

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB



MEN'S SENIORS SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

31 October 2023 - 9.30am

Present

Brian Saunders (BS), Peter Battley (PB), Steve Grundy (SG), Andrew Curtis (AC), Mark Green (MG), Graham Paine (GP), David Taylor (DT)

Apologies:

None

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 5 September

The minutes were accepted subject to correcting a mistyped date and signed.

2 Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meetings

It was noted that there had been a discussion at the previous meeting about the entry fees for the two seniors open events. These have been set at £140 for a team of four for the Wine Scramble and £130 for a team of four for the Bowmaker. A budget figure of £10 for the meals for the events has been provided to the office who will devise a meal within that price. The course fee for the events that will be paid to the club has been agreed at £7.50 per player.

3 Finance

DT tabled a report that showed an account balance of £4160.11 at 30 September.

DT said that it was difficult to attribute transactions and that he will bring forward a proposal for a system of references to make this easier. DT should be informed of any transaction initiated by committee members (for example, for expenses) and preferably these should be submitted to him rather than directly to the office. **DT**
ALL

Budgets for the two open events will be brought to the next meeting. **DT**

The past captain had raised a query about the total raised for the charity. This matter will be resolved between Derek Haines and Jeff Gee.

The Knighton Heath Knockout (KHKO) had previously overseen by the seniors committee and been included in the seniors' accounts. This is no longer the case. The KHKO is being run by

Maurice Randall. The question was raised as to what would happen if Maurice stops running the event. Would it revert to the seniors' committee? This will be raised at the Captains' Committee.

PB

4 Report from Captains' Committee/MANCO

The Captains' Committee (CapCo) agreed that handicaps must be based on a minimum of 4 qualifying cards in the previous 12 months in order for the player to be eligible for club competitions. If a player wishes to submit a card to maintain a 'live' handicap, the player may join in a competition, but he cannot win it, or the sweep.

The seniors' committee noted that as things stand there can be no qualifying rounds when play is from the mats. This could make it difficult for players, who have too few qualifying cards, to achieve the required four during the winter. This problem could be relieved if the course playing from the mats could be measured and a slope set in the WHS. PB will make this point to CapCo.

PB

An Ecology Report will be necessary in order to proceed with planning permission for the driving range project.

5 Competitions

The Seniors Bowmaker competition scheduled for October 23 was moved by a week because of the road closures on the way to the course. The event went well with 22 teams competing.

The entry fee for the Bottle event will be £3. The wine bottle prizes have been obtained at a good price.

It was noted that the mixed event at the weekend had been cancelled because ground conditions prevented the use of buggies. However, the Monday Bowmaker was not cancelled even though the same conditions prevailed and buggies were again disallowed. PB will ask the CapCo to explain the procedure for cancelling events. E.g. should the relevant organisers be consulted.

PB

GP asked why the Clutterbuck Trophy was a shot gun start. If we are allowed one such start, is this the best event to use it for?

It was suggested that instead, a shot gun start could be held on the day of the Seniors' AGM. The AGM could then be held in the afternoon after the associated lunch. This might result in an improved attendance. It was also suggested that the event could be the Captain and Vice-Captain event, swapping this with the four ball better ball event held on the day of the AGM this year. PB will seek approval to use the shot gun start for this event.

All committee members were requested to check the draft diary that is posted on the club website for clashes and omissions. The diary will be printed during November

ALL

The Ladies' Captain has proposed that the Doug Proctor event should be played on Sunday October 6 next year. PB will consider this and reply.

PB

The Club Presentation Evening did not go well for the seniors' section. The prizes had not been properly prepared and made available for presentation. All affected senior players have been

contacted except one. It was agreed that the procedure needs to be clarified with responsibilities defined including for the engraving of trophies. The committee agreed that the best format for the evening would be for the Club Captain to present the prizes to senior winners with the Seniors' Captain being also involved in the ceremony and associated photographs. PB will raise this with the CapCo.

PB

6 Matches

A finalised version of the Matches Report had been circulated. 48 different members played in 28 matches. 16 players played more than 10 times. It was felt it had been a successful year.

GP will circulate the list of matches for 2024 shortly. Committee members are requested to indicate which matches they are prepared to captain.

GP/ALL

It is proving difficult to find players for the first Winter League match. We may have to consider we wish to continue this event, but we are committed for 2023/2024. There is a need to clarify the qualifying age for this and other events. In some matches other clubs have players below the age of 60.

7 The Number of Matches

PB has drafted a letter to be sent to Southampton informing them that we will not be continuing the fixture beyond 2024. It was agreed that the letter should be sent.

PB

The Dudsbury fixture has now gone as a result of the course's closure. This means that by 2025 the number of fixtures will have reduced by four. No further reduction will be pursued for the time being.

8 Replacement Driving Nets Project

It was agreed that £3000 could be paid from the Seniors Designated Project Fund to support the installation of replacement driving nets.

DT will talk to Kevin Eden and Maurice Randall about this.

DT

9 Seniors Newsletter

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

10 AGM

The potential new format of the AGM day was discussed under Item 5.

11 Correspondence

None

12 Any Other Business

PB will be having a hip replacement and recovering over the next few weeks. He will remain in contact but MG will deputise as necessary. **MG**
The Club Dinner Dance will be held on 9 December. The seniors will not be holding a separate dinner.

13 Date of next meeting: 5 December 2023

SIGNED _____
Men's Seniors Section Captain

DATE _____