

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



SENIOR

SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

7TH JANUARY 2014

Present: David Duckenfield (DD) Doug Procter (DP) Ted Coates (EC), George Davies (GD))
Peter Keeping (PK), Rod Baggott (RB), Paul Donaldson (PD), Mike Whittingham (MW),
Andy Groom (AG)

DD took the chair and opened the meeting at 10.am

Item

Action

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Welcome and Apologies

DD welcomed all committee members, old and new, and wished them a Happy New Year. There were no apologies.
He asked for comment regarding the nineteenth bar being open during the Seniors' Christmas dance. DP reported that it did not create problems this year and stated that the clubs policy is now to keep the 19th open during club functions but close it for private functions. DP thanked AG and DP who had sold raffle tickets.
DD emphasised that committee members must respect and act upon all decisions reached at this committee even when they may have a minority view against them. Compromise will always be required. Discussions which arise during the formulation of policies are not public and should not be gossiped about outside the meeting.
DD advised that the harmony of the team was his primary concern.

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Minutes of Previous Meeting (4th November 2013)

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 4th November 2013. Accordingly the minutes were signed by the Captain.

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Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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Report From The Captain's Committee

DP advised he had attended the last Captain's Committee meeting and reported that Virgin TV was not available for sports clubs. There is a problem relating to locking the main gate at night and consideration is being given to lighting the area. There was a query on divots and seeding which has been attributed to the Senior section. None of the present committee was aware of this problem. The management committee is considering if the bar menus should show separate prices for members and guests. The competition rules have been amended to allow late competition cards to be submitted when playing as a 4 ball. The pressure setting on the shoe cleaning compressor has now been increased.

5 Treasurers Report

The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted by the meeting with thanks to GD from the Seniors Captain. A copy is attached to these minutes.

GD advised that there has been expenditure of approximately £500 in last three weeks. This mostly related to the Bottles competition and Christmas dinner. The raffle at the dinner raised £115. GD thanked the ticket sellers AG and PD once again for their efforts.

GD stated that the current policy is to augment the bottles donated by members with higher value wine and spirits so that every competitor receives a prize but the winner has first choice of the better prizes. 54 members competed and 37 bottles were donated. RP suggested we should encourage more people to donate next year..

GD reported that the estimated interest this year from the Tesco Savings account is £57 after tax which is far in excess of the interest from our previous account of £1.07. The initial bonus on the Tesco account will end shortly and if necessary other accounts will be investigated.

PK queried if it was still appropriate for Bill Kennedy to be the second account holder. After some discussion it was agreed that the situation can remain as present.

DD thanked GD for the tireless, unaided effort that he has put into his duties over the past few years in particular the running of the Seniors' open events and retaining the independence of Senior finances.

6 Match Reports

RB reported that he is pursuing an alternative date for the return match with Meyrick Park and will advise EC who will then complete the fixture list. He added that Sherbourne have now reconsidered their response to our approach for a match and this has been added to our list.

RB/EC

DD advised that following the decision at the Seniors' AGM the each match captain can select his menu preference and advise the meal cost accordingly. Trish has agreed to provide cheese and biscuit as an alternative desert but celery and grapes will not be available. EC requested that match captains advise him of the meal choice 7 days in advance so that he can produce the table menus.

7 Competition Secretaries Report

DP advised that all competition notification sheets are complete for the coming season. There will be two less competition but it is hoped that additional ones can be fitted in. A Seniors' representative is required for the Handicaps and Competition committee.

5 day members are now eligible for all knock out competitions and if playing in the final will not be charged a green fee. However they will still be required to offer one weekend playing date and if this is their opponents preferred option a guest fee will be payable. 5 day members cannot enter any other weekend competitions. This information will be printed on future entry sheets when they are displayed.

GD explained that there are no obstacles preventing entry into Senior competitions using the computer system via members swipe cards. DD stated that before the Professional leaves the Club members will have to transfer all money on their proshop account to their Club swipe card. This money can then be used in the bar or against subscriptions.

A discussion then followed concerning the replacement for our Club professional. Bill Lennon is gathering members views on the way forward and DD suggested that we may wish to email our individual views to him. DD has expressed his own personal view to Bill Lennon suggesting we can manage without a professional. After lengthy discussion it became clear to all (including DD) that the solution was far from straight forward. In the event that the club do not replace the professional then some presence is essential in a shop to collect green fees, direct societies, ensure proper dress code and etiquette, and provide everyday golfing needs. The

ability to provide tuition does encourage new members to join.
DD advised that Bill Lennon would like any comments in the next 7 days. RP stated that this is a complex problem and more time should be given for proper discussion. He asked that the subject be raised at the forthcoming Captain's committee with a request for more time to consider all the alternatives.

DD/RP

DD asked the committee if they wished GD and himself to proceed with research into entering competitions using the computer and paying by Club swipe card. This was agreed unanimously.

8 Knighton Heath Knockout

DD reported that Bill Kennedy will continue to run the KHKO but requires advice from GD regarding entry costs. GD advised that we must not lose entries by overpricing but proposed a modest increase from £35 to £38. This was agreed unanimously.

AG

DD advised that AG will be the contact between this committee and WK.

9 Competition Prizes

DP requested DD and RP to ascertain from the Captain's committee whether competition prize monies can be credited to Club swipe cards following the departure of David Miles.

PD asked if a list of all members balances in the proshop is available.

GD advised that he has prepared a list which he will put on the Seniors' notice board advising all seniors winnings

10 Correspondence

GD reported that he has sent Christmas cards to our sponsors.

DD has received details of short golf breaks from Woodbury Park. He handed this to RB to investigate if the Seniors' summer break should again be at Woodbury.

RB

DP has received details of the National Senior Club Classic Competition. It was agreed that we will not enter a team this year.

DD advised that flyers advertising other clubs open events will be handled by MW

11 Any Other Business

DD circulated a list of duties for the coming year. These are:-

Captain	David Duckenfield
Vice-Captain	Richard Pearce
Secretary	Ted Coates
Treasurer	George Davies
Fixtures Secretary	Rod Baggott
Assistant Fixture Secretary	Paul Donaldson
Competition Organiser	Doug Procter
Other Clubs' Opens Organiser	Mike Whittingham
Trophies/Medals/Comps	Peter Keeping
KHCO liaison	Andy Groom
Team Selection	R Baggott and R Pearce
Open Competitions and Wine Scramble	G Davies

DD advised that visitors green fees will no longer be liable to VAT and the club will be receiving a refund in the future.

DD advised that the Club were considering applying for C.A.S.K which can be financially lucrative. GD stated that there were onerous requirements imposed after registration which have resulted in other local clubs de-registering.

DD asked that if any member is likely to suffer health or other problem which prevent him carrying out his committee duties he would wish to be advised.

DD reminded the meeting that GD runs the open events on his own but will require help in the late stages running up to the events.

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MW suggested that the signs on the public footpath leading across the 3rd fairway were not adequate. EC to write to the Safety Officer via the Manager pointing out our concern and requesting a more appropriate replacement.

EC

MW asked if the voting rights for overseas members were the same as 5 day members. EC to write to manager requesting clarification

EC

DD requested MW to investigate the procedures for nominating and voting at the Senior AGM. MW to report back to the committee.

MW

DP asked if we still need to engrave winners' names on our trophies. There was general agreement that this should continue.

RP advised that the serving of the meal at the Seniors' Christmas dinner was protracted so that some tables had finished before the last one was served. It was agreed that the Captain and Voce Captain should discuss this with the catering staff.

EC to write to the Manager to ask for him to arrange a meeting.

EC

GD expressed his concerns about the cost of auditing the Seniors' accounts by professional auditors. It was agreed that as this is a requirement of the management not the Senior section the costs should be met from Club accounts.

EC to write to the Manager to advise of our feelings

PD asked if the Morgan Mashie is to continue to be awarded at the summer golf break holiday competition. As this was the subject of discussion at a previous meeting past minutes to be consulted to refresh memories. EC to check minutes and put on next meeting agenda.

EC

PK asked if the colour of sweater worn for matches is changing. DD to ask for clarification at forthcoming Captain's meeting

DD

MW enquired whether we should run a third open event with a different format to maximize revenue. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. He asked why the committee did not entertain the green staff this year. GD advised that a £30 donation had been placed in the staff Christmas box. GD added that the green staff had expressed a little disappointment and it was therefore agreed that the function will be reinstated next year as it is obviously appreciated.

MW advised that two meeting dates for next year clash with matches. Dates will be rearranged.

AG advised that Senior members are creating problems by sometimes teeing off before the start time of competitions. DD advised we will monitor the situation and if it occurs persistently then action will be taken.

AG stated that he would like to see Paul Webster running the proshop for an interim period to see how it works.

EC stated that he had received complaints regarding the fairness of the draw at the recent bottles meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to that this topic should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

EC

EC expressed his opinion that the Senior Section was not always perceived favourably within the Club and he would like extend an invitation to a member of the Management Committee to our meetings each month with the aim of fostering mutual friendship and co-operation. Further discussion highlighted some advantages and disadvantages but the proposal was dismissed on a majority vote of 6 to 3.

EC advised that the Club website advertises all the Club Open events but none of the Senior Open events. DD agreed to address this at the Captains' committee.

DD/RP

12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 2pm

The meeting closed at 12.45pm

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Senior's Section Captain