

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S

SENIOR

SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

20th August 2019

Present: Russ Tizard (RT), Rod Baggott (RB), Maurice Randall (MR), John Bowden (JB), Phil Boddy (PB), George Davies (GD), Mike Whittingham (MW).

RT opened the meeting at 10.00.

Item		Action
1	Welcome and Apologies Apologies from Richard Collis (RC) and Mike Welch (MDW) Club President. RT welcomed everyone to the meeting. MW is recording the meeting.	
2	Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting (16th July 2019) One correction was made to the draft minutes in Section 7.1. The Minutes were accepted by the Seniors Captain and the Committee members. The approved minutes are to be issued to the manager.	MW
3	Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meeting 3.1 MR confirmed that he had some difficulty finding 3 extra players for the Ferndown Home match on 6 th August to replace the 3 players going to play at Tidworth.	
4	Items from the Captains Committee 4.1 The 100 Club raffle is to start on the last Friday of September. 4.2 The Ladies Spring Cup Final will now be played on the Club Finals day. 4.3 On the course major tree felling work is required on approximately 80 trees. 4.4 The new handicap slope system will now start in Autumn 2020. 4.5 The Club has lost 17 members since the start of year. The playing membership is now 555 including 300 full and 98 five day.	
5	Seniors Monday Competitions 5.1 The 4 man Bowmaker Competition on 22 nd July had 80 entries. 5.2 The Seniors Championship on 5th August had 87 entries. 5.3 The Seniors Captain Trophy on 12th August had 83 entries. 5.4 The Greensomes Competition on 19th August had 70 entries. GD asked why for the Greensomes Competition 6 Seniors dropped out on the day but were not charged. RT to discuss with Andy Windsor to ensure that entrants are charged if they are on the start sheet at 12 midnight on the Sunday.	RT
6	Match Reports 6.1 Matches played after the July 16 th Meeting	

18th July	(home)	v Salisbury & S/W	Won	6.0 – 1.0	(14 a side)
23rd July	(away)	v Crane Valley	Lost	0.5 – 5.5	
29th July	(away)	v Barton on Sea	Won	4.0 - 2.0	
1st August	(away)	v Burley	Won	5.5 – 0.5	
6th August	(home)	v Ferndown	Won	3.5 – 2.5	
8th August	(home)	v Lyme Regis	Won	4.0 – 2.0	
13th August	(home)	v Wareham	Match postponed as no team		
16th August	(home)	v Dorset GCC	Match postponed due to weather.		

This year we have had a lot of difficulty getting enough players for the matches. We need to address this issue and find out if members think we have too many matches, are the tee off times too late, are the meals too expensive and should the dress code be less formal.

Currently we have 15 matches home and away for this year plus Lyme Regis at home. After not being able to raise a team against Wareham they may cancel this fixture next year and Ashley Wood has just written to us to cancel the fixture.

7 Knighton Heath Knock Out 2019 and Bridport Bowl

7.1 Knighton Heath played Weymouth away on 13th August in the Semi-final of the plate Competition and Lost 4.0 – 6.0. The final of the KHKO and the Plate Competitions are to be played at Knighton Heath on 12th September.

7.2 Knighton Heath played Meyrick Park in the Semi-final of the Bridport Bowl and won 4.0- 1.0. Knighton Heath will now play Parkstone in the Final at Bridport on 28th August.

8 Seniors Local Winter League

8.1 MW confirmed that he had approval for the one division from all the Winter League Captains. The draw for matches was made with the assistance of the Came Down and Meyrick Park Captains. The List for all the matches and support documents was tabled. It was agreed by the committee that these be sent out to all the Winter League Captains to allow them to start making arrangements for the matches.

MW

9 Seniors Open Competitions for 2019

9.1 No report from RC. The 4 man Bowmaker on 19th July had 34 entries with the first tee time at 8.30 with 9 minute slots. The Ladies covered the login at the front desk at 8.0 and ran the raffle. Catering went to plan, tea/coffee before and breakfast after play. We need to find a new sponsor for next year after Surrey Oaks declined this year. The event returned a profit of approximately £1100 and the raffle raised £673 for a nominated charity.

RC

The Club Professional was asked check the current handicaps for all entrants.

10 Treasurers Report

10.1 The treasurers report up to June 30th as circulated by GD was explained in detail. The report will go with the back up paperwork to the accounts to be audited.

10.2 GD reported we have a reasonable balance of approx £5500 after allowing for all the remaining outgoings in the last 6 months of the Seniors Year.

10.3 GD is confused about the entries on the Seniors Bar Card. In many cases it just records 'top up' as the entry. GD needs a receipt for each use of the bar card put in the Seniors Locker. The entries from Seniors Competitions should be identified as should any payments for match coffees. For the match dinners the small surplus should be credited to the card.

10.4 20 Knighton Heath ties have gone missing from the Seniors Locker.

11 Size of Committee for 2019/2020

11.1 MW explained that at the AGM we need to elect a Captain, a Vice Captain, and two committee members. MW has nomination forms for each of these positions. Currently 2 committee members have to stand for re-election. We therefore need to increase the committee size by one for 2019/2020. If more assistance is needed in the year the Captain can ask to co-opt an additional member on to the committee. The committee agreed to increase the committee size by one for the AGM election.

12 Members Age for entry to Seniors

RT proposed that the age for Seniors be reduced to 55+. The main reason for the proposal is to try and increase the number of members applying to play in Seniors Friendly Matches. The proposal to reduce the Seniors age from 60+ to 55+ may have to be done formally at Club Committee level. The proposal was discussed at length by the committee and a vote was taken to try and reduce the members age to 55+ only to play in the Seniors Friendly Matches for 2020. Any proposal to change age limits will need to be discussed and approved by the club management before it is introduced.

13 Correspondence

13.1 RT has received a letter from John D. Cousens the Seniors Vice Captain and Match Secretary at Ashley Wood. The letter removes the matches against Knighton Heath from their match programme. It also states that the reciprocal arrangements with the club are not affected.. MW to send an agreed reply.

MW

13.2 MR reported that he had received an e-mail from the Ferndown Captain after the match at Knighton. This thanked us for our hospitality and they enjoyed playing the course and the catering we provided.

14 AOB

14.1 RB said he will be in contact with the Captain of Highcliffe to try and re-arrange the match at Highcliffe on a date that we could get a team.

14.2 GD confirmed that we had supported Julia's House with our recent Charity donation. He asked that we consider other charities for future donations such as Naomi House which provides respite care for severely disabled people and is always in need of equipment

14.3 GD asked if he needed to prepare a set of accounts data to hand out at the AGM. It was agreed this was not required and just a short summary from the committee position was all that was required.

14.4 MW asked if we could find out from the Greens Committee how much the new style bunker on the 16th fairway had cost. Do members think this style of bunker improves the course. Many bunkers have now had new sand put in them which is a big improvement but is there a planned timescale for all the bunkers to be done to make them consistent. Also do the Greens Committee plan to take up the green surface on path next to the 12th tee, put down sand and replace the green surface. Currently this is a very difficult surface to walk on or to drive a buggy on.

**RT/
RC**

15 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.25.

The next meeting date is September 17th at 10.00. MW to confirm the next meeting date with the office.

MW

SIGNED

Men's Senior's Section Captain