

Minutes of committee meeting 25th February 2020

Apologies: Andy Peet

Previous meeting minutes/matters arising:

Captain Ron highlighted two items for discussion. First concern that Mike Travis might have withdrawn from H&C committee due to onerous nature of new world handicap system. Mike advised that he attended a seminar on the subject and had not been put off. He would therefore continue. The second point regarding the senior's offer to the board would be covered by secretary's report. The minutes were approved.

Captains Report: Ron had been delighted with the response he had received to the first two match sheets that had been published on line. More players had expressed their desire to play than could be accommodated in a team limited to 12 players. Ron sought committee views on the expansion of team numbers. A lengthy discussion followed resulting in "no change" being the majority view, however, it was considered appropriate for the captain to offer more players for away matches so long as it is understood that we are unlikely to be in a position to reciprocate.

Secretary's Report: Tony reported that following the donation of a bell by Mike Smith the section would only need to buy one new bell. Steve Lloyd had pronounced satisfaction with the donated bell requiring only a new lanyard. Mike Smith had offered the bell free of charge and had opted for the inscription "the Mike Smith Bell" it therefore only remained for the committee to agree an inscription for the new bell. It was agreed that "donated by the Seniors" would suffice. Tony reported that the Bridge Section had enquired as to whether the seniors would agree to change the date of their AGM so as not to clash with Bridge Club meeting. The request was rejected.

Treasurers Report: Andy had provided an interim balance sheet which revealed current cash and bank balance of £2783.14. £225 had been collected in membership fees (45 x £5) so far.

H&C / Comps Report: Mike reported that The Corless Goblets has progressed on due dates to the finals and that the Yarworth Cup and Fraser Tankards (entry 32 players in each) had been drawn and

published. On H&C Mike encouraged all to put in as many cards as they could in order to keep in stride with the new world Handicap System.

H&C has written to the board to request replacement of the clock (damaged in the storm).

Opens Report: Robin reported satisfaction, at this stage, with entry levels, for this seasons Opens. He had conducted research with other clubs as to level of green fees included in their pricing for opens. He had concluded that more work needed to be completed and requested that committee members who played in other clubs Opens gathered as much information as they could regarding the breakdown of green fees, prize levels and total cost as possible to help his research.

Communication: Andrew requested that committee members forward communication details for inclusion on the new Seniors Introduction/Welcome information section of the web site. He also requested clarification of gender status also to be displayed on the web site. Gordon Herbert advised that if the senior committee agreed to defining "male" in the description of senior members that would be acceptable in current gender thinking. The committee voted to approve use of "male" For clarification Andrew again put the issue of gender to the meeting, as a separate point and it was agreed that we remain a "male" section. The question of slow play which Andrew had included in his recent revamp of "introduction/welcome" would need to be delayed as the issue was not one of slow play just by seniors but for all members and H&C were drafting a letter to all covering the issue.

Board Liaison: Gordon gave a brief summary of issues currently taxing the board. There had been three recent staff resignations which were disappointing. The board had decided to surrender the lease on two buggies reducing the compliment from 8 to 6. Members using their own buggies would need to ensure adequate insurance cover for continued use on the course. The club web site was not user friendly and would be replaced in the new financial year. Annual fee increase appeared to have been accepted but 80 plus discount may come under threat in future reviews. This piece of news was not welcomed by the 81 year old secretary.

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The Captain mentioned that James Noon was sending a note to the board, complimenting the ground staff on work being undertaken on thinning the trees on the course but also suggesting the idea of planting new trees in suitable places. This would support a green agenda as well as providing a good PR opportunity for the club. Gordon Herbert responded with a description of the tree work being carried out and the damage caused by Poplar tree roots to the course drainage systems. He further indicated that the club were intending to undertake selective tree planting, guided by Carly Tinkler, who had recently conducted a favourable environmental review of the current course status. James should therefore receive a positive response.

Date of next meeting: 12th May 2020 at 10.00hrs