

# KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



**MEN'S**

**SENIOR**

## **SECTION**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**13th February 2018**

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

MR took the chair and opened the meeting at 10.00.

#### **Item**

#### **Action**

- 1 Welcome and Apologies**  
MW is recording the meeting.
- 2 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting (09th January 2018)**  
MW thanked the committee members for the changes made to the draft set of minutes. The Minutes were accepted by the Seniors Captain and the Committee members. The approved minutes are to be issued to the manager.  
In future the draft minutes will be sent to all committee members for comment.
- 3 Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meeting**  
RB has made contact with the new Seniors Captain of Purbeck. Match dates have not yet been agreed for this year but definitely will be for 2019.  
GD has not discussed the updating charge for the honours boards. Next year the Manager will be advised in advance of the number of Seniors boards to be updated so the the charge is correct.  
The proposed increases in meal costs are currently being looked at by the manager and Management Committee and will be discussed at the next Captains Committee. Also the question of why cannot we pay for our meals on our bar cards be brought in for the Seniors Matches. Other clubs are able to use this facility.  
The provision of an electric charging facility was rejected by the Management Committee. JB to consider formulating a business case with the understanding that there is no cost to the club or any running costs.
- 4 Items from the Captains Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> January.**
  - 4.1 The ladies Captain has asked the club to provide a £7 main meal and a £2 dessert. The General Manager to discuss this request with the Catering Manager.
  - 4.2 Andy Windsor has been asked to host the West Region Pro-am for 2019. This to be a team of 4 event ( Professional + 3) at a cost of £200/team.
  - 4.3 A handicap review has been conducted for all club members. Any member whose handicap has been adjusted has been notified. A total of 22 new playing members have joined the club, mainly from Bulbury Woods. Chris Langston + 2 other members are also returning from Dudsbury. This makes the playing membership 523 and 629 including social members.

**MW**  
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**MR**  
**RT**

**JB**

**5 Seniors Monday Competitions**

The 4 Man Texas Scramble on 05/02/18 had 64 entries.

The prizes for a Pairs event was discussed and it was agreed that the following prize amounts would be awarded to each player depending on the number of entries.

£20, £15, £12, £10, £8, £5.

**6 Seniors 2018 Open Competitions**

GD reported that for the Wine Scramble on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 26 entries have been received.

The Open Bowmaker Competition on July 20<sup>th</sup> has received 11 entries. RC indicated he may have a new sponsor for the event.

The cut off date for each competition is 2 weeks before the competition date.

**7 Match Report**

No report.

MW will prepare a list of fixtures for 2018 so that the match Captains can be agreed at the next meeting. For the two fixtures in March, RB will ask WK to be the Captain for the home match against Burley and for the match at Came Down MW will be the Captain.

RB will put the forms on the board for the two matches.

**8 Knighton Heath Knock Out 2018**

Currently 21 entries have been received. Entries close on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**9 Seniors Local Winter League**

MR reported that Purbeck had queried why Came Down were awarded 18 – 0 for the away match given to them by Knighton Heath in December. MW explained that in the rules a complete match being given was not envisaged but for any of the six pairs not playing in a match at home or away 3 points are awarded to the other side as long as they are available to play. In the case of Knighton Heath not turning up for the match all six pairs matches were awarded to Came Down.

MW reported that he had spoken to the General Manager and been given permission to hold an invitation day for 48 players (42 visitors and 6 home) on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April with a start slot off the first tee from 9.30 – 11.30. An invitation day e-mail will be sent out this week asking each club to send a team of six players to the event and forwarding a list of players by March 30<sup>th</sup>. This will enable the teams to be drawn and cards/start times to be made out in advance for the 4-man Bowmaker Competition. A full list of teams and start times will be sent to each club to allow travel arrangements to be made. An all day breakfast meal will be provided as the players come in and the prizes for the day and the Shield presented to the winning Captain.

The committee discussed the costs for the day and the donation to be given to the club and agreed that any shortfall would be covered from the Seniors Account.

MW reported that one club has raised the question of whether the League should have one division with all 8 clubs and in one year a club would play 4 home and 3 away matches and the next year 3 home and 4 away matches. In this format we would play each club once in a season but it would mean 1 extra match. This idea will be circulated to all clubs for comment.

**10 Age Grouping**

RT reported that in many clubs the Seniors are 55 and above. At Knighton Heath we have 275 playing members aged 60+ and if the age limit was lowered to 55+ it would increase to 340. This would give us a better chance of filling all the match sheets. This proposal was discussed by the committee and voted against.

- 11 Treasurers Report**  
 GD reported on the balance sheets circulated before the meeting and expanded on any items raised at committee.  
 An incorrect entry on the Seniors Card for a Monday Competition was explained by RT as the manager had incorrect information on the prizes awarded.
- 12 Correspondence**  
 MR reported that he had received an e-mail from Ashley Wood re match dates for 2019. This to be forwarded to RB to liase with Ashley Wood. **MR RB**  
 RT reported that he had received an e-mail from Roy Vickers with a complaint that MW had changed his team in the Scramble event played on 5<sup>th</sup> February. This was discussed and the committee decided that if a team is changed the individual involved must do this himself by contacting the professional shop. The pro to be informed of this decision. **RT**  
 Martin Seear to be asked to discuss this complaint with Roy Vickers to clear up any mis-understanding.  
 MR reported that he had received an e-mail from the General Manager asking if the Seniors would fund £943 for a portable stage for events in the lounge requiring a DJ. This was discussed by the committee and was not agreed. **MR**  
 AH suggested the club might have a slight cash flow problem towards the end of the season and this should be clarified with the management committee. **MR**  
 This to be raised at next Captains Committee meeting. **RT**
- 13 AOB**  
 12.1 JB commented on the greenkeepers proposal to move the path by the 12<sup>th</sup> tee which is currently affected by tree roots over to the left side of the tee. This will cost an estimated 4.5-5k to implement. AH said this was not included in costs for this year. The need to move the path to where the current drainage ditch is needs to be discussed at the Captains and Management Committee. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> greens are scheduled for improvement this year as is the 4<sup>th</sup> pathway. All the Course Projects for this year including the new path to the 18<sup>th</sup> has been budgeted at 12k and has been approved by the greens committee. **MR RT**  
 12.2 JB raised the question of who in the current damp conditions makes the decisions regarding carry only, trolleys, single buggies, club 2 seater buggies. How the decisions are made needs to be clarified to members. This should be discussed at the captains Committee meeting. A further point for discussion is why the fairways are cut so short in the winter conditions. **MR RT**  
 12.3 MW reported that the Came Down Seniors Captain has booked a Seniors Event with the Came Down manager for us to take 12 players for a committee day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May with 4 tee slots from 10.28. A meal will be arranged for after the competition and we hope to keep everything informal.
- 14 Date of Next Meeting**  
 The meeting closed at 12.45.  
 The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday March 13th.  
 Starting time 10.00.  
 MW to confirm the next meeting date with the office. **All MW**

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_

Men's Senior's Section Captain

**Mike,**

Under Correspondence, last item regarding the Club's cash situation where it indicates we may be £40k in debt 2 months before the end of the accounting period. Des Spencer, our Financial Director has informed me that this is not the situation and people should not quote figures which have not been substantiated and are incorrect as it can lead to wild and unsettling rumours. So, for the purpose of our minutes please include something like:

AH reported that with the current level of expenditure the club will run out of money (40K short) about 2 months before the end of year. The question is why?

AH suggested the club might have a slight cash flow problem towards the end of the season and this should be clarified with the management committee.  
This to be raised at next Captains Committee.

Under AOB, which should be item 13, not 12, the budget cost for the new path at the 12th tee was suggested as being £12k. MR raised this at the Captains Committee. £12k is the budget for ALL course projects in 2018. The path just completed along the 18th cost approx £3k. The path to the 12th will be slightly more than this due to additional cutting and levelling and bridging over the drainage ditch. So a budget figure of around £4.5-£5k is likely. JB commented on the greenkeepers proposal to move the path by the 12<sup>th</sup> tee which is currently affected by tree roots over to the left side of the tee. This will cost an estimated 4.5-5k to implement. AH said this was not included in costs for this year. The need to move the path to where the current drainage ditch is needs to be discussed at the Captains and Management Committee. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> greens are scheduled for improvement this year as is the 4<sup>th</sup> pathway. All the Course Projects for this year including the new path to the 18<sup>th</sup> has been budgeted at 12k and has been approved by the greens committee

Thanks.