

**Kings Hill Golf Club**  
**Minutes of Seniors Section AGM**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**A total of 43 members attended the AGM**

**Committee Present:** John Moss (Captain), Mike Kavanagh (Captain Elect), Brian Tucker, Larry Davis, John Holt, Steve Hook, Ken Copleston

**Apologies:** Glen Halsey, Brian Duffy, Alex Parietti, Mike Gibson, Graham Bentham, Peter Waters, David Kent, Jim Davies, George Stevens, Joe Cornwall,

The meeting opened at 7.20 with the captain thanking everyone for attending.

**1. Previous Minutes**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Roger Bennett and seconded by John Tester.

**2. Matters Arising**

None.

**3. Presentation of Prizes**

Memorial Trophy:	Richard Howlett.
Regional Challenge:	Del Boys.
Open & Invitational:	Holeing Out Golf Society (HOGS).
Summer Singles KO:	Not yet played.
Summer Pairs KO:	Larry Davis & John Moss.
Seniors Championship:	Mike Gibson.
Championship Handicap Shield:	Ken Staerck.
High Handicap Plate:	Brian Rayner.
Ted Peel Quaich:	Phil Lennon & Keith Turnbull.
Grand Prix; First:	Mike Gibson.
Grand Prix; Second:	Brian Duffy.
Grand Prix; Third:	Phil Lennon.
Elders v Saplings:	Elders.
Founders Trophy:	Mike Gibson.
Eclectic:	Mike Gibson.
Past Captains Cup:	Brian Duffy.
Poppy Appeal:	Mike Corbett & Jim Davies

In addition to the presentation of the trophies to the winners that were in attendance at the AGM, the captain also gave bottles of wine.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Brian Tucker opened by thanking Glen (& the club) for their timely production of invoices this past year and their help with all aspects of the section. He also thanked the auditors (Ian Butler & Dave Sealey) for their support and advice in preparing the accounts. The accounts remain healthy with current assets of £4,138.54. A new approach was taken this year in ensuring that no creditors or debtors were outstanding. The aforementioned figure therefore represents an exact statement of our current reserves and he hoped that this new approach will help make the accounts even clearer for members. (Last year we carried forward over £3,000 of creditors).

He advised that there had been a small loss this year of £165.64 – almost to the penny the amount that was paid out to members for the holes in one last year!! In relation to this, he advised that the maximum payout in future for aces will be raised from £65 to £75.

He also advised that we now have 120 members with an average weekly turnout of 56 golfers playing each Thursday. He also advised that the committee have agreed in future to issue prizes for ALL competitions played so this will include all fun games AND charitable events such as the Poppy Appeal. Charitable donations will remain unchanged, prizes will be paid from our funds. It is intended that prizes will be (notified and) paid within a maximum of 6 weeks and the committee are looking to reduce this to a maximum of 4 weeks.

He confirmed that the Senior and Mixed tours are both self funded and are NOT subsidised.

Responding to questions from the floor, it was agreed the committee would investigate:

- (1) Outstanding Prizes claimed to be owing to Dennis Gadd & Keith Fisher for a pairs event**
- (2) Publishing results of all (fun) competitions in a timely manner to all members**

**ACTION:            Committee**

#### **5. Captains Report**

John Moss opened by expressing regret that he had struggled at times during his captaincy and that he had exasperated fellow officers with his communications failings.

The winter proved challenging from a weather perspective with many competitions adversely affected. As winter turned to spring, so more pleasant playing conditions prevailed and good numbers of competitors played regularly in all competitions. The summer was a success with beautiful weather most of the time.

At the behest of Brian Tucker, John Holt & Steve Hook an increase in the level of prize money and the numbers of winners was introduced in May.

The programme of League and Friendly matches gathered momentum from mid April. The Kent Veterans League squad was captained by Chris Broughton. Their early results were outstanding, winning their first 6 matches and halving the seventh. However, they then lost the remaining matches finishing in fourth place but with the same number of points as second and third. The squad system worked well as did the group coaching led by Mark Trow. Seventeen players

represented the club during the season. At the season finale jamboree Peter Bryant and Bob Ford won the pairs competition. Thanks were given to Chris Broughton, David Lake and Mark Trow.

The Kent Super Seniors League was contested by KHGC for the first time in 2018. The squad was ably led by Malcolm Honey who discharged all the preparatory work to pull together the initial squad and ensure group coaching sessions Led by Mark Trow. The squad won all six home matches in addition to two away matches finishing an exceptional debut season in second place. Thanks were given to Malcolm Honey, David Lake and Mark Trow.

The friendly matches represented a sharp contrast to the league teams with difficulties experienced in getting the right number of players and results that did the club no credit. This leads to the belief that these matches are no longer seen as attractive to some members. It was highlighted that the friendly matches provide an excellent opportunity for all seniors to gain 4BBB experience before progressing to the league squads.

The seniors tour was to Whittlebury Park in Northamptonshire and proved to be a success with a good golf course, good company, good accommodation, good food and drink.

The captain highlighted the introduction of rule changes for the game of golf being introduced from January 2019. KHGC is preparing sessions for members to understand the new rules and seniors were encouraged to make the effort to attend. New rule books are already available at the club.

Similarly, handicap changes arrive in 2020 and members were informed to have a good number of cards assessed in anticipation of this event.

The Captain thanked the committee for their tireless efforts to keep him on track and under control. Joe Cornwell and Phil Lennon were leaving the committee and John wished them well.

Thanks were then given to Barry and the greens staff, Glen and his management team, Chris and the professional staff, Mike and the catering and bar staff for all their efforts in making this a successful seniors section.

Finally, John thanked the seniors' membership for their camaraderie, humour, fellowship and fun. In many ways 2018 had been a rollercoaster ride, but it had essentially been enjoyable.

## **6. Election of Officers**

The following were elected in for 2108/19 – with specific responsibilities in brackets:

<b>Captain:</b>	Mike Kavanagh	
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Steve Hook	(Grand Prix)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dave Sealey	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brian Tucker	

<b>Past-Captain:</b>	John Moss	(Friendlies Organiser)
<b>Competition Sec:</b>	John Holt	(Starters Roster)
<b>Communications Sec:</b>	Larry Davis	(Membership List)
<b>Members Rep:</b>	Brian Duffy	(Signing off Competitions)
<b>Members Rep:</b>	Ken Copleston	
<b>Members Rep:</b>	Peter Flack.	(Backup to Brian Duffy)
<b>Members Rep:</b>	Bill Grimley.	(Backup to John Moss)
<b>Non-Official:</b>	Chris Broughton	(Kent Vets League Captain)
	Malcolm Honey	(Super Seniors League Captain).

## **7. Incoming Captains Report**

Mike opened by thanking John Moss for the honour of being asked to be his vice captain and for all his work he undertook during his year as captain. Mike also thanked members of the committee who are standing down for all their past efforts and welcomed the newcomers.

### **Captains Charity**

For his charity this year Mike (together with other Kings Hill captains) will continue their support of The Young Lives Foundation.

### **New Code of Conduct**

Mike advised that this was not meant to be bureaucratic but rather to promote the ethical values of the section and provide a framework for the committee in the event of any unacceptable behaviour. With queries he's already received re dress code, he recommended concentrating on the line that says "wear clothes appropriate for golf."

### **Seniors Championship**

Mike advised that the format will change next year in that it will be run on 2 consecutive days – viz Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Seniors Thursdays**

Mike said he would be looking to introduce a few more drawn competitions next year to avoid the current trend of the same players playing together at the same times each week. He reminded members to respect the starter and not move themselves forward when they see a gap. Speaking of gaps, he also asked members to adhere to the 8 minute intervals between start times as this has been proved to reduce waiting times on the course. Due to the inclement weather expected in Jan/Feb, which often results in forward tees being used, the committee has decided that NO qualifiers will be held during those months. Stablefords will however still be held which will count towards the Grand Prix. Finally, he stressed that the competition of the Day will be that as published on BRS and cannot be changed by anyone other than a committee member. Similarly Play MUST be from the designated tee of the day (1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>). Every effort will be made to ensure a committee member is present at start of play to make any such changes as deemed necessary.

### **Christmas Dinner Dance**

This will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Mike urged members who wished to attend to sign up for it on the notice board ASAP as it will be opened up to non-members from on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Seniors Tour 2019**

Mike will be taking us to Dunston Hall, near Norwich, from 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July. Deposits are £25 pp and the sign-up sheet will be going up on the notice board shortly. Mike encouraged all members, new and old, to come and join us for what is one of the highlights of our year.

Finally, Mike advised that all the competitions, rules and virtually everything you need to know are now on our website. If anyone spots any errors, omissions or indeed had any suggestions or queries then he encouraged them to contact him or any member of the committee. He can now also be contacted via a new email [khseniorscaptain@gmail.com](mailto:khseniorscaptain@gmail.com).

## **8. Any Other Business**

- (1) Maurice O'Connell expressed concern over slow play and in particular repeated instances of gaps of 2 holes or more appearing on the course during seniors' competitions. MK to remind all members that they must keep up with the group in front and NOT just stay ahead of the group behind. Groups failing to do so must invite the group behind through if are being held up.

**ACTION: MK**

- (2) Keith Fisher expressed concern that on occasions groups were teeing off (eg the 10<sup>th</sup> tee) in the middle of seniors' competitions. MK to speak with Pro-Shop.

**ACTION: MK**

- (3) Ian Butler asked that the results of all competitions be published on the notice board for the fun competitions – eg down to 10<sup>th</sup> place – so that everyone knew the result. MK stated that the objective was to publish as much as possible through the website and would follow this up.

**ACTION: MK**

- (4) As the seniors will not in future be holding any qualifiers throughout January & February, Chris Broughton asked whether players could still submit general play cards for handicap purposes. This decision was made due to the fact that forward tees are more likely to be used during these months which, according to CONGU rules, render the course unacceptable for handicap purposes. MK will follow this query up with the club.

**ACTION: MK**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.