

# KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



**MEN'S**

**SENIOR**

## **SECTION**

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

18th February 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).

DD took the chair and opened the meeting at 2pm

#### **Item**

#### **Action**

- 1 Welcome and Apologies**  
DD welcomed all committee members.  
There was an apology from Ted Coates.
- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> January 2014)**  
Richard Pearce attended the previous meeting but was mistakenly missed off the attendance list.  
With this exception it was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Accordingly the minutes were signed by the Captain. **All**
- 3 Matters Arising**  
DD reported that the 19<sup>th</sup> bar was open for business but closed off during the Valentines dinner and this did not seem to cause any problems.  
RB reported that the seniors match against Meyrick Park had been re-scheduled for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July so as not to clash with the Senior Open.  
RB reported that he had re-arranged the two Seniors' matches against Highcliffe to be away on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm and Home on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. This was done to avoid any problems with the kitchen re-fitting at Knighton Heath.  
GD advised that the manager has confirmed that the club is paying for the Audit of the Seniors Accounts.  
A discussion was held regarding the Shotgun Start Competitions to be held this year on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> September and the Bottles competition on 1<sup>st</sup> December. It was suggested that if it is intended to be a competition that mixes up playing partners it should be drawn. The tees should also be allocated by draw except that the organisers need to be allocated tees near to the clubhouse. A further suggestion for consideration is to enter in threes and have the tees drawn except as before for the competition organisers. It was agreed that further discussion is required to finalise the draw procedure and any rules which affect the competition. It was agreed that competitions rules and formats should be clearly stated on the entry form.

A discussion was held after AG reported that two new members from Crane Valley were not made very welcome at the club after not being able to get a game with other seniors. This to be discussed in AOB.

EC had written to the manager regarding the points raised at the previous meeting. DD tabled the reply from the Manager.

*Item 1. The comment regarding notices on the third hole is referred to the Safety Officer. MW reported that the obstructive trees/shrubs restricting visibility on the path by the third tee had been removed.*

*Item 2. Overseas member have no voting rights. MW reported that he will raise the question of overseas members voting rights at the next AGM meeting.*

*Item 3. The kitchen facilities are under review by Manco. It was noted that the service improved at the Valentines evening as more hands were available.*

*Item 4. Website now displays seniors' events.*

#### **4 Report From The Captain's Committee**

DD advised he had attended the last Captain's Committee meeting and reported that there was no official information on the appointment of a new professional. A meeting was held at the club last night to make the selection and candidates were being informed today. The current club assistant Paul is to join the professional team at Dudsbury as the teaching facilities are much more suitable.

DD advised that the club would include Chippenham on the list of reciprocals. Sherborne have withdrawn from the scheme and RB advised that they have re-instated the Seniors match.

DD advised the Captains committee that the item regarding ladies playing in seniors competitions would be discussed in AOB at the meeting today.

DD reported that Jim Airth had changed the dress code for the Valentines evening dinner but this had not been published. The communication needs to be improved.

DD reported that the club team colours would be navy jumper, white shirt and black trousers. A discussion ensued and it was decided by vote to retain the Burgundy jumper colour for the seniors with a white shirt and dark trousers.

DD summarised the R&A rule changes. Players can access reports on the weather on a smartphone. A player can go forward up to 50 yards without forfeiting the right to go back and play a provisional ball.

DD reported that he had raised the question of members' competition winnings being credited to members bar cards when the club contract a new professional.

#### **5 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 advised that we have now been asked to pay £113.08 to update the seniors' honours boards. The ladies are also paying for their boards to be updated.

GD explained the entry in the report for the Wineclub Payment of £100 and explained how this worked for procurement of suitable prizes at the two open events. He has also listed the Tesco Account interest and if anyone requires an explanation to see him later.

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

#### **6 Match Reports**

RB reported that all matches have now been organised. The first two matches, Highcliffe away on 14<sup>th</sup> March and Burley home on 31<sup>st</sup> March are on the notice board. Canford Magna away on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Hamptworth away on 14<sup>th</sup> April, will be put on the notice board after the match with Highcliffe is completed.

Bill Kennedy has asked if he could captain any of the Seniors' matches and it was agreed he could captain the home and away matches against Burley.

**RB**

**7 Competition Secretaries Report**

DP advised that he has spoken to the Course Manager and advised him that for any competition the seniors will need trolleys. It has been agreed that depending on the weather competitions will restart on 10th March with the Texas Scramble followed by a 4BBB on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**8 Knighton Heath Knockout**

GD stated that Bill Kennedy has indicated that 23 teams have entered the competition so far. The closing date for entries is the 1<sup>st</sup> March. GD is to e-mail Bill Kennedy and ask him to send a reminder to all the clubs that have not entered to date. AG, who is working with Bill Kennedy, suggested that round 1 and round 2 are played in areas to reduce travelling. It was also suggested that all rounds up to the semi-final could be played by area. This would need further discussion.

**GD**

**AG**

**9 Club Professional Update**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting but it was agreed that DD should write a letter or e-mail Jim Airth advising that we may need to have an input on any decisions regarding seniors competition money and the entry of winnings onto bar cards.

**DD**

**10 Morgan Mashie**

DP suggested that the Morgan Mashie should be played for in a Monday Stableford competition instead of playing for it as a holiday competition. The committee voted for this to be played this year as a Monday Stableford with the proviso that if it does not work out then it should revert to the holiday competition.

**RB**

**11 Summer Golf Break**

This year's summer golf break will be arranged by RB in September at either Woodbury or Dartmouth. Following the decision taken in item 10 it will be necessary to acquire a new shield for the competition which will take place at this event.

**12 Competition Vouchers.**

GD reported that he prepared a list which he put on the Seniors' notice board advising all Seniors' winnings that were unclaimed. There are still 10 competition vouchers unclaimed and these will go with the professional when he leaves.

GD reported that following discussions with the Manager he has ascertained that winnings can be entered on to any individuals cards. If entry to Seniors Competitions is made by card the 10% competition retention could be put on the Seniors' club card by the Manager. This would save a lot of work for GD and eliminate the need for the brown envelopes.

The 24 hour notice period, required to get a refund, would still apply to any card entered competitions

DP stated that if a card entry system was possible the new professional would not have to be involved with the seniors' competitions money. The new CONGU rules give 3 options a) on a card for the professional b) on a subscription account c) on a bar card.

GD to see the manager to confirm that he would transfer any competition winnings to bar cards and ask if we can arrange a card entry system for competitions. It was noted that a Bowmaker cannot be entered by card.

**GD**

- 13 Frank Davies Trophy**  
 DP mentioned that the Frank Davis Trophy is a singles knockout competition and last year was very poorly supported. He suggested that for this year it could be changed to a 4BBB knockout competition with a maximum handicap of 24. It was agreed this would be tried but it must be stated on the notice board that this is a trial.
- 14 Match Captains.**  
 DD circulated a list of matches and asked committee members to select 2 matches each to act as captain.
- 15 Nomination and Voting Procedure.**  
 This is not urgent and is to be reported on in 2-3 months. **MW**
- 16 Procedure for Competition Draws.**  
 See item 3 for discussions of this subject.
- 17 Correspondence.**  
 Emails between EC and the manager are reported in item 3  
 MW reported that a large number of invitations had been received for other clubs Open competitions and the Senior Open folder in the foyer was updated each week with the new invitations, all in separate plastic files, in alphabetical order. Any invitations for Veterans Competitions are in a separate folder.
- 18 Any Other Business**  
 DD reported that the inactive handicap system had been changed as some courses have been losing business by insisting on active handicaps. The new system will have a category (c) or competition handicap which means an active handicap able to win a prize in a competition. A non (c) handicap player can still play in a competition but cannot win a prize. Three cards are still needed in a year.  
 MW suggested that we have a smart tie for Knighton Heath Seniors instead of the existing multi-coloured club tie. **PD**  
 PD agreed to look into this.  
 MW said he was disturbed by the report that we were not making new members more welcome at the club. Is there a way we can put a notice on the seniors' board with contact numbers of members willing to liaise and assist any new senior members make contact with the groups we have in the seniors or just one or two individuals?  
 DD to contact the club captain re the playing in of new senior members as we need to get to know them. **DD**  
 DD has e-mailed all members of the men's seniors committee with his views and the text in Rule 54 re men's matches, competitions and other golfing events.  
 DP tabled the revised competition notice. This now states Men's Competition and will be put in the Professionals shop not on the seniors notice board.  
 GD reported the fliers for the Senior Open go out on 1<sup>st</sup> March. It was agreed that the cost would be kept to £40/pair. **GD**
- 19 Next Meeting**  
 The next meeting will be Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 10 am

The meeting closed at 4.35pm

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

Men's Senior's Section Captain