

CLACTON ON SEA GOLF CLUB – SENIORS

MINUTES OF THE 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 held at the Clubhouse at noon on Monday 26th July 2021

PRESENT

Jim Wiggam (Captain & Chairman), Conor Kinnerk (Vice Captain), Bob Baggalley (Hon Secretary), Dave Needham (Treasurer), John Willson & John Kemp & Paul Tubbs & Geoff Haslam & Terry Hewitt (Competition Sub-Committee) and 61 other Seniors recorded their attendance

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Captain Jim Wiggam welcomed the Seniors present.

APOLOGIES

Bob Baggalley advised that no apologies had been received.

ABSENT FRIENDS

The Captain asked the meeting to stand for a moment's silent thought for absent friends – Gordon Waller, Chris Furze, Anthony White, Trevor Trill and Malcolm Pitcher

MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Jim Wiggam advised a full version of these minutes had been on permanent display for scrutiny on the Seniors noticeboard and on the Seniors Section of the Club website for the past 17 months. Bob Baggalley advised no amendments or comments from members had been received.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Bob Baggalley read out key parts of the last minutes for the attention of the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts for the year ending 31/12/2020:

	<u>Club Card</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Total</u>
Carried forward from 2019	£116	£5838	£5954*
Income for 2020	£2830	£3212	£6042
Expenditure 2020	£2378	£5006	£7384
Totals	<u>£568</u>	<u>£4044</u>	<u>£4612**</u>

*Includes 2019 Captains Charity of £3000

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Thus the true balance carried forward from 2019 is £2954 and the balance carried forward to 2021 is £3465

Breakdown of Expenditure for 2020

Charity Payment from 2019	£3000
Prizes including raffle prizes	£2819
Catering	£781
Stationary copying etc	£476
Trophies engraving etc	£228
Miscellaneous	£80
Total	<u>£7384</u>

Dave Needham gave the following report:

“As most of you will know I took over as the Senior Treasurer when Bob Seggie left the Club earlier this year.

Firstly I would advise that the 2020 accounts I have presented to the meeting have not been audited as required by our Constitution. In other years this was carried out shortly after the year end, this year however we were in Government enforced lockdown until the end of March. Once out of lockdown it was further delayed as I have been waiting for our Bank to complete the transfer of account signature authorities to myself and Paul Tubbs so full Bank account year end statements can be obtained. I’m pleased to report that just last week the required transfers took place and arrangements for the audit is now underway.

There are copies of the year end accounts on each table for the members and I will quickly un through the figures with you. Should you have any question please wait until the end of my report.

As you will see we have accumulated a reasonable surplus which will continue to grow due to the numbers playing in Senior games, which you will appreciate is our only form of income. We have however increased the level of prize money that can be won and are continuing to subsidise Senior members on a regular basis. Examples are the reduced cost of the breakfasts this morning and the upcoming Turkey Trot competition in December.

Whilst it is necessary to retain a surplus your Committee regularly discuss ways of returning surplus money back to you the Senior members. If you have any ideas as to how you would like to spend your money please do speak to me or any of the other Committee members and your ideas will be discussed at future Committee meetings. Are there any questions?”

The report was proposed by L. Loberman and seconded by T. Burnside and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Bob Baggalley gave the following report:

“I’m pleased to say the numbers in the Seniors Section remains very good with 130 Seniors registered as at the end of July 2021.

For this AGM we received three new nominations to join the Committee and two from current Committee members who had been co-opted during the year. We had five positions on the Committee to fill and we had five nominations. We normally take a vote on nominations only if there are more candidates than positions on the Committee. So due to the exceptional circumstances (Seniors AGM are usually held in February) we pressed ahead with the changes to the Seniors Committee at our June meeting.

All Committee members serve for 2 years with the exception of the Vice Captain who serves for 3 years: Vice-Captain/Captain/Past Captain

The Vice Captain’s position was filled by Conor Kinnerk who again was elected unopposed.

So the new Seniors Management Committee for 2021/22 consists of the following: -

Captain - Jim Wiggam
Vice Captain - Conor Kinnerk
Treasurer - Dave Needham

Secretary - Bob Baggalley

Competition Sub Committee - John Willson & Paul Tubbs & John Kemp & Terry Hewitt & Geoff Haslam

During the last year of 2020 despite disruptions from the Coronavirus Pandemic the Committee did run 20 trophy matches during the year and a number of 'fun' and 'roll up' matches as well.

Next year at Clacton On Sea we have the honour of hosting the - Essex Veterans Inter Club Tournament - here at Clacton Golf Club on the 14th July 2022. The course will be closed for the day with about 100 players taking part. The Committee will keep you informed as plans for this major event evolve.

Finally as is traditional I draw your attention to the list of 2020 the trophy winners which is on each table."

The report was proposed by J. Middleton and seconded by R. Gillespie and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Jim Wiggam gave the following report:

"The year 2021 has been a strange year in many respects for most of us.

It was not expected that I would be Captain this year, although I was the Vice Captain in 2020. I handed over the Captaincy to Malcolm Pitcher, as he had had two turbulent years with his illness and then the advent of Covid for everyone upsetting things.

Regrettably his illness came back and in January of this year he resigned as Captain and also from the seniors committee. However, the committee elected to keep him on as Immediate Past Captain and kept him informed of events as they happened throughout the year until his untimely death.

We will not dwell on the plague that has affected everyone, but report on the many challenges we have had to overcome to enable us to play our beloved game of golf.

Despite the challenges in 2020 we managed to play for 20 trophies. Our thanks must go to John Willson and his team for their efforts in administering the competitions and allowing us to play competitive golf, however well or badly we played.

Congratulations to those who have been successful in winning a trophy - or two.

Regarding inter club matches in 2020, that was a washout with Covid restrictions applying.

In 2021 however, we have managed so far to play five matches in the season, one each at the Essex, Maldon, Frinton, Colchester and Felixstowe. All away matches. We managed to draw the match at Frinton, however the other matches we lost but they were closely contested.

An interesting fact came out of the match at Colchester. Since 2002 Clacton have only won once at Colchester and similarly since 2002 Colchester have only won once at Clacton. Home advantage is definitely a plus.

We have several more matches to play, at home and away, before the end of season and I encourage you to put your name on the entry sheets posted on the seniors notice board.

We played our normal two matches with the ladies. The Gage Cup in which the Seniors play against the Ladies – The Seniors won. The Cripps Trophy is a mixed pairs competition which Alan Corbyn and Fiona Cope won with 45 points. Congratulations.

Regrettably there have been no social functions this year and there are no plans to have any until our Christmas Social event which Conor is arranging. More details to follow!

The Secretary in his report has explained the make-up of the new Seniors Management Committee for 2021/22.

However, I would like to thank all members for their support and dedication in administering the Seniors and in particular those members recently retired from the Committee – Ray Fage and past captain Nigel Martin. I also welcome those who have recently been elected and look forward to their contribution to our enjoyment of golf.

Seniors Captains Day will be on Monday 6th September.

This year was going to be a joint Captains Day, but that will now not happen due to obvious circumstances. Let us not be glum however, as Malcolm insisted that the day is a day of fun, camaraderie and golf, with which I concur. There will be food, drinks on the course and many prizes. Notices will go up on the board nearer the time for you to annotate your names. I do hope to hold a raffle on the day for my chosen charity, which this year is the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Sponsorship and donations for the raffle will be gratefully received.

In conclusion gentlemen, it is an honour to be your Seniors Captain and I will endeavour to carry out my duties to the best of my abilities.”

The report was proposed by G. Smith and seconded by B. Gage and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Bob Baggalley referred the meeting to his earlier report.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSITUTION AND MOTIONS FOR THE AGM

Bob Baggalley reported that none had been received.

CAPTAIN'S VISION & AIMS FOR THE YEAR

Jim Wiggam gave a precis of his vision and aims for the year:

“My only vision & aim is that Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club Seniors will continue to be the successful section of the golf club that it has proved to be over the previous 39 years”

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Conor Kinnerk read out the following statement:

“First of all, I am very grateful to the committee for allowing me the opportunity to make this particular announcement which I am happy to do albeit with more than a little sadness.

Many of you will have known Malcolm Pitcher for a lot longer than me but, even though I only came to know him during the too few years that I have been a member of Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club, it didn't take me long to come to regard him as a friend whose company I thoroughly enjoyed. I was also a fan of his acerbic style of speaking his mind and his droll sense of humour. He was also a pretty good golfer.

I can say with certainty that Malcolm had been a very proud member of this club for many years and indeed, was also a very proud member of the Seniors group. He was especially pleased to have been elected Captain in 2019 and was pretty p.e.e.e.d off that the pandemic and his illness made it impossible for him to fulfil that role to its fullest.

I am pleased to inform you the Committee has unanimously agreed that in future the July Medal will be called the **Malcolm Pitcher Memorial Trophy** from now on!

Jenny was in touch with our Secretary, Bob, on Friday and asked us to express her sincere thanks for all of the cards and flowers that she has received. She has been overwhelmed by the kind gestures of the Seniors and wanted you to know that Malcolm would have been honoured to hear the kind words written about him.

Jenny and family do not want flowers at this time but will appreciate any donations you make wish to make to the St. Helena's Hospice.

I can also state that Jenny has reserved the restaurant area here in the Golf Club for between 2 and 6 p.m. on Friday, 3rd September for a Party to celebrate Malcolm's life. She would like to see as many as possible of the Senior members being there so please put the date in your diaries.

For those of us who will attend the 'celebration of his life' event in September Jenny has said that Malcolm did not want any of us to wear black, so smart casual dress will be the order of the day.

Finally, can I ask you to stand and raise your glasses to Malcolm – Malcolm Pitcher may he rest in peace!"

The proposal to re-name the July Medal was carried by a unanimous vote.

Graham Smith asked if the Management Committee had all agreed that the new Roll Up games, to be held during those days when Inter Club matches are being played, would be non-qualifying games outside of WWHC and if so why? At the invitation of the Captain John Willson said anybody can enter a casual game score card for handicap purposes with the Club and this included Roll Up games. Jim Wiggam said the whole Committee had agreed that the new Roll Up games would be non-qualifying games. He said that in the Seniors Constitution the Committee are required to run a number of both handicap qualifying games and non-handicap qualifying games each year. He asked for a show of hands to get an indication of the members feeling on this subject and the majority of the members present wanted the new Roll Up games to be handicap qualifying games.

Jim Wiggam said the query will be taken under consideration at the next Committee meeting with particular reference to the Constitution and the Competition Guidelines & Rules, which are our two foundation documents setting out the management criteria for the Seniors golf section.

Nigel Martin asked if there any plans by the Management Committee to make further financial contributions to the Golf Club? Jim Wiggam said the only contribution was the £650 agreed at the last AGM of which £500 had been spent on new display boards.

WINDING UP

Jim Wiggam thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to join him in a drink at the bar and closed the meeting at 12:35pm.

Signed as a true record:

Jim Wiggam Captain

Bob Baggalley Honorary Secretary