

CLACTON ON SEA GOLF CLUB – SENIORS

MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

held at the Clubhouse at noon on Monday 6th February 2023

PRESENT

Conor Kinnerk (Captain), Bob Baggalley (Vice Captain), John Kemp (Honorary Secretary), David Needham (Honorary Treasurer), Jim Wiggam (Immediate Past Captain), Geoff Haslam, Terry Hewitt, David Reid and Michael Horley (Competition Subcommittee Members) and 63 registered senior members.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Captain Conor Kinnerk welcomed the Seniors present.

APOLOGIES

John Kemp advised apologies had been received from Paul Tubbs

ABSENT FRIENDS

The Captain asked the meeting to stand for a moment's silent thought for absent friends: – George Bedding May 2022, Dennis King June 2022, Don Dunham June 2022, Donovan Rudge July 2022, Mick Curwood July 2022, Bob Westgate September 2022 Michael Webster September 2022 and Cyril Pettican December 2022. The Captain requested that those present remembered passed friends and a minute's silence was observed.

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Captain advised a full version of these minutes had been on permanent display for scrutiny on the Seniors noticeboard and on the Seniors page of the Club website for the past 12 months. They had also been circulated by email to all members for comment. John Kemp advised no comments had been received from members.

A vote to accept the minutes as a true record by all present was proposed by Doug Nichols and seconded by Peter Stephens. The Captain and Secretary duly signed them.

MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Needham gave the following report

Before I start could I please ask you to keep any questions until the end of the presentation. The 2022 accounts summary is on each table (see last page) I hope you have taken the opportunity to look through them. I will be going through these with you to explain the facts behind the figures.

The full accounts have been inspected and audited by two of your colleagues John Stuck and Robert Gillespie. These were duly signed off on the 17th January. They are available today for inspection.

Most of the items on the summary should be self-explanatory but I would like to comment on one or two: -

Firstly the monies received from competition entries are lower than expected due to fewer Seniors taking part in Committee organised events. It is impossible to compare year on year as both 2021 and 2020 very affected by the Covid Pandemic which shut the Club. If we

compare figures with 2019, our previous normal year numbers are down by roughly 20 per competition which results in a significant loss of income.

To expand further each of our monthly competitions result in an excess of around £50 to £90, obviously depending on numbers, as prize monies are fixed. The profit allows the Seniors fund to subsidise events such as todays food and in particular the Turkey Shoot and to pay for such things as Trophies and everyday expenses in running the most successful section of this Club. Depleted numbers mean we made a year on year loss of over £400. If we are to continue to subsidise events and run at a profit we need more of you to take part in the monthly competitions.

The Seniors Section ran a very successful Essex Veterans Tournament last year with over 100 players from nine clubs. You will see from the summary that this produced a small profit which was transferred to the Captains Charity account.

However the Christmas Dinner was a huge disappointment producing a loss of close to £200 due to a very poor take up from our members. As with competitions we do need more of you to support our social events.

If there are any other items that need explaining please hold fire and I will take questions at the end.

The current funds available, as you can see, are £4,406. This does include £3,130 which is due to be paid to Captain Conor's chosen charity.

Thus the actual amount carried forward to 2023 is £1,276. This compares to last year's figure of £1,709.

The treasurer invited questions however there were none.

The report was proposed by Bob Gage and seconded by Gary Dymond and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Conor Kinnerk gave the following report:

Fellow Seniors and Committee Members. I am pleased to be able to report on a successful year for the Seniors Section of our club and what a year it has been! A full return to normal golf after the nightmare of COVID, which we hope will never be repeated.

Our golfing highlight of 2022 has to be winning the Veterans Trophy that was held at Clacton on the 14th of July- a tremendous result as it was 35 years since we last won it. Stoke by Nayland will be hosting the competition in 2023 and we look forward to retaining the Trophy. Having lost the Essex from our inter-club matches roster, we are also delighted to provisionally add Stoke by Nayland for this coming year. By the way during 2022 we played 21 matches of which we won 10, lost 8 and halved 3.

Thanks for all those of you who played in my Captains day in June. We were blessed with good weather and an excellent turnout. My congratulations to all the prize winners. I am delighted to report that, together with the funds raised on that Day and through your participation in our regular competitions and events, we have raised and will be donating in excess of £3.200 to my nominated charity; Prostate Cancer UK. Thank you all so very much for your support and generosity!

On a slightly negative note, I have to express a level of disappointment at the amount of support for our regular Monday Competitions- well down on pre COVID years as was the

attendance at Quiz Night and, in particular the Senior's Christmas dinner. I know that your incoming Captain Bob has some ideas on the Christmas Dinner event and I hope you can fully support his and his committee other initiatives for 2023 and beyond.

I must thank the various personnel who have helped to make 2022 so successful Graham, Andrew and the catering team; by the way I have it on good authority that Graham will soon be an active golfing member of the club and may join the Seniors Section. Also during 2022 we were wonderfully looked after by Nicole and her bar staff, Sue and Paul at the Half Way House, our CEO Terry and the Office Staff, The Greens Team and Michael and Sam.

I am sure you are all as pleased as me that we will have continuity with the services provided in the Clubhouse and congratulate Nicole and Tee Time Catering & Events on winning the catering franchise and Jasmine on being appointed Bar Manager. All these personnel and many others make for a happy and successful club environment- Please give them all your full support for the future.

For my part, I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as your Captain and I want to express my own sincere thanks to the Committee, both individually and collectively, for the huge amount of work and commitment they have shown and provided in supporting the various initiatives and events that make the Seniors Section so successful and so envied by many of the clubs that have been lucky enough to enjoyed their company.

Once again, I would urge you all to give your full support to your Committee in their endeavours on your behalf and the in-house teams and the positive initiatives that are initiated to secure a positive and successful future for the Club and its Members.

- **My thanks to you all - it has been Emotional!!!!!!!**

The report was proposed by Tony Dumper and seconded by Bob Baggalley and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

John Kemp Hon Secretary then took over the meeting and announced that Terry Hewitt was elected unopposed as Vice Captain.

He then announced the result of the ballot for Committee places. Formally elected were Geoff Haslam, Paul Tubbs and Gary Dymond. Jim Wiggam was not elected and John Kemp gave thanks for all the work Jim has carried out in the past. He asked the new Committee Members to stand up. He asked the meeting to welcome them all onto the Committee. He then asked them to join the Committee on the top table.

The Captain then briefly took over to induct incoming Captain 2023, Bob Baggalley.

NEW CAPTAIN'S VISION & AIMS FOR THE YEAR

Bob Baggalley gave a precis of his vision and aims for the year.

He said "It is a privilege to follow the illustrious past Senior's captains who have established our Seniors Section at Clacton Golf Club as one of the best in Essex. I promise to try to build on that success in 2023.

I look forward to working with this committee in the coming year and thank them in advance for their support.

My thanks to outgoing Captain Conor who has had a very good year and as we know had great success in hosting and winning the annual Suffolk and Essex Veterans tournament.

Our constitution says the Senior's Section is here to promote and encourage competitive, but friendly golf and to foster comradeship amongst its members.

We have a comprehensive list of competitions, friendlies and inter club matches for 2023 including a visit to Stoke by Nayland for the first time in many years. There are also a number of Roll Up games in the list. The 2023 list is on the Senior's notice board and on our Senior's Section page of the Club website.

One of my aims is to encourage as many as I can to take part in our competitions and to that end I would like to ask your opinions on how well last year's AGM decision to make all competitions we run as handicap qualifier's is going? Is there anything we can reasonably do to improve the numbers taking part in competitions? Perhaps I can get your views on this later under AOB?

Whilst talking about this year's competitions I am pleased to say that our Vice Captain Terry has agreed to lead the Senior's Veteran team playing at Stoke by Nayland on the 27th July and Immediate past Captain Conor is leading this year's John Day team playing in the Essex wide competition. I wish them well and know you will support them.

Another of my aims is to foster comradeship amongst our Seniors. I would ask you to support our social events such as the Christmas Party. I have a plan for this year's Christmas Party which will be different to the previous one in that I would like to make more of a Christmas event with tables laid up with crackers etc, carol singers and a disco. Also a more relaxed dress code than in previous years. I would like to hear your views on this under AOB.

My nominated Charity for the year is Alzheimer's research UK. Which I believe is an appropriate one for Senior Golfers.

Finally after we close this AGM, and after I attempt a drive on the 18th hole, please all make your way to the bar and I will buy a drink as is the tradition for the incoming Senior's Captain.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Captain Bob Baggalley advised he had two questions for the members as stated in his report.

The first was as the meeting had heard competition entries are down on pre Covid days and what could the new Committee do to improve entries. Nigel Martin asked a question as to why some Inter Club matches only involve twelve players a team as he considered this a reason for low competition entries. John Kemp advised that there was only one match where this occurred against Purdis Heath Golf Club. He also advised he has asked them to play with sixteen players in the future if possible. Nigel Martin asked if a rumour he had heard that we would be starting future Inter Club matches with a breakfast was true. John Kemp advised this was not true.

Gary Dymond asked why some competitions were three balls and other were four. It was explained that we tried three ball competitions, especially medals, to try to speed games up in the summer. The Captain said that all the questions raised would be considered by the new committee at it first meeting.

The Christmas event idea of the Captain was discussed and Nigel Martin spoke generally in favour of an informal party rather than a formal dinner with signer as proposed by the Captain. Conor Kinnerk advised that together with other members he had attended other Christmas events and they all felt that our function, including wine had represented good value. A straw poll of the members was taken and a very large majority indicated that they would support the Captain's idea of a more informal Christmas party.

CLOSE

Captain Bob Baggalley thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to join him in a drink at the bar and closed the meeting at 12.45pm.

Signed as a true record:

Bob Baggalley
Seniors Captain

John Kemp
Honorary Secretary

Clacton on Sea Golf Club Seniors Accounts summary year ending 31/12/2022

Income	Club Card	Bank Account	Total
B/F	£1,578.99	£2,380.26	£3,959.25
Comp Entry	£6,425.00		£6,425.00
Raffles	£1,447.00	£2,564.69	£4,011.69
Colne Valley Entry	£350.00		£350.00
Vets Comp	£350.00	£2,800.00	£3,150.00
Xmas Dinner	£35.00	£1,890.00	£1,925.00
Quiz Night		£540.00	£540.00
Transfer from Card		£750.00	£750.00
Catering	£1,074.00	£1,311.00	£2,385.00
Total	£11,259.99	£12,235.95	£23,495.94

Expenditure			
Comp Prizes	£2,526.00		£2,526.00
Raffle Prizes	£630.00	£670.36	£1,300.36
Trophies/Gifts	£373.94	£715.42	£1,089.36
Catering	£3,634.54	£527.00	£4,161.54
Misc	£117.60	£65.95	£183.55
Turkey Shoot	£536.00	£546.11	£1,082.11
Stationary	£66.95	£196.33	£263.28
Transfer to Bank	£750.00		£750.00
Vets Comp	£816.06	£2,233.47	£3,049.53
Xmas Dinner	£635.00	£1,449.00	£2,084.00
Colne Valley Entry		£350.00	£350.00
Charity Donation		£2,250.00	£2,250.00
Total	£10,086.09	9003.64	£19,089.73
Balance C/F	£1,173.90	£3,232.31	£4,406.21
Captains Charity C/F			-£3,130.11
Actual fund C/F			£1,276.10