

Kings Hill Golf Club

Minutes of Seniors Section Committee Meeting

20th December 2018

Present: Mike Kavanagh (MK – Chair), Brian Tucker (BT), Larry Davis (LD), John Holt (JH), Brian Duffy (BD), Peter Flack (PF), Glen Halsey (GH) Dave Sealey (DS).

Apologies: John Moss, Steve Hook, Bill Grimley, Ken Copleston, Chris Pearson

1. Previous Minutes

These were agreed and confirmed.

2. Matters Outstanding (from Meeting of 8/11/2018)

Minute 2: Members details have been passed to C. Broughton

Minute 11.6 The outstanding payment due to K.Pooley has been resolved

3. Management Update (GH)

GH reported that the opening of the new Spike Bar has been delayed pending resolution of a delivery issue with the furniture which is coming from abroad. Wrt the Seniors Captain's Parking Sign, he advised that a temporary sign was proving unlikely and it was agreed that he would continue to liaise with MK on this matter. **Action GH**

GH advised that there was no limit to the number of tee times the seniors could reserve on a Thursday morning. MK to confirm requirements going forward with C.Pearson. **Action MK**

GH did not see an issue with setting up a new 'course' on the handicap system with a SSS of 70 to resolve the issue of using forward tees in winter. He will speak with Paul Miles to clarify how this will be implemented and conveyed to members when they do Supplementary rounds. **Action GH**

A discussion then ensued about the trophy cabinet which needs replacing as it is now too small. GH advised that it would be moving into the Spike Bar and it was likely that separate cabinets may be introduced for each section. GH to update on implications at next meeting. **Action GH**

On the question of raising the age limit of the Seniors Section to 55, GH's view was that it should be kept at 50.

4. Captain's Report (MK)

Mike reported that the Poppy Appeal was a great success with the club raising £520 of which £290 was from the seniors' competition. He also reported that the Dinner Dance was well supported with a total of 76 seniors and their guests attending. He thanked those that donated prizes as the raffle raised £440.

The maximum handicap to be used in seniors' events was discussed. It was agreed that this will be set at 32 (BD) and MK will speak with JM as to what h/c will apply in friendlies. **Action BD/MK**

5. Treasurer's Report (BT)

Brian reported that 117 members had paid their membership and we currently have a balance of £6800 with approximately £600 of liabilities for prizes outstanding. However, he reminded the meeting that the normal balance by the end of the year is around £4,000. Brian also presented the proposed prize money list for all events. He will circulate a copy to the committee for agreement at the next meeting,

Action BT

Brian requested that all payments for the tour should be made by BACS to ease administration. This was agreed. BT to circulate a note to all members.

Action BT

Finally, Brian asked for it to be recorded that a sum of £451,012 in cash had erroneously been deposited into our account by the bank and that they had immediately withdrawn it. He confirmed that he has reported this to the Fraud Office and has asked for a letter from the bank to confirm there had been no foul play on our behalf.

6. Competition Secretary's Report (JH)

MK advised that he had spoken with Jane Marr and confirmed that there is NO minimum number of players required for a qualifier to take place. However, the decision on whether we should ever cancel a qualifier was deferred until the next meeting.

Action DS

On the matter of the correct procedure to take under winter rules, it was agreed that a copy of the club's briefing notes would be placed in the seniors' folder.

Action JH

The Briefing Notes for Winter Competitions was then reviewed in detail. After much discussion it was agreed that an event designated as a Grand Prix will NOT have any points or prize money awarded whenever:

- 1) A Trolley Ban is in place, or
- 2) A start is delayed past 10am, or
- 3) Play has to be abandoned*

*All players must be able to finish their round for points to be awarded. The committee's decision on this will be final. The same will apply for all fun competitions; if play is abandoned then the competition will be declared void. This is in line with the club ruling on abandoned competitions.

Furthermore, it was agreed that for a Grand Prix event, if the course is open (with no Trolley Ban) then players must go out at their appointed tee time otherwise they will have been deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.

MK asked that the other issues raised in the Briefing Notes be carried forward to the next meeting. This included the recommended guidelines for cancelling a competition, low turnouts and delayed starts.

Action DS

7. Forward View

It was noted that Kings Hill will be the venue for the League Jamboree in September and may also host the all-Kent League Finals Day. Offers of support were welcomed for help on these days from the section's members.

It was also noted that The Regional Challenge was diarised to be earlier next year, on 16th May, whereas it is normally held around the longest day in June. This was queried and MK asked for it to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action DS**

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Charity Days. It was proposed, and agreed, that we hold an event to support Prostrate Cancer to replace the Cecil Leach Competition. It was also suggested we hold a fund raising day to support Sian following her success at the LET qualifying school. MK to liaise with JH. **Action MK**

8.2 Entrance Fees for County Competitions: Mike to check with the various captains (CBroughton, M Honey and M Gibson) when and how these should be paid. **Action MK**

8.3 2019 Rule Changes: MK asked that the rules for all senior competitions be checked to ensure there were no specific references to rule numbers which have now changed. **Action All**

Wrt to conveying the new rule changes to seniors, it was agreed that the club had responsibility for this but MK stated that, if the club did issue anything, he will additionally ensure it is included within his regular newsletter.

8.4 Committee Members: It was noted that we already had the maximum number of members as permitted by the Constitution but interest had been received from a potential further member. Mike to check this issue with John Tester. **Action MK**

8.5 Knock Out Closing Dates. Steve to produce a draft document for MK to review. Item carried forward. **Action SH**

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 24th January 2019

The meeting closed at 16.30.