

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S

SENIOR

SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

11th March 2014

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

DD took the chair and opened the meeting at 10am

Item

Action

1 Welcome and Apologies

DD welcomed all committee members and our President, who was attending to report on the KHGC
There were no apologies

2 Introductions to The New Professional

Andrew Windsor, the new club professional, was delayed due to teaching commitments but arrived at 11.35 and was introduced individually to the members of the committee.

He expressed his belief that the Senior Section was an important part of the Club and he wished to support the section and work with the section to assist it's smooth running.

He briefly outlined his career to date, having started at Queens Park then moved to Ferndown. He has obtained a golf degree from Birmingham university which included the topics of golf club management and sports science.

Andrew explained that he was not tied to any particular manufacturer but has joined Foremost Golf buying group. He will be offering some merchandise with the club logos.

DP raised the point noted in Item 8 regarding the payment of competition entry fees for teams in Texas scrambles and Bowmaker competitions. Andrew will look into this and advise.

WK commented that the teaching facilities could be improved if a covered bay could be provided for the practice area and suggested that the Senior section might consider contributing to it's cost.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18th February 2014)

EC thanked MW for taking the minutes during his unavoidable absence from the previous meeting.

It was noted that the date for the first shotgun start mentioned in Item 3 should have read 28th April not 28th March **All**

AG stated that the reference in Item3 that two new members were not made welcome should have read that they were not assimilated into the club. With these amendments the minutes were considered an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Seniors' Captain.

4 Matters Arising

RB reported that the new members referred to above are now happily playing in the roll ups and have entered their names for team selection and knock out competitions and are very pleased with the welcome they have received at Knighton Heath.

DD reported that he had advised the Captain's committee, in writing, of the committee's views on the subject of ladies playing in Senior Section competitions and these have been accepted. The section will henceforth be referred to as MEN'S SENIOR SECTION. The next revision of the Club rules will reflect this change.

5 Report From The Captain's Committee

Stoneham GC has declined to be included in our list of reciprocal arrangements. The Club Captain has indicated that the playing in of new potential senior members is the responsibility of the Club not the Senior Section.

The suggestion that the Senior section should have a specific tie is considered divisive and not accepted but the Captain has taken note of the criticism of the existing Club tie and will be appointing a subcommittee to design a new Club tie. DD has asked that PD be included on this subcommittee.

PD

The sweater colours to be worn in Matches will change to blue but maroon can still be used but must change over time.

6 Treasurers Report

The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted by the meeting with thanks to GD from the Seniors Captain. A copy was distributed at the meeting.

GD stated that the bank balance is currently healthy because entries fees to the Senior Open and KHKO have been received

GD advised that entry fees for the recently cancelled competitions have been credited to members bar cards. Members must check their accounts personally to ensure this has happened correctly. Accounts can be viewed online using the members' hub.

GD reported that for every £100 saved in the wine club Virgin wine credit our account with £120.

GD also advised that he had presented a leaving present of a wine hamper to Paul Webster on behalf of the Senior Section and he was extremely grateful.

WK asked if he should still be a signatory to the Seniors' bank accounts since he is no longer on the Seniors' committee. GD stated that there are several signatories and he felt that it was appropriate that the Club President should be one of these. He added that if the bonus interest on the Tesco account (for which he and WK are joint holder) ceases then he will close the account and open one with a more favourable interest rate. In that event it may be prudent to reconsider who the account holders should be.

GD

DD asked if the new system of competition entry using bar cards has commenced. GD replied that it will become active in April and will halve the work of the Treasurer and Competition Secretary as the Club manager has agreed to administer this on the computer

GD stated that envelopes containing entry money are still appearing in the Seniors' box.

AG reminded the meeting that as from next month no cash will change hands for competition entries and members putting cash in the box will be advised by the Committee of the error of their ways.

It was agreed that a notice must be placed on the box to advise that it is not for competition entries.

This is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DD thanked GD for the effort that he continues to put into running the accounts.

7 Match Reports

RB reported that team sheets are now on the notice board and with the exception of Canford Magna the support is excellent.

RB

DD thanked RB for organising the swap in venues for the Highcliffe match which was necessitated because of the remodelling of our kitchen when the home match is scheduled.

RB reported that in the event that he is unable to place the necessary team sheets on the notice board then PD will deputise.

8 Competition Secretaries Report

DP restated that from next month all competition entries will be via the computer. With the exception of the Texas Scramble on 7th April next month's competitions have been set up by Andy Windsor. The Texas scramble will be set up after this coming weekend's competitions are removed.

DP advised that shotgun starts will be treated by the computer as normal Stablefords but the draw will be carried out by the committee and exhibited on the notice board.

DP reported that the competition against the Ladies Section is poorly supported and asked committee members to encourage more entries. The Captain versus Vice-Captain match will have an entry fee to cover the meal and entry fees will have to be deposited in the Seniors' box.

DP further reported that entries to the knockout competitions are poor. PK advised that for medical reasons he will have to withdraw his entry from these competitions.

AG stated that for team competitions such as Texas Scrambles and Bowmakers he could foresee problems because the computer may be unable to recognise a team entry and take the team entry fee from one individual team member's account. DP will take this up with Andy Windsor. (See Item 2)

DP

RP expressed doubts regarding entering the knockout competitions using the new system as he felt that having no entry lists on the notice board does not encourage members to enter. RP stated that the system is working well for Club competitions.

WK offered his apologies for not entering the match against the Ladies as he has a prior engagement that day.

9 Competition, Rules, Formats and Draws

RP stated that the three shotgun starts are the only competitions where we have an opportunity to encourage members to mix and meet other members of the section. To achieve this it is essential that the competition draw should be completely random as to who plays together and which tees they play from.

RB stated that whilst he agreed in principal it is necessary for the competition organisers to be in the club house to carry out their duties as soon as the competition is completed.

Following considerable discussion it was agreed that the draw for names of players who form a playing group and the allocation of starting tees will in future be carried out publicly by the Captain and Vice-Captain. The only exception to this will be the allocation of one organiser to the 1st tee and one organiser to the 11th tee.

10 Knighton Heath Knockout

WK explained that a problem had arisen because at the time of carrying out the draw it was not known that an entry had been received from High Post. This had been overcome by reintroducing a second KHGC team to play High Post in a

preliminary round.

WK tabled a copy of the letter he has sent to all competing teams. This is reproduced below:-

The draw was conducted by Richard Pearce, Doug Procter and Andy Groom and recorded by Bill Kennedy. The first and second rounds of the Trophy will be on an East-West basis as far as is possible. The first round losers go into the Plate competition for which a draw will be made for the first round of that competition. The first named team in the initial draw has the home advantage. Thereafter in the subsequent rounds the home advantage will be determined by the Lottery Bonus-ball method as agreed between the captains of the two opposing teams. The draw for East, West and the Plate will be reported and displayed in a ladder format so that clubs may see who will become their next opponents.

There are 34 teams playing this year with Dudsbury entering two teams of which one will play in the East group and the other in the West. Knighton Heath entered a second team when a last minute entry arrived necessitating a preliminary round. High Post will host Knighton Heath 2 in the preliminary along with Weymouth hosting Dudsbury 1. The draw is given below.

East		West	
<u>Match</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Teams</u>
1	Canford Magna v Romsey	1	Came Down v Wareham
2	Queens Park v Salisbury & S Wilts	2	Lyme Regis v Sherborne
3	Hockley v Hayling	3	Knighton Heath v Parkstone
4	Highcliffe Castle v Dudsbury 2	4	Isle of Purbeck v Rushmore Park
5	Crane Valley v Hamptworth	5	Ashley Wood v Windwhistle
6	Christchurch v Burley	6	Yeovil v West Wilts
7	Bramshaw v Meon Valley	7	Bridport v Dorset G&CC
8	Barton on Sea v Canford School	8	Winners of preliminary rounds.

The play-by dates for the various rounds are as given in the published rules for the 2014 competition.

In the final last year the Plate teams had a long wait before the Trophy final finished and the four teams could then sit for dinner. To alleviate this we plan to have the two finals played off simultaneously with the Trophy starting from the 1st Tee and the Plate commencing from the 11th. There may be a very slight delay for the first pair in the Plate in teeing off on the 1st hole behind the last pair of the Trophy finalists but we believe it is likely to be minimal.

Results should be communicated to me as soon as possible after the match giving score and the name of the winning team. Should there be any queries regarding the draw or procedure please contact me or Andy Groom (01202 251559).

GD stated he had not yet received a cheque from Weymouth. WK stated that he has received a promised that this will be paid shortly.

WK thanked RP, AG and DP for carrying out the draw.

AG asked that when he assumes the duties of organiser next year the cheques should be sent to him before passing to the Treasurer

WK reminded the meeting that Captains need to be appointed for the KHGC teams. It was agreed that RB will captain the First team and WK will captain the second team.

A notice to invite members to play in this competition must be placed on the notice board without delay

RB/WK

11 Nomination and Voting Procedure (update)

MW is preparing a draft for discussion at a later meeting

MW

12 Correspondence.

DD stated that he has received an email which he will discuss further under AOB

13 Any Other Business

RB read from a letter he had received from Weymouth GC Seniors' match secretary informing us that at future matches wine will not be bought for consumption with the meal. DD has received a similar letter from Crane Valley. It was agreed that DD will reply to both clubs indicating that we respect their views but at KHGC home matches the decision to provide wine with the meal will be left entirely to the discretion of the KHGC players.

RP suggested that in order to reduce criticism of match selection the records RB keeps which indicate who has been selected for matches and how many matches they have played should be published on the notice board. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that RP and RB should liaise to devise a suitable publication.

PD

PD tabled a previous version of the Club tie and it was agreed by all that the quality and design were superior to the present tie. PD was requested to offer this to the subcommittee as a very good example of what this committee would be proud to wear.

DD

19 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 2pm

The meeting closed at 11.59m

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Men's Senior's Section Captain