

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S SENIORS SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

26 September 2023 - 9.30am

Present

Brian Saunders (BS), Peter Battley (PB), Steve Grundy (SG), Andrew Curtis (AC), Mark Green (MG)

Apologies:

Graham Paine, David Taylor

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 5 September

The minutes were accepted and signed.

2 Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meetings

The club manager has confirmed that the cost of engraving the medals that the seniors have in store will be met by the club.

PB will draft a letter to Southampton GC informing them we will not be continuing the fixture with them beyond 2024

PB

3 Finance

There was no finance report for this meeting.

4 Report from Captains' Committee/MANCO

It was agreed that the seniors committee would prefer that the stroke indices of hole are not changed as part of the move to provided "gender neutral" tees. This seems to be an unnecessary and complicated step.

The project to replace the practice nets is to go ahead with an expected start date in October. There will be three nets. It is still not clear whether the seniors project fund is to be used to contribute to the cost.

The finals day event comprises rounds in the morning and afternoon. General play is permitted between the rounds. This led to a clash in the afternoon because of the number of general play groups. It was

suggested that, in future, tee times for general play between the finals day rounds would need to be booked.

It was confirmed that players can take free relief from the mounded earth adjacent to the ditch on the eighteenth hole. The committee suggested that it would be helpful if the mound could be marked as GUR until a local rule can be printed on scorecards.

There is to be some trimming of trees on the second and third holes where growth is encroaching into the path of tee shots.

5 Competitions

It was noted that some clubs are requiring that members have a minimum number of qualifying cards in the past year in order to compete in competitions.

SG has looked at the impact of changing the boundaries of competition divisions. In the last competition, increasing the lower boundary of division three by one would have moved only three players into division 2. Increasing by two would have moved ten. The competitions earlier in the season had a roughly even split between divisions. It was agreed that the competitions early next seasons will be monitored and a view will be taken then on the need to change the boundaries. An alternative of levelling the prize money between divisions will also be considered. **SG**

Derek Haines will be asked to make the presentations to seniors at the Presentation Evening.

It was agreed that the entrance fee for the upcoming Bottles Competition will be £3. This will allow reasonable quality wines can be purchased to provide five prizes per division. This will be included in the next Seniors Newsletter. **PB**

6 Matches

No report was provided in the absence of GP

7 The Number of Matches

No specific action to reduce the number of matches is to be taken. All clubs that we have friendly fixtures with will be asked if they are interested in moving to a “home one year, away the next” model. It was felt that fixture pressure might be also felt at other clubs. This would not commit us to adopt this model. If any fixture is abandoned for any reason, it should not be rearranged as this is likely to cause more fixture pressure.

8 Seniors Newsletter

A number of items were identified to be include in the next Newsletter. PB will circulate a draft. **PB**

9 AGM

The AGM passed off successfully. The proxy votes proved useful in making the meeting quorate.

This will be noted for next year. Attendance of the meeting was poor despite all avenues for communication being used, some multiple times. It was suggested that the AGM could be in the afternoon following a competition. It was agreed that this should be tried. The club office should be consulted on this option.

BS
PB

10. Correspondence

None

11. Any Other Business

The Bowmaker was noted well subscribed this year. The possibility of moving it to Thursday 12 September 2024 will be pursued.

AC

The Wine Scramble is scheduled for 16 May 2024. AC will be away then. AC will check whether the event can be moved to 9 May 2024.

AC

There appears to be a clash of 2 events on 13 May 2024.

The Seniors Committee meeting on 6 August clashes with a match with Crane Valley. PB will explore moving the committee meeting.

PB

A friendly match clashes with a Seniors Stableford on 19 August. This will be considered at the next match.

BS

PB will discuss the timing of the Doug Procter event with the Lady Captain.

12. Date of next meeting: 31 October 2023. (The date of the January meeting may be moved to 9 January from 2 January)

PB

SIGNED _____
Men's Seniors Section Captain



DATE **31 October 2023**____