

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S SENIORS SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

1 August 2023 - 9.30am

Present

Graham Paine (GP), Brian Saunders (BS), Peter Battley (PB), Derek Haines (DH), John Regler (JR), Steve Grundy (SG), Andrew Curtis (AC), Jeff Gee (JG)

Apologies:

Richard Pearce

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 4 July

The minutes were accepted and signed.

2 Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meetings

RP provided a set of rules for the Winter League in advance of the meeting.

The meal for the Clutterbuck Trophy has been confirmed as a Nine Hole Breakfast with chips at a price of £6.50.

3 Finance

The Finance report was presented and accepted.

A review of the accounts had raised the suggestion that the accounts should show the income and outgoings relating to competitions. This comprises; the income from participants; the 30% taken for the Club; prize money added to bar cards and the Pro Shop accounts. Andy Windsor has agreed to provide this information. An estimate will be provided to the AGM this year. Full information will be included going forward.

JG

It was agreed that a gratuity of £75 should be given to Bar and Kitchen staff in relation to the Bowmaker Open.

JG clarified that anybody wishing to claim expenses should send the receipts to the Seniors' Treasurer, not to the Club Manager.

JG will provide a finance report to the AGM but will not be present. JG will brief BS on the contents of the report.

JG/BS

4 Report from Captains' Committee/MANCO

A "Gender Free" competition will be arranged by the club for 28 August. Andy Winsor will be scheduling and arranging this. It was noted that the slopes need to be set for men on the red tees and for ladies on the yellows and whites. Cards will need to be created for these.

It was suggested that when the arrangements are fully in place, a Seniors events could be arranged using the "Gender Neutral" tees. This will be considered at a future date.

DH/PB

There was a discussion of whether unused tee slots at the end of weekend competitions could be made available for General Play. No change is to be made so the status quo will continue.

It was stated that there will be no qualifying rounds in General Play in the Winter. This is defined as when the mats are in use.

5 Competitions

No 9-hole option has been included in the competition. This was an oversight. 9-Hole competitions will be properly included next year.

SG

The split of players in competitions between the three divisions is being monitored for each match. So far this season the split has been well balanced. In the Captain's Trophy the splits were; 26 in Division 1; 17 in Division 2; and 36 in Division 3. This led to an unbalanced distribution of prize money. As this seems to have been a statistical outlier, no change will be made to the division boundaries at this stage. The monitoring will continue. A reference to this will be included in the Competitions Report to the AGM.

SG

In the last Seniors' Bowmaker the format adopted was 1 score to count for the first six holes, 2 for the second six and three for the last six. This made it possible for three-man teams to participate. It was agreed that next year's captain would consider whether this format should be adopted again.

6 Matches

Some Seniors' Friendly matches have been arranged so that the home and away fixtures have been close together in the diary. So far this has not caused a major problem.

It was suggested that we should become more proactive in using any spare space in the friendly match timetable. To date we have accommodated clubs that wish to play at Knighton Heath, rather than seeking matches at courses at which we would like to play. It was recognised that there may be a benefit to Knighton Heath if players come for matches and decide they like it and then join.

This matter will be considered during the process of setting the fixtures for next season. The Southampton fixture was included this year for a trial period of two years. It was pointed out

that Southampton was a municipal course and so was readily accessible for any Knighton Heath member who wants to play there.

It was noted that a replacement for Phil Handley, who organises the fixtures schedule, is required.

7 Open Bowmaker

At the previous meeting it was agreed that we would not organise an Open Bowmaker next year on the basis that only a modest surplus was made. The event requires a considerable amount of work. It was pointed out that the club benefits from bar and food income in addition to the headline surplus. It was agreed that it was potentially a problem that the Bowmaker came soon after the Wine Scramble. An alternative date in September will be sought and the decision to not run the event will then be re-considered.

JG/AC

8 Seniors Newsletter

Potential content for a Newsletter includes; advertising the AGM and encouraging attendance and voting; encouraging nominations for new members and for a Seniors Treasurer; explaining the approach to the splits between competition divisions.

BS will provide wording to DH on these matters.

BS

9 AGM

The plan for the preparations for the AGM had been circulated to committee members. BS will be providing a Nomination Form to Reunert Bauser so that website voting can be set up.

BS

10. Correspondence

Two requests had been received for friendly matches with Knighton Heath. It was agreed that a reply should be made to both explaining that we do not have space in the diary at present.

DH

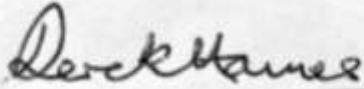
11. Any Other Business

The Terms of Reference of the Seniors Committee need to be updated to reflect the new arrangements for the management of the Seniors' funds. JG will provide a draft.

JG

Date of next meeting: 5 September 2023

SIGNED

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be "Derek Haines" written in a cursive style.

Men's Seniors Section Captain

DATE

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