

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



SENIOR

SECTION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11TH NOVEMBER 2013

Present: There were 39 members present. See attached list

Bill Kennedy took the chair and opened the meeting at 9.05am

Item

1 Welcome and Apologies

Bill Kennedy welcomed all members to the meeting.

There were apologies from Graham Paine, Pat O'Sullivan

Bill Kennedy introduced and welcomed the Club Captain, Jim Airth, to the meeting.

Jim explained that his charity this year will be a KHGC fund. All money raised will be used for the benefits of Club Members for the next two years and he would welcome suggestions from members on the best way to use this money.

2 Read and put for confirmation the Minutes of AGM 2012

The Secretary, Ted Coates, read the minutes of last years AGM. It was proposed by Tony Psaros and seconded by Paul Townsend that these minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was agreed by the members present. Accordingly the minutes were signed by the Seniors' Captain

3 Captain's Report.

The Captain, Doug Procter thanked the members for electing him, at last year's AGM, as Captain for a second year. He also thanked all who had played in matches, and the Match Secretary, Rod Baggott, the Secretary, Ted Coates, and the Treasurer, George Davis. He added that the Club had proposed that our accounts should be under the control of the Club but after several discussions between our Treasurer, the Club's treasurer, the Club's auditors and himself it was agreed that control will remain with the Senior Treasurer but in future the accounts will be audited by the official auditors and will appear in the Club's accounts.

Doug thanked George for the huge amount of time spent organising the Seniors' Open and the Wine Scramble. These are the main sources of income for the Seniors' section. He also thanked members who had helped out on the day of the events, Peter Keeping, Bill Kennedy, Steve Jones, Peter Fox, Mike Durrant, the two ladies who manned the starting desk all day and Wally Hutchins who at 87 volunteered to act as a ball spotter.

The Captain reported that the number of qualifying competitions has been increased to

provide further opportunities for Seniors to keep their handicaps current. Several fun competitions, (Texas Scrambles and Bowmakers) have been enjoyed by all competitors. The Captain expressed his disappointment that the recent gifts of a new flag, a new tent and a defibrillator, from the Senior Section to the Club have not been acknowledged in any of the Club newsletter.

The Captain concluded by offering the new Captain and Vice-Captain his best wishes for their year in office.

4 Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer, George Davis, advised that he had exhibited his final accounts for the year on the Seniors' notice board. . A copy is attached to these minutes and further copies are available on request from the office.

The accounts show a slight fall of £400 from last year's final balance.

Subsidies for the Monday competitions were £147 and the subsidy for the Christmas dinner was £494.

The two open competitions produced an income of £2025 and many messages have been received from members of other clubs complimenting us on our efficient running of the events. The Treasurer did however appeal for more help on the day of the event to reduce the workload of the few regular volunteers.

There were more teams entered in this year's Knighton Heath Knockout Competition, run very efficiently by Bill Kennedy, which generated a surplus of £370.

The Treasurer reiterated the Captain's remark that he was disappointed that although the Senior Section has donated £4784 to the Club during the 6 years that he has been Treasurer this has never been referred to in the Club's newsletters.

Following the resolution passed at the last AGM the Treasurer research the market and opened a savings account with Tesco Bank in the names of The President and himself. He estimates that the Interest earned from this account will be £64. Last year's interest from HSBC was £1.07. It may be necessary to swop to another bank next year to maintain the most advantages interest rate.

The Treasurer expanded on the Captain's remarks regarding the request to have the Seniors' accounts under the Control of the Club's Treasurer. He explained that a copy of the monthly Treasurer's report will be submitted to the Club's Treasurer and he will now have to produce final accounts in June to submit to the Club's auditor and in October to present to the Seniors' AGM.

George thanked Tim Bunce for the work he has done in auditing the accounts both this year and many previous years.

The treasurer advised that the account balance has reduced every year for the last six years and discussions will be required in Committee to reverse this trend.

The Treasurer listed the top 10 competition prize money winners and congratulated the remainder.

Bill Kennedy thanked George for his report adding that a reasonable balance must be kept in the accounts to cover the possibility of unforeseen circumstances resulting in the cancellation of one of the open competitions which are our major source of income.

Richard Pearce enquired how items for the Club's newsletter are collected. Bill Kennedy advised that anyone can ask the Club Manager for an item to be included. Jim Airth asked that any such request should be channelled through the Seniors' Captain.

It was proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by Mike Whittingham that the Treasurers report be accepted. All present agreed by a show of hands.

5 Match Report

The Match Secretary, Rod Baggott, tabled a hand written summary of this year's matches which highlighted the following:-

	Won	halved	lost
Away matches	4	5	5
Home matches	9	1	6
	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>

The report indicated that 41 members had played in one or more matches. Rod commented that although our record at home was not as good this year the outcome was that the camaraderie with visiting teams was improved. Most matches have been well supported. Two matches were rained off.

6 Election of Officers

In reply to an email from Mike Whittingham, querying the situation regarding proxy votes, Bill Kennedy stated that in the event of a ballot being necessary proxy votes must be made available. However in the past the election of Captain and Vice-Captain has always been unopposed therefore there has never been a requirement for a ballot with proxy votes. A show of hands has always been adequate. This year it became apparent that there was a second nomination for Captain however the nomination was withdrawn at the recent Seniors' Committee and a ballot is therefore no longer required.

Nomination for Seniors' Captain:- David Duckenfield

Proposed by	Doug Procter
Seconded by	Steve Jones

Doug Procter stated that he had invited David to be his Vice-Captain last year because he felt that he would bring fresh ideas to the Seniors' section and he will make a good Captain. Despite spending a short time away from the Club he has completed the necessary five years as a member to qualify for the position of Seniors' Captain. A show of hands with no one against confirmed the appointment of David Duckenfield as Seniors' Captain

David was invited to address the meeting and he stated that his first period of membership of the Cub was 5 years and 3 months. He has served previously on the Seniors' committee and held the post of treasurer. He was Vice Captain to Peter Keeping.

He has attended a course on golf club management and was secretary of a golf club in Sheffield before moving south. He has recommenced his membership of this club because it is a members' club and in his opinion superior to other local clubs. He expressed his hopes that he can help to build on the good work done in the past and thanked all present for electing him as Captain for the coming year.

Nomination for Seniors' Vice-Captain:- Richard Pearce

Proposed by	Peter Fox
Seconded by	Ken Doidge

Peter Fox advised the meeting that Richard has been a Club member for many years and has the necessary management and golfing skill to make an excellent Vice-Captain. A show of hands with no one against confirmed the appointment of Richard Pearce as Vice-Captain.

Nomination for Committee Member:- Andy Groom

Proposed by
Seconded by

Tony Psaros
Dennis Jones

Andy addressed the meeting saying he has been playing golf with the Seniors' for many years and would like to offer his services to advance the Seniors' golf. He has previously served on the Committee for a short period but ill health forced him to resign on that occasion. A show of hands with no one against confirmed his appointment.

Nomination for Committee Member:- Mike Whittingham

Proposed by
Seconded by

Peter Hudson
Henry Klepacz

Mike explained to the meeting that he was a long standing member and he had recently retired from business. He had wished to be appointed to the Committee last year but the correct election processes were not in place. He has considerable management skills and is computer literate. A show of hands indicated 26 in favour and 3 against. Mike Whittingham was appointed to the Committee by a majority vote. There were 10 abstentions.

Nomination for Committee Member:- Paul Donaldson

Proposed by
Seconded by

Graham Paine
Les Creed

Paul explained that he has spent most of his life at sea before joining this Club 7 year ago. He has enjoyed his time in the club and would like to offer something back. A show of hands with no one against confirmed his appointment to the committee.

The new Seniors' Captain was elected as the Seniors' representative on the Captain's Committee. Jim Airth advised the meeting that he will invite the Seniors' Vice-Captain to the Captain's Committee to provide a good balance of representatives from each section of the Club.

7 Seniors' Friendly Matches

Cost of Meals.

David Duckenfield explained to the meeting that at the beginning of last season the Seniors' Committee, in an attempt to encourage more members to play in the friendly matches, had decided to limit the choice of after match dinners to the less expensive menus. He invited the members present to indicate their preference and stated that if each match captain had a free choice the meal cost would vary from match to match. After some discussion the meeting agreed to allow match captains to choose from the full menu. Paul Townsend asked if the question raised at last year's AGM regarding other clubs surcharging meal costs to assist them with their club functions has been progressed. It was agreed that David Duckenfield will approach the one remaining club concerned to address the situation.

Eligibility for home and away matches

David Duckenfield advised the meeting that some local clubs have charged a sum of money to members playing in away matches which is refunded when they play in the return home match. In the event that they are unavailable for the home match the money is given to the member who is asked to stand in for them. Is this something we feel is

appropriate for our club? Rod Baggott advised that his records indicate that we have little problem with members supporting home matches and it was agreed that it was not necessary to implement any changes.

8 Any Other Business

Bill Kennedy advised that three items had been raised for discussion:-

Mike Whittingham has asked why a notice is still exhibited regarding the procedure for late cards in competitions when this rule was withdrawn at the Club's AGM? Jim Airth confirmed that this ruling no longer applies and it was agreed to remove the notice.

Mike Whittingham also asked the incoming captain to bring two points to the management. First to review the adequacy of the signs at the road crossing on the third hole and second to allow overseas members to vote at the Club's AGM

A further item has been received from Doug Procter who has suggested that the finals of Seniors' knockout competitions should be rescheduled to the Friday before the Club's Finals day to enable five day members to compete and hopefully increase the entry numbers to these competitions.

Jim Airth advised that the topic of five day members' eligibility for competitions will be discussed in detail at future committee meetings and he would prefer to see all finals played on the same day. It is his belief that the Club rules have not kept up with changes and he will be addressing this issue with various committees.

Ken Doidge reinforced the opinion that concessions should be made to enable five day members to play in any knockout competition.

Richard Pearce stated that Seniors' competitions should have the same status as all other Club competitions and if the finals are played on a separate day this would not be so.

Bill Kennedy advised that if Senior members have good ideas for rule changes they should put them to the Seniors' committee for discussion via the Seniors' Captain at Captain's Committee meetings

Jim Airth stated his aim is to get any necessary rule changes finalised well in advance of next year's Club AGM.

The meeting closed at 10.40am

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Senior's Section Captain