

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

SENIORS SECTION MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING 8th JANUARY 2013

Present: Doug Procter (DP) Peter Keeping (PK), Ted Coates (EC), Bill Kennedy (WK)
George Davis (GD) Rod Baggott (RB) David Duckenfield (DD)

DP took the chair and opened the meeting at 10.08pm

Item	Action
1 Welcome and Apologies DP welcomed all committee members. There were no apologies	
2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (4th December 2012) PK advised that the use of the term "friendly matches" in the penultimate paragraph of item 11 could be confusing and should be changed to "Seniors' matches". This item was revised by hand and the minutes were then confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Captain	
3 Matters Arising GD advised that in Item 5 the figure of 2.5% after tax for the interest received from the Tesco savings account is incorrect. The interest paid will be 2.4% before tax.	
4 Report From The Captain's Committee The dress code has been relaxed. The finances to the end of October 2012 show a loss of £10,000 and it is anticipated that November will show a further loss. There could be a levy imposed on all Open competitions to recoup losses in the future. The Senior section has purchased new flags . The Junior's Christmas party was cancelled due to lack of support. The 2013 diary has been printed and is available to members. The honours boards are being updated. If members cancel attendance at social functions after payment has been made they are not eligible for a refund.	
5 Treasurers Report The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted by the meeting with thanks to GD from the Seniors Captain. Copies can be obtained from the Treasurer. GD advised that a new savings account has been opened with Tesco Bank in accordance with instructions given at the last meeting. Initial transactions have been carried out smoothly. GD has estimated that the interest received is likely to be in the order of £50 - £60 this financial year. GD reported that the bank balance at this time of year is usually higher. After considerable discussion it was identified that a few extra expenditures have been authorised this year. The situation will be monitored carefully throughout the year to	

ensure that the account balance does not fall to an unacceptable level.
DP suggested that extra revenue could be generated by increasing the amount of entry fee retained from match fees. This was considered unnecessary and the existing 10% should be retained with no extra levy.

GD

6 Match Reports

There have been no matches since the last meeting.

7 Competition Secretaries Report

PK reported that 42 members competed in the Bowmaker competition yesterday and the winning team scored 82 points.

The organisation of the competitions is now in the hands of PK who publishes the results and advises GD of the voucher payments to be made.

8 Knighton Heath Knockout

WK reported that he has emailed entry documents to all clubs who entered last year. He has also written to 17 other possible entrants enclosing the same documents in the hope that they may wish to enter this year.

WK advised that the National Seniors' Competition Committee have recommended that handicaps should be adjusted by one shot for members of teams playing away from home in an attempt to reduce the advantage to the home team.

This is something we should consider for the 2014 KHKO competition. WK will monitor this year's results and ask for competing teams' views as to the effectiveness of this proposal.

GD queried the entry fee for this year's KHKO. WK advised that the documentation has been issued with the fee unchanged.

Serious consideration must be given to increasing the entry fee to £40 for the 2014 competition

WK

9 Vice Captain

DP advised that since there were no nominations received for Vice-Captain at the AGM he has approached DD who has indicated his willingness to stand.

DD is a full member of five year's standing, as required in clause 7b of the club rules.

It was proposed by DP and seconded by WK that DD should be appointed Vice Captain. This was passed unanimously.

DP/GD

10 Correspondence

There has been no correspondence since the last meeting.

11 Any Other Business

WK stated that the matter of entertaining the green staff was raised at the Management meeting last month. Apparently other staff have felt left out. WK suggested that the Senior section, instead of hosting the informal session with the green staff, should contribute the money we normally spend to the Management to entertain all the staff.

DP

GD advised that in former years we had entertained all the staff at Christmas. In addition, gratuities are given to the bar and catering staff at our Open competitions and Christmas dinner.

RB

DP suggested that as the exclusion of bar and catering staff from the recent informal get-together was an oversight (which will be corrected next Christmas) there is no need to alter the arrangements as WK suggests.

WK agreed to report back to the Management Committee along these lines.
WK questioned whether it was logical to play the 18th hole from the back tee in social golf and from the very front for competitions. It was agreed that future competitions will be played from the mat.
DP advised that organisers of all Open competitions will be asked for a voluntary contribution of £5 per visiting player. In view of the considerable contribution which is already donated to the club out of Senior funds it was agreed that DP will offer a contribution at the next Captain's Committee meeting but the amount cannot be determined at this point.
GD suggested, and it was agreed, that the sum should be based on a percentage of the profit achieved from our Open competitions.
RB expressed concern over the information on the board outside the changing rooms which on a recent occasion was two weeks out of date.
DD enquired if any advertising was being targeted at clubs whose courses have been closed more often than us in the recent bad weather. WK advised that this is in hand.
DP stated that the format of our two Opens must be reviewed at the next meeting in line with experience gained from last year's events to maximise the enjoyment for the competitors and financial return for the club.
WK suggested we might consider a Beer Bowmaker.
GD advised that entry documents for our July Open will be completed before the next meeting therefore changes discussed at the next meeting cannot be implemented. It was agreed that the July Open will be 4BBB with Whisky as prizes.
DP suggested that future committee meetings should be scheduled where possible for the second Tuesday in the month.

WK

DP

12 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 1pm

The meeting closed at 3 50pm

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Senior's Section Captain