



**Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Veterans
Section of Royal Cromer Golf Club, Held in the Clubhouse on
Friday 22nd October 2021 at 1:30pm**

Present:	P. Wenham N. Wade P. Keen R. Charles A. Hill Plus	Veterans' Captain Veterans' Treasurer Veterans' Assistant Secretary (Competitions) Veterans' Secretary and Vice-Captain Veterans' Secretary (Elect) 14 Members of the Veterans Section
Observer:		J. Moore, Royal Cromer Golf Club, Secretary/Manager

Item	Details	Action
1. Welcome.	<p>The Veterans' Secretary opened the meeting at 1:35pm and welcomed all those attending. He also welcomed and thanked Mr J. Moore, Royal Cromer Golf Club Secretary/Manager, for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary explained that there were not enough members at the meeting to declare a quorum and under normal circumstances the AGM would require to be re-arranged. However, due to the present pandemic restrictions, the Committee had decided to forego this requirement. Mr J. Moore explained that this was allowed under government guidelines. The Secretary thanked Mr Moore for his advice.</p>	Committee
2. Apologies.	<p>Apologies were received from the following 15 members and taken as read – M. Curry, C. Gething, S. Richards, D. Harper, M. Harper, K. Besley, T. Alderman, K. Everard, R. Stamford, C. Hollins, C. Kemp, C. Sullivan, C. Sutherland, G. Newton and M. Tanner.</p> <p>The Secretary asked all present to stand for one minutes silence in remembrance of those that had passed during 2020/21</p> <p>2020, Richard Mould, Ben Rust, Les Perridge, Billy Lee, John Neill and Keith Westrope;</p> <p>2021, Gary Field.</p>	

3. Minutes 38 th AGM.	The Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting, held on Friday 23rd October 2020, were put forward for approval and passed, unanimously.	Secretary
4. Matters arising from Minutes of 38 th AGM.	There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 38 th AGM.	Secretary
5. Treasurer's Report.	<p>The Treasurer's Report and Accounts can be found at the end of these minutes as Annex A. The Accounts were explained to members and, all having had sight of the same, were voted upon.</p> <p>Proposer: R. Charles Seconded: A. Hill Carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Treasurer mentioned at the end of his report that the accounts had not been audited. Mr David Lockwood-Jones, who in the past had been the Veterans' auditor was no longer taking on the task and therefore the Treasurer asked the meeting if they knew of a volunteer to take on this annual job. There was no response from the audience.</p>	Treasurer
6. Captain's Report.	<p>The Captain's Report can be found at the end of these minutes as Annex B, and was warmly accepted by all present.</p> <p>Proposed: R, Charles Seconded: N. Wade Carried Unanimously.</p>	Captain
7. Election of Officers for 2022.	<p>The positions of Captain (Bob Charles), Vice-Captain (Martin Lee), Treasurer (Nick Wade), Secretary (Alan Hill) and Assistant Secretary (Competitions) (Peter Keen) were put to the meeting for a formal vote, to allow these members to take up their posts.</p> <p>All nominations were carried unanimously, having been previously displayed, with Proposers and Seconders, for the last four weeks on the Veterans' Notice Board</p>	
8. Any Other Business.	<p>1. <u>Vote of Thanks.</u> Mr Alan Shannon, on behalf of the membership, offered a vote of thanks for the work carried out by the Captain and Committee during 2020 and 2021. This was graciously accepted by the Captain and Committee.</p>	
9. Close	After thanking the Secretary/Manager for attending, and for his input on the issue of the quorum, the meeting was closed at 2:05pm.	Secretary

Postscript:

Prize Presentation Dinner. The Secretary advised all present on the preparations for this year's Prize Presentation Dinner, to take place in the Clubhouse, on Friday 10th December. Entry forms for places at the dinner would be posted on the noticeboard, with a maximum of 90 members and guests.

R L Charles

Veterans Secretary

Royal Cromer Golf Club Veterans Section

Treasurer's report for the year ending 30th September 2021

This has been another year of disruption with further lockdowns over the winter months and we were only able to resume play at the end of March. I hope you have managed to have a look at the figures for the year although it is difficult to draw comparisons with the previous year as this year we have played some competitions that were abandoned last year so the figures don't correlate.

- To recap briefly, we managed to complete the Oct & Nov Stablefords and were able to resume these in June. We had to abandon the Winter League, the Eclectics, Foursomes and the Spring Texas and the Captain's Drive In was postponed until September. The Singles KO and Pairs which were cancelled last year are in progress plus we have held our SSAFA Charity Day and the Autumn Texas.
- We have made donations of £100 to last year's Captain's Charity, £300 to SSAFA but have yet to issue a cheque for our Captain's charity.
- A very helpful development this year from my perspective has been the ability for our Stableford entry fees to be deducted directly from members' accounts which saves me a considerable amount of time so my thanks go to Jonathan and the boys in the Pro Shop for making this possible.
- The bank balance at 30th Sept was £1,779 which looks pretty high but this will shortly reduce to around £1,000 as we have yet to pay £250 to Lee for prize vouchers purchased after 30th Sept (which is why the stock figure shown isn't higher) and also our donations to the Club Captain's and Vets Captain's Charities.

I feel we are in a sound position financially and it is to be hoped that there will be no further disruptions and we can now resume our normal pattern of play and competitions.

Captains Report 2021

Members of the Vets Section of RCGC welcome to the 39th AGM of this venerable section, held in strange times that just seem to be never ending.

During the last two years we have welcomed 23 new members, both ladies and gentlemen, and I extend a warm if not belated welcome to them all.

Inter-club Matches.

In 2020, due to Covid-19, we only played one inter-club friendly match against Bawburgh GC, and it was the first time that we as a section fielded a lady golfer, Sandra Wiseman, in our team. The result was an honourable draw but, more importantly, it was a win for equality in golf and set the scene for future RCGC Vets golf matches. These changes to our playing membership have been accepted by all but one Norfolk Club.

In 2021, again due to Covid-19, and the loss of Costessey GC, we played a reduced golfing schedule of only 17 matches; winning 5, losing 10 and halving 2 matches.

But I don't measure the success of the teams by results but by the enjoyment of those who took part in those matches and the enjoyment was evident at every match.

It has been difficult to arrange the matches this year, due to the Vets notice board, downstairs, being taken out of action for health reasons. This meant that all matches had to be arranged by email and that did create an enormous problem for me in particular, and to those Vets that struggle with technology, but hopefully that is now behind us.

The match against the Ladies.

Once again this was an enjoyable occasion, when 6 pairs represented each Captain, and the result was an honourable draw. Both teams celebrated afterwards by sharing drinks and a meal.

But the greater result was that we raised £730 for Prostate and Breast Cancer.

Charity competitions.

The Vets also raised £470 for SSAFA, the highest figure we have raised for this incredible organisation.

The final figure for my personal charity, The Cromer Hospital, is still being calculated, as it has been carried over two years, and is now being added to by a generous offer from the Ladies Captain, Elaine Field, to transfer their annual charity money raised to my charity. Thank you Ladies.

My personal thanks.

I would like to thank you all for your generous support over the last 2 years, but in particular to my hard working committee and in particular my Vice-Captain and Secretary Bob (Quiet for the Officer) Charles, Assistant Secretary Peter Keen, Treasurer Nick Wade, Welfare Officer David Falconer, and especially to Alan Hill as Secretary in waiting, who has been shielding since March 2020 but always there, offering sage like advice from the side lines.

But also Jon Moore, our Secretary/Manager, and his incredible office, bar and cleaning staff. Mark Heveran and his team and, of course, Henri and his staff, especially for the Vets Lunches.

Once again, thank you all and I wish the new Captain, his Vice-Captain and his committee, all the success in the future.

This concludes my final Captain's report.

May God bless you all and those you love.

Pete Wenham, Vets Captain