problem (Secretary's thoughts). Hopefully the Captain will have enough names to counter the problem in the short term. Committee members are asked to think about the problem and offer any ideas to counteract it.</p> <p><u>2. Payment of Competition Fees.</u> The Treasurer noted that many members were not paying competition fees prior to the event in the usual way, leaving the Pro Shop to ask members for their entry fee. This is not the way ahead and he is indebted to the Pro Shop staff for taking the monies.</p> <p>In an attempt to correct this the Treasurer will write an e-mail to all members, via the Club Office staff, reminding them of the requirement to place</p>	Committee

	competition fees in the Veterans' post-box.	Treasurer
	3. Secretary (Elect). The Secretary (Elect) was welcomed back to the fold by all Committee members after having to shield for so many months.	Committee
6. Close	There being no further business to discuss, the Captain closed the meeting at 14:55	

RL Charles

Vice-Captain and Secretary

Addendum: E-mail received from Sheringham Golf Club Seniors Matches Secretary, Friday 30th April 2021.

Thank you for letting us know that you will be including Ladies in your Vets Inter-Club teams this season. Sorry for the delay in replying to you but I wanted to discuss it with various people here and also raise it at our Seniors Committee meeting, the next one being held on Wednesday, 28th April. I was at Barnham Broom yesterday so I apologise this is the earliest I could get back to you.

With regard to the match at Sheringham on 21st May, we would advise you that the Sheringham Ladies do not share the Royal Cromer Ladies enthusiasm for playing in our Men's Senior Section matches. The Sheringham Ladies Section is incorporated into our Constitution and organises its competitions and matches autonomously. The Ladies already play at numerous clubs with teams in two divisions in the Norfolk Ladies League as well as friendly matches against a number of clubs, including Royal Cromer.

In addition the Club also organises mixed friendly matches against other clubs, again including Royal Cromer.

The Men's Senior Section at Sheringham is part of the Men's Section and is not an all gender Veterans section. Accordingly the Men's Senior Section competitions and matches are, by definition, organised for men and we would therefore kindly ask you to field an all male team for our match at Sheringham on Friday 21 May.