

Minutes of the Seniors Annual General Meeting of February 6th 2019.

A moments silence was held to remember absent friends.

The Captain and 33 senior members were in attendance; there were 2 apologies.

The **Minutes for the AGM on February 7th, 2018** were accepted as a true record of the meeting. **Matters Arising** are covered in reports.

Captain's Report:

Andy said that he had enjoyed his golf during the year as Captain. Of the 26 matches there were 16 wins and only 4 losses. The Captains away day at the Staffordshire was well supported although their course suffered from the dry summer. The Captains day at the Worcestershire was a great success including the hole in one challenge sponsored by Listers VW on the 8th hole.

Other events of note were the first Seniors shotgun start achieved for the Christmas competition, Andy praised Mike's efforts in arranging this with the H & C committee. The Seniors Dinner charity auction made £244 and was donated to the Lady Captain's Charity.

Andy said that he found club politics disappointing and had several meetings with board members and the Chairman to air his views. A positive result from this is the improved communication from the course manager informing all members what has and is about to happen on the course. On the negative side, Andy sadly felt that Seniors contributions to Club projects and the support given to the caterers went unremarked upon by anyone in authority.

Treasurer's Report:

Tony reported the Section finances to be healthy with £2324.78 in the bank and £5.28 held in cash. He thanked Euan for his work in checking the balance sheet and accounts.

The balance sheet was presented, and various members questions answered. The heritage photo project approved at the 2018 AGM amounted to £357.20 as an exceptional item.

Income from membership had reduced due to a lower numbers. There were fewer entrants to Section competitions, and with the value of prizes maintained there had been a £180 drain on funds. Tony reminded the meeting that entrance fees are due prior to the first match of a competition, he was unhappy at having had to chase some members.

The committee has made the decision to increase the fees for the Fraser, Yarworth and Coreless competitions to £4. To avoid a drain on finances, each competition will be self-funding with prizes determined by entrant numbers.

Tony pointed out that the Secretary, Competitions Secretary and Treasurer had turned down their entitlement to expenses for this year.

The main section income had again been derived from the four Open competitions, £843 was raised. Tony suggested that we should continue to look for ways to make contributions to the Club from this excess income.

Secretary's Report:

Peter confirmed three recent Seniors committee decisions caused by a decision to make all seniors events financially self-contained. Reports from recent Captains indicated they had on occasion had to pay for meals at events (normally away matches) when a player had left without attending the meal.

The decisions are:

- Entry fees for the Yarworth Cup, Fraser Tankards & Coreless Goblets are increased to £4.
- For Midweek Tankard competitions the entrance fee remains £3. Prizes will be calculated after all four events have been held.
- A principal is established whereby, 'Putting your name down and being selected for, an event involving a meal, leads to a commitment to pay for that food. (Except that at the Worcestershire, it is possible to notify the event organiser up until the previous day and not have to pay)'.

The committee proposed a change to the Section birthday gifts in order to reduce the burden on finances. Various proposals, including the committee's proposal were discussed and voted on. The proposal given by Howard Guest, seconded by Ron Barker gained most support with 18 of the 34 present voting in favour. In future personalised cards will be sent at ages 75,80,85 & 90, gifts of wine and Scotch will no longer be provided. As a note, to comply with data protection, members who do not wish their birth dates to be held by the Treasurer should opt out of the scheme by contacting the Treasurer or Secretary.

In response to the Club need to replace the Competitions Whiteboard and the Clock on the external Pro shop wall, the committee proposed that up to £700 be provided to the Club to purchase these items. This achieves the aim of using excess income from Seniors Opens to the benefit of the whole Club. The proposal was accepted.

Election of Officers and Committee members

The following Section Officers and Committee members were accepted as a block:

Captain - Keith Hitchcock, Vice-Captain - Ron Barker,
Immediate Past Captain - Andy Peet, Treasurer - Tony Pawson,
Secretary - Peter Kirton, Competitions - Mike Travis, Opens - Robin Marling,
Members: - Nigel Teale, Allan Davies, Les Facer, Andrew Whiteley.

Ron Barker's nomination as Vice-Captain in 2019, and Captain elect for 2020 was thereby approved;

Keith Hitchcock took the Captaincy

Andy handed the Captaincy to Keith. Andy's tenure had been much appreciated by all.

Keith looked forward to his year, he pointed out that unfortunately there is an error the diary related to the 2019 Captains away day on Monday 8th July The mistake is in the printed Club diary indicating last year's venue. The correct venue for this year's Captains Away day is at Ladbroke Park near Tanworth in Arden.

Keith asked for support in section matches and mentioned his desire to include new members in match teams while maintaining the support of regular players.

In order to communicate with team members and potential team members, Keith asked to be given their email addresses.

Team lists would go up well in advance and Keith will be keeping a chart to try to ensure fairness in selection, particularly for away matches.

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Richard Yardley introduced an item he believes is of great benefit to all. HeartStart Malvern is a local charity which provides training in surviving cardiac arrest. Richard offered to arrange one or more courses for the Seniors. Courses are free, but with a request to provide a donation to the charity at the event which takes about 90 minutes.

Robin announced that he is handing over the running of the Welcome Rollups to Ron Barker in his post as Vice-Captain. It is felt that this offers a good way of introducing new members to the Section including matches. It also helps next years Captain's introduction to the Section members.

The meeting closed at 145 pm

Date of next AGM: February 5th, 2020.