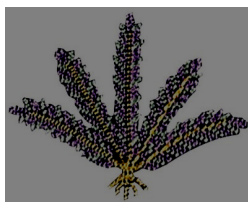


KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S SENIORS SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

10 January 2023 - 9.30am

Present Jeff Gee (JG), Graham Paine (GP), Brian Saunders (BS), Peter Battley (PB), Andrew Curtis (AC), Steve Grundy (SG)

Apologies: David Warburton, John Regler, Richard Pearce, Derek Haines

Peter Battley took the Chair in the absence of DH.

Action

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 6 December

A typographical error was noted and a correction agreed. The minutes were then accepted and signed.

2 Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meetings

SG had a discussion with the Club Professional about a possible 9-hole qualifying competition. Andy Windsor's view was that a 9-hole can be run alongside an 18-hole competition but that it needs to go either ahead or after the 18-hole. It would have its own card and division(s).

It was agreed that a 9-hole competition will be arranged in the Spring.

3 Finance

Seniors' Accounts - JG had circulated the latest balance sheet and income and expenditure account. This showed the position up to 30 November 2022.

The SLA with the Club Office has not been met. Reunert Bauser had informed JG that the agreed timetable cannot be met. JG had asked for this to be reported to the Management Committee. It was pointed out that any cash flow risk which was previously carried in the first instance by the Senior's Section now falls on the Club. If the reporting of the financial position to the Seniors Treasurer is delayed, this risk could increase. One example of a cash flow risk arising was when an invitation wine scramble was cancelled. The wine prizes had been purchased, but the entry fees had to be refunded. The response from the Management Committee is awaited.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

4 Report from Captains' Committee/MANCO

A case of slow play had been reported to the Captain's Committee. A letter had been sent to the members concerned. A request to withdraw the letters had been received citing a lack of consultation or right to reply. The Captain's Committee had considered this and decided that the letters should not be withdrawn. The Seniors Committee while recognising the reality of a slow play problem in general, agreed that sending the letters in this case, without any accompanying communication, was unfortunate, particularly in a members' club. It was noted that a delay caused by searching for a ball was legitimate (within the limit of three minutes) whereas other examples of poor practice (multiple practice shots, poor positioning of trolleys, failing to prepare for a shot while others are playing theirs, etc) are not.

BS agreed to speak to the members that play in his roll up group to provide the view of the Seniors Committee. This will include a reminder that the etiquette of golf requires players to let the following group through in the event of losing a complete hole.

BS

The risk of driving on the 6th hole while players were out of sight but in range was discussed. It was felt that an additional bell would be undesirable and possibly confusing. It was decided that when circumstances allow, a mound will be constructed to provide a view of the fairway from the tee.

5 Competitions

SG has updated his paper on competitions. This is intended as a reference for future use. It sets out the list of competitions and their rules etc.

The Bottles Competition that has been rearranged twice, is now scheduled for 23 January.

The cancelled Bowmaker will not be rescheduled.

At present the Poppy Day competitions run over several days, with some members playing on more than one day. It was suggested that it would add interest if the format of the competitions could be varied from day to day. It was agreed that this should be put to the Captains' Committee.

PB

6 2022 Matches

The team sheets for matches will be posted in the clubhouse 1 month ahead of the scheduled match day (not 4 weeks as previously). At that point the nominated Captain for the day takes control of filling the team.

Those committee members that had not yet done so were asked to let GP/DW know which matches they were available for. It would be helpful to indicate separately when available for both fixtures (home and away) and, alternatively, for only one.

GP/DW

A table of captains and vice captains for all the matches should be available for the next committee meeting.

GP PB

The full list of matches will be posted in the club house and included in a Newsletter.

7 Seniors Newsletter

A suggested set of topics for a newsletter had been sent to DH.

DH

8 Correspondence

None

9 Any Other Business

A draft of the application form for the Seniors' Open was tabled for comment.

GP reported that some of the teams with which we play matches have applied a handicap limit. It was suggested that in the spirit of friendly matches and in order to encourage as many as possible to participate, we should not set a handicap limit. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

The use and nature of temporary greens was discussed. It was recognised that the very unfavourable weather had made the use of temporary greens more frequent than hoped. It was felt that if the pattern of dry summers and wet winters is to become more normal, consideration could be given to preparing temporary greens in advance or possibly positioning them on the green aprons if suitable. PB was asked to raise this at the Captains Committee.

DH

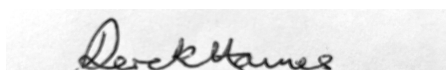
PB

The absence of flags on the putting green was raised. Is this permanent?

The proposed menu for the dinner dance was circulated for comment. It was noted that the fish option included meat (cod wrapped in ham). This meant that there was no option for pescatarians. It was agreed that a meat free fish option should be requested.

Date of next meeting: 7 February 2023

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Men's Seniors Section Captain

DATE

7 Feb 2023