

## Seniors Section Committee Meeting Minutes - 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

- 1: Apologies None full compliment
- 2: Minutes of last meeting were accepted.
- 3: Matters arising were limited to the issue of seniors offer to the board. Robin made the point that the Open competitions generated the funds to support Seniors surplus and that note should be made that “visitors” were largely, therefore, our major benefactors. Mike Travis reported on meeting held with Steve Lloyd that led to concern that the club had agreed to go down to one bell rather than two. Discussion culminated in the view that the Seniors could not and should not attempt to challenge a board decision and the debate moved on. Andy Peet did not understand why, this year we appear to be donating such a large amount to a club project when the bank/cash balance was only £2600. We normally give £500/600 and suggested that with that amount we could purchase 1 bell and if it were considered we still had too much money we could purchase an honours board for our prestigious comps the winners of which are never remembered. It was pointed out that we had made an offer to the club of up to £2000 following agreement at the previous meeting and that should be honoured Eventually a proposal by Ron Barker, seconded by Andrew Whiteley that £1700 from section funds could be donated was approved by a show of hands with only one dissension (8 in favour 1 against) A second proposal by Mike Travis, seconded by Robin Marlin was that £1700 would be offered to cover the expected cost of £1670 for two brass bells and that would be put to the AGM was approved by a show of hands with only one dissension. (8 in favour 1 against).
- 4: Captains report: Keith outlined his plans for fairness in team selection had to be abandoned after 4 matches due to the lack of players willing to play. Despite such difficulties continuing throughout the season we nonetheless won all home matches and lost just 5 away games  
Looking to the future Keith felt that closer interaction between various roll-ups would help to encourage more seniors to play in matches. He also expressed his personal embarrassment at not being able to offer visiting teams coffee on arrival and questioned if that situation could be remedied. He went on to thank the Committee and a number of other people who had supported him throughout his Captaincy

- 5: **Treasurers Report/Balance Sheet 2019**  
Tony felt that we had had a successful year and reiterated the view expressed earlier by Robin that most money was made from the Opens. However costs were now lower, entirely due to the change of treatment over Seniors birthdays and the lack of costs and income associated with the Seniors Annual Dinner was down to the club office handling that transaction with the caterers – a policy that was expected to continue. The final bank/cash balance was £2604 up £274 on 2018 despite expenditure of £605 on Whiteboard and wall clock. An unanimous show of hands approved the balance sheet.
- 6: **H/C and Comps Report:** Mike Travis reported that members of the H&C committee were being asked to commit their attendance for two or more years to shepherd through the new rulings regarding the World Handicap System. Mike was considering his response. Mike felt the Xmas lunch and presentation event had gone well despite a poor showing from some major trophy winners. Mike also reported that the Corless Goblets comp was going to schedule with two requests for extensions being refused due to ample time being scheduled between fixtures and that entry sheets had been posted for forthcoming Yarworth and Fraser events.
- 7: **Opens Report:** Robin reported that the new three ball alliance (in lieu of Singles) was 65% full compared with 60% for the Singles at the same time last year. The Pairs and AM/AM were also filling nicely and it was probably too early to express concern regarding the small number of entries for the Mixed.
- 8: **Communication:** Ron Barker expressed satisfaction that the small trial he had conducted amongst members regarding his intention to improve communication by the introduction of Match and Competitions Contact Information sheet had produced satisfactory responses even from those he regarded as non computer literate. Eventually the plan would be to circulate all club members of 55 years of age to gauge response.
- 9: **AOB:** Andrew Whiteley raised a concern about mutterings he had received from club members regarding the seniors roll-ups at 8.0am. Could they not be organised at a later time thus allowing those members who were forced to play behind the seniors the opportunity to move ahead. Idea was not met with enthusiasm. Andrew also suggested that the rationale for joining the seniors as displayed on the club web site was dated and needed updating which was accepted and would be looked at.

Les Facer brought two ideas back from his holiday in Australia. First an idea to encase “the nearest the pin sheet “in a tube thus keeping it dry and readable. He had a couple of examples that he would donate to the section once they had had a stake attached. The second idea was a device used to discourage slow play whereby average times would be displayed advising how long it should take 2.3.4 balls to reach selected points on the course. Both ideas were welcomed. Mike Travis was already working on a similar idea and would circulate his thoughts for comment.

Ron Barker recommended that in future it would be a good idea to have those members delivering reports to committee meetings should do so in advance and in writing to the secretary. The secretary would then post such written reports to all committee members so they would have advanced knowledge of forthcoming issues.

Date of next meeting: 25.02.2020