

CLACTON ON SEA GOLF CLUB – SENIORS

MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

held at the Clubhouse at noon on Monday 7th February 2022

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Captain Jim Wiggam welcomed the Seniors present.

APOLOGIES

Bob Baggalley advised the following apologies had been received: -

Paul Tubbs, Joe Middleton, Brian Langmead, Bob Gage, Ray Fage and Geoff Manning

ABSENT FRIENDS

The Captain asked the meeting to stand for a moment's silent thought for absent friends: – Harry Lucas, Richard Morton, John Wacker, Michael Rogers, Brian Viercant, Bill Davey and Louise Mckeon.

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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 page of the Club website for the past 6 months. They had also been circulated by email to all members for comment. Bob Baggalley advised no comments had been received from members.

A vote to accept the minutes as a true record by all present was proposed by David Reid and seconded by Roy Dennis. The Captain and Secretary duly signed them.

MATTERS ARISING

Bob Baggalley referred to the question asked under AOB at the last AGM asking that all competitions that qualify under World Handicap System (WHS) rules on a qualifying course will be played off WHS Club handicaps. He said it would be dealt with later on in the agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts Summary year ending 31/12/2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>Club Card</u>	<u>Bank Account</u>	
C/F	£567.84	£4,044.45	
Competitions	£4,453.00		
Raffles	£2,209.00		
Misc		£206.00	
Charity		£1,110.00	
Xmas Dinner	£2,389.50		
Total	£9,619.34	£5,360.45	£14,979.79
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Xmas Dinner	£2,395.20	£686.50	
Comp Prizes	£1,365.00	£440.00	

Raffle Prizes	£438.00	£150.00	
Trophies		£216.00	
Catering	£1,565.25	£240.00	
Misc	£3.00	£165.68	
Donation	£170.00		
Cabinets	£500.00		
Charity	£1,000.00		
Turkey Shoot	£520.00	£536.11	
Stationary	£83.90	£545.90	
	£8,040.35	£2,980.19	£11,020.54
Balance C/F	£1,578.99	£2,380.26	£3,959.25

Dave Needham gave the following report:

“Firstly I would confirm that the outstanding audit of the 2020 accounts has been completed and are available should anyone wish to see them. The 2021 accounts that I will present today has also been audited by John Stuck and Robert Gillespie and again are available for inspection.

There are copies of a summary of the 2021 accounts on each table. I will go through these accounts with you. If you should have any questions please wait until the end of the presentation.

We have and will continue to carry forward each year a reasonable surplus of not less than £1500. We achieve this as most competitions produce a “profit” as the total entry fee normally exceeds the prize monies paid out. The surplus is then used to subsidise certain events throughout the year. Last year this included the AGM Breakfast and the Turkey Shoot.

As you know each member playing in the Turkey Shoot received a bottle of wine with the lucky winners receiving M&S vouchers. These items plus the subsidised meal cost the fund around £750.

The Xmas dinner last year also produced a deficit of over £500 as the ticket sales were well down on previous years. We were perhaps a little too confident in our predictions, with the “Covid Factor” reducing the take up. It was however a huge success and enjoyed by all those who attended. With your approval we will continue with these subsidies this year, we have in fact already started as your breakfast today included a discount. If you have any other suggestions as to how you would like your money spent please talk to anyone on the committee.

There have already been some suggestions from members to increase the prize money for competitions such as the winter Top Dogs which will be given careful consideration at a future Committee meeting. Are there any questions?”

Malcolm Taylor asked why refunds had been permitted for non-attendees at the Seniors Christmas party this year which was not usually the case? Conor Kinnerk gave a full explanation highlighting in particular the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid pandemic. He reassured the meeting the Committee had given very careful consideration

before allowing any refunds.

The report was proposed by Norman Messenger and seconded by Peter Stephens 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 135 Seniors registered as at the end of the year.

*For this AGM we received two new nominations to join the Committee. We have two positions on the Committee to fill. So as we only take a vote on nominations if there are more candidates than positions to fill at this AGM we will **not** be holding a vote.*

The Secretary's position is filled by John Kemp who is elected unopposed.

The Vice Captain's position is filled by Bob Baggalley who is elected unopposed.

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 new Seniors Management Committee for 2022/23 is: -

Captain - Conor Kinnerk

Immediate Past Captain – Jim Wiggam

Vice Captain – Bob Baggalley

Treasurer - Dave Needham

Secretary – John Kemp

Competition Sub Committee - Paul Tubbs & David Reid & Mike Horley & Terry Hewitt & Geoff Haslam

*You will appreciate that the Constitution and the Competition Guidelines & Rules are the core 'rule books' for the management of the Seniors Section. Copies are always on display on the changing room Seniors notice board and on the Seniors page on the Club website. They can **only** be changed by amendments and motions properly submitted at an AGM or EGM by yourselves.*

As you will have seen from this year's AGM notices we must up-date both of our core 'rule books' at this AGM to recognise the changes made to competitions as a result of the new World Handicap System (WHS) and to comply with a member's vote taken last summer that all Seniors competitions qualifying under WHS rules will be played off WHS Club handicaps.

During the last year of 2021 despite disruptions from the Coronavirus Pandemic the Committee ran 21 trophy matches and a number of 'fun' and 'roll up' matches as well.

This year we have the honour of hosting the - Essex Veterans Inter Club Tournament - on the 14th July 2022. The course will be closed for the day with 100 players from 10 different golf Clubs taking part.

Finally; as is traditional I draw your attention to the list of 2021 the trophy winners which is on each table. Are there any questions?"

Malcolm Taylor asked if the new Committee members will be introduced at the meeting and Bob Baggalley assured him they would be.

The report was proposed by Tom Cornwall and seconded by Jim Bligh and a vote was taken to move acceptance of the report which was carried.

AMENDMENTS AND MOTIONS FOR THE AGM

Bob Baggalley read out 6 Motions to change the Constitution proposed by the Committee and explained how each will change the Constitution. He said they had been proposed and seconded at Committee meetings and proper and adequate notice had been given to members. He said no comments had been received from members. He asked if there any questions?

Malcolm Taylor asked if there was to be a separate vote on each of the 6 Motions. Bob Baggalley said as no amendments or comments has been received he intended to pass all 6 Motions in one vote. The meeting agreed this was the best course of action.

The Motions were proposed by John Stuck and seconded by Lee Gregory and a vote was taken to move acceptance of which was carried.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Jim Wiggam gave the following report:

"Following on from my last report at the delayed AGM in July of last year, for the past six months we have been able to get back to our beloved golf and sharpen up our game, or not, as the case may be.

We also completed out inter club games and I don't mind bragging a little that over the whole year we won more matches than we lost, the results being won 6 – lost 5 – drawn 2. Thanks to all those who participated and don't forget we will have a full fixture of inter-club matches in 2022. Support your Captain. Put your name down to play.

On the 6th September 2021 was my Captains Day. 83 members took part. We had beautiful weather and there were no excuses for poor play or at least not enjoying the day. I certainly had a good day and I am grateful to all those who participated and also those who donated prizes for the charity raffle. The raffle raised over £700 for my charity, the Motor Neurone Decease Association. Many, many thanks.

Just as a reminder, the winners on the day were Steve Hurved (44 points) Stan Justice (42 points) Richard Borstal (39 points) and Paul Tubbs (39 points).

Later this month we will donate a total of £2,250 to the MNDA at a photo shoot here at the club. This is also money which you have donated over the year through participation in the competitions organised by the competitions sub-committee.

On the 3rd December we held the Seniors Annual Christmas Dinner. Although attendance was down due to Covid it was a thoroughly good evening with 81 sitting down to dinner. Some old crocks even managed a dance or two before exhaustion took them and they retreated to their seats. Our thanks go to Vice Captain Conor for the organisation and running of the event.

Once again the annual Turkey Shoot was a great success with as many senior members taking part as possible. Those who didn't win took home a bottle of wine.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the proposed quiz night in January but an alternative date will be set in the forthcoming year for you to rack your brains.

With the troubled year we have had we must not forget the people who have helped us to enjoy our golf, Graham and his staff, Nicole and her staff, the CEO and the office staff, the Pro Shop and not forgetting of course the Greens staff.

I have one more thing to inform you about. Most of you will know John Willson.

For many years John has been the lead committee member dealing with the competitions. During that time, which at the beginning was about 80 senior members and has now grown to 135, he has also been instrumental in welcoming new members, taking them on the course and showing them the ropes regarding the Clubhouse and competitions and generally integrating them quickly into the Club and the Seniors.

What you do and see now when you wish to enter a Seniors Competition is in the main down to John. He has done a tremendous amount of work to achieve this which we as a whole should appreciate.

John has now decided to retire from the committee, though no doubt you will still see him playing golf.

In recognition of his work and dedication, at a Committee meeting on Tuesday the 1st February it was unanimously agreed that we should invest John Willson as Honorary Life Member of the Seniors Section.

I am sure you will agree that this is a fitting tribute to someone who has worked tirelessly over many years. To mark the occasion, on your behalf, we have purchased a suitable small gift for him. As we know John likes a wee dram so we bought something to contain the amber liquid and some glasses to drink it with.

John Willson gave a thank you speech stressing how surprised and delighted he was with both the award of Honorary Life Member and the gift.

In conclusion Gentlemen, it has been a pleasure and an honour to be your Captain and to represent you at the inter-club matches and at various other events. I have to give my thanks to all members of your committee for their hard work and enthusiasm in making my year and your year so successful. Are there any questions?"

The report was proposed by Peter Wiggins and seconded by Steve Cox 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 comments and asked new Committee members David Reid and Mike Horley to stand up. He asked the meeting to welcome them onto the Committee. He then asked them to join the Committee on the top table.

CAPTAIN'S VISION & AIMS FOR THE YEAR

Conor Kinnerk gave a precis of his vision and aims for the year. He said he was privileged to accept the position. He thanked outgoing Captain Jim and the Committee for past performance and look forward to their support in his year. He gave a quick résumé of his career and previous golf clubs' involvement and the reasons why he joined Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club. He said his nominated charity was Prostate Cancer UK. He finished by saying he hoped that we all have a healthy, happy and pandemic free year and get back to proper social and golfing lives.

Finally he said following the AGM, outgoing Captain Jim will Putt-out and he would attempt a Captain's Drive-in from adjacent to the 18th Green hitting in the general direction of the 18th Tee; all were welcome to watch and giggle!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nigel Martin asked if any Inter Club matches for 2022/23 were played with a reduced team of 12 players that members in roll-up games on the same day be given tee priority until 9.30am. He also asked that in future Committee members playing in Inter Club teams should be limited to the Captain and 2 other Committee members.

Conor Kinnerk said he would raise these issues at the next Committee meeting.

Malcom Taylor asked the Committee to give carefully consideration to the issue of Seniors Christmas party tickets in 2022?

Conor Kinnerk said the Committee will.

CLOSE

Conor Kinnerk thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to join him in a drink at the bar and closed the meeting at 12:55pm.

Signed as a true record:

Conor Kinnerk Captain

John Kemp Honorary Secretary