

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S

SENIOR

SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

24th October 2017

Present: Maurice Randall (MR), Russ Tizard (RT), Rod Baggott (RB), George Davies (GD), Philip Boddy (PB), Richard Collis (RC), Mike Whittingham (MW), Alan Hebditch (AH) Club President.

MR took the chair and opened the meeting at 10.02 am

Item

Action

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from JB.

MR welcomed the two new committee members (RC) and (PB) and the existing committee members to the October meeting.

MW is recording the meeting.

2 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting (19th September 2017)

MW thanked the committee members for the changes made to the draft set of minutes.

Item 4.2 The Presidents Cup is to be played for in a medal competition.

Item 7 The second open date is 20th July.

The Minutes were accepted by the Seniors Captain.

The approved minutes are to be issued to the manager.

MW

3 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

None

4 Items from the Captains Committee.

4.1 A group of members have complained about the Seniors shotgun start at 9.00am for the Clutterbuck Competition on September 4th as they were unable to get on the course at 12.00 am. Following a request from the Captains Committee, the committee have decided to prevent this and in future shotgun starts will be at 8.00 am.

The issue of presenting the trophy after a shotgun competition instead of trophy presentation night to be discussed at the Captains Committee.

**MR
RT**

4.2 The Ladies have asked for a handrail to be re-installed on the path down from the 8th tee.

4.3 As part of a nationwide campaign on dementia awareness the Ladies Captain has organised a presentation at the club on Tuesday 21st November at 4pm. Posters will be displayed for this talk.

4.4 All temporary greens are classified as GUR. A ball on a temporary green must be dropped at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

4.5 The issue of handicap divisions for members playing in competitions has now been officially cleared. The professional contacted the Dorset Golf Union and English Golf for clarification. Changing the handicap limits does not break any golf rule. Ideally the

divisions are fixed before a competition but can be altered afterwards if there is an imbalance.

4.6 Following a complaint from the Club Treasurer our General Manager has requested that the reason for non-attendance at Seniors AGM be removed from the frontsheet of the postal vote forms. This will be implemented with immediate effect.

5 Seniors Monday Competitions for 2017

Three Competitions have been played since the last meeting.

Monday 25th September Seniors 4BBB had 56 entries. (reduced entries as there was a match against Sherborne (A) the following day.

Monday 9th October Seniors Stableford had 65 entries. (reduced entries as there was a match against Weymouth (A) the same day.

Monday 23rd October Seniors Stableford had 66 entries.

6 Organisation of Seniors Monday Competitions for 2018

RT confirmed that he will run the Monday Competitions with the support of another member.

The divisions in the competitions will be decided to a set formula. Initially this will be Division 1 (0-16). Division 2 (17-21). Division 3 (22-28). A notice will be put on the Seniors Notice Board with this information clearly shown. After each competition the numbers playing in each division will be monitored to establish if this split is working fairly. If there is a regular imbalance the split will be ammended by one stroke and advance notice will be given prior to any competition.

It was agreed by the committee that the prize money will to be set for 5 places in each division. The prizes will be £20, £16, £12, £8 and £4. For the overall winner an additional £5 will be added to the prize.

The system for competition entry needs to be checked with the professional to ensure that a cancellation on the day is not permitted unless the professional is informed.

Any gaps in the start sheet must be closed up to the back of the competition.

7 Seniors 2018 Open Competitions

The dates for the Wine Scramble and the second open are on Golf Empire. These are May 23rd for the Wine Scramble and July 20th for the second open.

GD will continue running the Wine Scramble Open and RC offered to run the Second Open. The format for the second open may be changed to a format which may be a better team supported event. The cost for a 4-man team in each event will be £96.

The committee to discuss a list of actions that we need to get assistance in place for each event.

For the parking assistants we may require a high visibility jacket.

Information is to be prepared to mail to each club so that this can be entered into the Seniors Open Book at each club.

8 Knighton Heath Knock Out 2017

Andy Groom will send out invitations to the 36 clubs who entered the competition last year. The entry fee is to be £45/team and the closure date for entries is 01/03/2018.

The number of entries will determine the preliminary fixtures before the first round matches are played on an East/West basis.

9 Match Report

Matches played this since last meeting;

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| 26th Sept | (Away) | v Sherborne | Lost | 2.5- 3.5. |
| 02 nd October | (Home) | v Crane Valley | Won | 5- 1. |
| 06th October | (Away) | v Came Down | Lost | 2.5 – 3.5. |
| 09th October | (Away) | v Weymouth | Drawn | 3.5 – 3.5. (7 pairs) |
| 11th October | (Away) | v Bramshaw | Lost | 2 – 4. (poor Forest Course) |
| 16th October | (Home) | v Came Down | Won | 4.5 – 1.5. |

10 Seniors Local Winter League

Knighton Heath are to organise the Winter League in 2017-2018.

A meeting was held on 20th September to get all eight clubs together to discuss and agree the East /West split, changes to rules, play by dates for matches, the East /West play off plus a format of an end of season get together.

The management committee decision of not allowing us to have a shotgun start for an end of season invitation day will need to be discussed further at the Captains Committee. An e-mail is to be written to outline a proposed invitational day which will involve a maximum of 84 visitors and 12 Knighton Heath players. This would involve a shotgun start from 5 tees so that the catering of a simple meal for 96 is staggered and the players are served as they come in. The e-mail can be then presented to the Captains Committee for consideration.

RT explained that he has put up a list on the Seniors Notice board asking for names of those members wishing to play in the Winter League. All the match dates have been agreed and is on the notice board.

**MW
MR
RT**

11 Treasurers Report

GD stated that the Seniors have a healthy balance in the Seniors Account but there are several items of expenditure to be covered this year.

GD reported on the balance sheets circulated before the meeting and expanded on any items raised.

GD asked if the Year end Accounts could be moved to Jan 1st from July 1st. Could this be discussed at the next Captains Committee meeting.

**MR
RT**

12 Seniors AGM Review

MW explained that all the notices, election forms and postal votes had been issued in the timescales required by the club rules. It was very disappointing that only 23 members signed in for the meeting.

MW explained that he had made a mistake by asking for a reason for non attendance on the postal vote front sheet and this would be deleted in future. This was only ever intended to provide feedback to the committee in case any changes were required for the AGM.

MW explained that at the AGM he was handed 8 sets of voting forms from the players in the roll up taking place while the AGM was being held. These were rejected as to vote at the AGM a member must attend or send a postal vote to the managers office by the date required.

The question was then asked if we are holding the AGM on the right day of the week or at the right time of day.

PB explained that at his previous club Canford Magna,. They held a shotgun start competition, a simple lunch and then the AGM. This was always well attended.

The committee agreed that next year we could try and hold the AGM after the Clutterbuck Competition on Monday September 3rd, then have the AGM followed by a free meal. This needs to be agreed with the General Manager and the Captains Committee.

**MR
RT**

13 Correspondence

MR reported that he had received the entry form for the Ashley Wood Open on May 24th which is the day after the Wine Scramble.

MR reported that he had received an invitation for the Seniors Captain and Vice Captain to play at Dorset Golf and CC on 11th July 2018 along with the Seniors Captains and Vice Captains from other Dorset Clubs.

MW reported that he had received a phone call from the Brockenhurst match secretary. The Brockenhurst Committee have discussed the possibility of arranging a Seniors Match fixture with Knighton Heath but this cannot be incorporated for 2018. The match will be further considered next year but they are having difficulties finding teams for their current fixtures. We are also in discussion with Isle of Purbeck GC with a view to

arranging a Seniors Match fixture with them.

14 AOB

12.1 MR reported that he has checked the Seniors Match dates in the 2018 diary and found an error for the Winter League fixture against Purbeck. RT has been informed of the error.

12.2 MR asked the committee to consider the arrangements and cost for the Seniors Christmas Dinner on Saturday 9th December. The maximum number to be limited to 66 for catering purposes and this includes a maximum of 6 honorary guests. The entertainment has been booked by Sandra via the agency. It was agreed that the cost for the evening would be £15/head to include the meal, wine on the tables and the entertainment. Sandra was ready to prepare the poster for the evening and RB agreed to prepare a list of members who had supported the Seniors this year and wished to attend the dinner and the procedure for booking.

**MR
RB**

12.3 MW reported that once again on a Saturday the starting times, this time for the re-arranged professional day, had been extended without any notification to members on the outside notice board. The responsibility for altering the notice board needs to be established and discussed at the Captains Committee meeting.

**MR
RT**

12.4 RT asked why societies are being allowed to start at 9.30am which is interfering with members roll up start times. This needs to be discussed at the Captains Committee meeting.

**MR
RT**

12.5 GD reported that he has had a discussion with the Manager about possible assistance with Course Improvement projects over the winter period. He listed all the proposed winter projects and these were discussed by the committee. The committee will discuss this further at a later meeting but the cost of some of the proposed improvements seem very high.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 13.05 pm.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday November 28th.

Starting time 10.00 am.

MW to confirm the next meeting date with the office.

**All
MW**

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Men's Senior's Section Captain