

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



SENIOR

SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

25TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Present: Doug Procter (DP) Ted Coates (EC), George Davies (GD) David Duckenfield (DD)
Peter Keeping (PK)

DP took the chair and opened the meeting at 2.06pm

Item

Action

- 1 Welcome and Apologies**
DP welcomed all committee members.
There were apologies from Rod Baggott and Bill Kennedy
- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (6th August 2013)**
It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 6th August 2013. Accordingly the minutes were signed by the Captain
- 3 Matters Arising**
Item 3: DP stated that he is liaising with the Junior Section organiser to reschedule the recently postponed match between the Seniors and the Juniors.
PK noted that he was listed as co-organiser of the Christmas dinner and requested a clarification of his duties. DP advised that he will only require PK as a backup. It was noted that Mike Durrant has canvassed members and confirmed that the limit of 60 places has been taken up. It was agreed that the meal is to be plated, with vegetable at the table to avoid the delays of a self-serve carvery.
- 4 Report From The Captain's Committee**
DD will attend the next Captain's Committee meeting.
The touch screen honours board is now set up.
There have been slight changes to the dress code i.e shirts must be worn inside trousers on the course and in the clubhouse, socks worn on the course with shorts and must be predominantly white.
The Senior Section has purchased a defibrillator for the club which, in the event of a member suffering a heart attack on the course, can be operated by untrained personnel.

DP

DD

At the next Captain's Committee meeting DP proposes to raise the question of behaviour in the 19th.and will request that the 19th is closed during the Seniors' Christmas dinner.

GD expressed the view that the 19th should be permanently separated from the lounge. This view was shared by other members of the committee.

DP

5 Treasurers Report

The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted by the meeting with thanks to GD from the Seniors Captain. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The balance at the last meeting was £5197.73 it is currently £4030.66 and outstanding bills for approximately £900 will be paid this month.

GD & DP were recently invited to a meeting with the Club auditors at which it was stated that in the future the Club auditors must audit the Seniors' accounts every year at the end of June and include them in the Club accounts.

DP advised the auditors at this meeting that control of the Seniors' accounts could not be changed without the full consent of the Senior membership at the Seniors' AGM.

Finally assurances were obtained from the auditors and Club Finance Director that control of the Seniors' bank accounts will remain solely in the Senior Treasurers hands and it was therefore agreed to submit the Seniors' accounts for audit.

GD expressed reservations regarding the timing of the audit because the Senior accounts are currently finalised in October.

GD advised that he has received a refund for the overcharge of catering fees following the Senior Open.

The finances for the Senior Open and the Wine Scramble showed a surplus of £1900.

DP and the committee thanked GD for his report and the work he put in to organise these events.

6 Match Reports

The match Secretary was absent. His report will be presented at the next meeting.

RB

7 Competition Secretaries Report

The Senior Captain's trophy was won by Peter Psaros

DP has had discussions with the Club Manager to resolve the fixture bottleneck which occurs in August and September. There will be one less competitions than last year but it was considered that sufficient competitions remain to enable Senior members to satisfy the handicap regulations.

DP to advise WK that we wish him to procure fixture cards similar to those he arranged last year. Minor modifications were suggested to the content.

DP/WK

8 Knighton Heath Knockout

WK could not attend the meeting but submitted the following report which EC read to the meeting:-

The finals took place on Thursday 19th September with Meon Valley playing against Wareham in the Trophy and Came Down against the Isle of Purbeck in the Plate. Both finals were won by the same score – 6:4 – with Meon Valley taking the Trophy and Came Down triumphing in the Plate.

There were some suggestions that need consideration:

- a. Splitting the team into two and playing at the same time on each other's course. If a half occurred then inform each other by telephone and agree a play-off. Alternatively play every match to a finish and determine the result by "holes up" totals. If that resulted in a tie then revert to a play-off as before.*
- b. The wait for a meal on finals day is too long for the first teams out. We could have a 30 - 45 minute gap between teams going out. This would give sufficient time for a match meal and presentation of the Plate medals separately from those for the trophy. Trish agreed she could handle that.*
- c. Some liked the earlier idea of medals on a ribbon we once tried before. Looks better!*
- d. Medal purchase should be by the Seniors' section and the Club not intervene. This year we bought a full set and the club bought six medals of each type!*

All in all things went very well. George Davies would have to consider the finances and to judge whether the fee should be increased and, if so, to what level. Finally we need to agree how many teams to enter and to think ahead of time who should skipper each team.

BK

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GD suggested that the long time delay between the finish of the two finals could be avoided if they were played simultaneously with one starting on the 1st tee and one on the 11th tee.

It was agreed that this topic will be discussed at a later meeting.

DP/DD

DP and DD must book the tees for next year's finals as a matter of urgency

9 KHGC Senior Opens and Wine Scramble.

GD reported that both events were very successful. He had received several very complimentary emails and messages from competitors commenting on the efficiency of the organisation and general good value for money.

DP expressed his thanks to GD and advised that the ladies who manned the entry table will be invited to the Seniors' Christmas dinner.

10 Senior Opens at Other Clubs.

DD advised that this year the members have generally entered these competitions without his assistance. Open events are not as oversubscribed as in previous years and it may not be necessary to monitor them in the future.

11 Correspondence

EC reported that a request has been received from Meyrick Park GC for a Senior friendly fixture

EC to reply to Meyrick Park expressing interest and stating that we are investigating the feasibility of a fixture.

EC

DD will ask the Captain's Committee for additional tee times to accommodate extra matches. If these are granted consideration should be given to reinstating the Match against Sherbourne GC.

The Club Manager has received an offer to include details of our Seniors' Open events in the County Diary. DD to advise that we would welcome this.

DD

12 Any Other Business

GD reminded the meeting that competition prizes were now in the form of vouchers to ensure that the winnings are correctly allocated. He advised that recently the Club Professional has been entering the vouchers directly onto members' accounts. DP to ask the Professional to give the vouchers to the winners before they are entered on his computer.

DP

GD stated that some Match Captains have forgotten to offer the prize for the visitor who is nearest the pin on the 11th hole. EC was asked to circulate the check list he uses when he is Captain to all match Captains.

EC

GD suggested that shotgun starts could use only the five nearest tees with up to three groups starting from each tee. This would avoid the long walk to and from the further tees. After considerable discussion it was agreed that this suggestion will be raised at the next Captain's Committee meeting and, if approved, this method will be used as a trial at the Christmas Bottles competition.

DP/DD

PK stated his concern that members who enter matches are not always available for the return match. It was noted that some other clubs put a £5 levy on members for away matches which is credited back if the member plays the home match. It was agreed that this topic will be included on the Senior AGM agenda.

EC

EC requested confirmation that the format for the competition following the AGM will be as last year. It was agreed it would.

EC to post a notice for this event and produce a start sheet to be completed by members attending on the day.

EC

DP advised that the Ladies Section have booked the committee room for the first Tuesday of each month and it was agreed that the Senior Committee meetings should in future should be on the second Tuesday of each month. EC to advise the club manager.

13 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th October at 10 a.m.

The meeting closed at 4.25pm

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Senior's Section Captain