

# Kings Hill Golf Club

## Men's Section AGM, held on October 27, 2016 - DRAFT MINUTES

**Present from Committee:** David Seely, Outgoing Captain (DS) , Trevor Barker, Incoming Captain (TB), Phil Allen, Competition Secretary (PA), Michael Blanning, Secretary (MB), Alex Parietti (AP), Bruce Wilton, Treasurer (BW), Adrian Cole, Handicap Secretary (AC), Ken Stevens, David Frost (DF)

**In attendance:** Glenn Halsey (GH), Ben Blackburn (BB), Barry Bradshaw (BBR)

**Number of members attending:** 55

### 1. Apologies

Neil Gates, Simon Webb, James Mackay, Ken Staerck, John Thornevell

### 2. Minutes of meeting held on October 15, 2015

Agreed and accepted

### 3. Matter arising

None (covered under the committee member reports)

### Committee Members reports:

#### 4 Competitions Secretary

PA reported that due to good weather only one comp had been cancelled, but there had been a drop-off in numbers playing in the regularly monthly comps. The Summer knock-outs had seen problems with competitors playing by the due date, and the committee will look at alternatives. Two-tee starts had not worked as well as hoped due to the slow pace of play and will likely not be repeated. Midweek Medal is moving to the third Wednesday of the month, starting in December.

A member suggested that a "finals day" be held for the Summer knock-outs, to encourage a better club atmosphere.

#### 5. Handicap secretary

This year, nothing new to report as regards handicaps

#### 6. Matches

MB pointed out that eight members captain teams, and that there is a team for anyone who would like to play a match against another club.

He reported that the A and B teams had enjoyed winning seasons and good team spirit, finishing high up in their leagues and coming second in the inaugural Pat Quadling Cup end of season event. The Invicta team had not fared so well this season. The Medway Trophy

team came second in the Foursomes event, and at an individual level Jake Bacon played regularly for Kent Colts (U25).

For next season, no match will start before 12.00 on a Saturday, the club is back in the Four Hills event, and Chris Broughton will be co-opted onto the committee as teams liaison.

TB reported another good season of friendlies, with many new players playing.

David Lake gave a report on the very successful Vets team who had won both their league (again) and the end of season event.

## **6. Treasurer**

BW provided a statement of Section funds for the past year, with comparable figures for 2015. He explained that the committee had made a conscious decision to reverse the build-up of cash on the balance sheet: the pay-out ratio in comps had been increased from 60% to 65-70%; the food at A and B team matches was subsidised this year; money was spent on gazebos etc for the set-up of major board comps, and the purchase of new kit by players had been subsidised by £10 per unit (included under "Loss on sale of Team kit"). The remaining stocks of kit have been written off, which means that all future sales of kit will show in the accounts as pure profit.

As for the balance sheet, BW explained that "Sundry Debtors" is represented by the remaining stock of medals, and that the drop in "Sundry Creditors" occurred because in last year's accounts not all the charity monies had been paid out at that point.

BW finally said that this is his last year as Treasurer after 5 years, and he was pleased to report that Ian Farrington had agreed to take over.

## **7. Outgoing Captain**

DS thanked the committee and members of all sections for their work, sponsorship and generosity in helping to raise £13,452 for Spadeworks. He also thanked the management for their support this year and praised the good cooperation.

He highlighted the successful social events that had taken place this year, culminating in the Captains Dinner. On the course, he commented that the "no show" rule had led to more respect being shown by members to their fellow members regarding the use of week-end tee-times.

Finally he wished TB well for his forthcoming year as Captain and expressed the view that he will prove an excellent Captain.

## **8. Incoming Captain**

TB thanked DS for his year of hard work as Captain and presented him with a gift from the committee. He also thanked the management for their support, BB and his team for the excellent state of the course, and the F&B Manager and team for the good food provided at events and matches.

For the coming year TB hopes to hold: an evening on golf psychology, a Summer ball if there is interest and a player/non-player comp. He also observed that members must remain

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vigilant regarding good behaviour and etiquette on the course and asked them to report poor occurrences.

The charities this year are Dandelion (a short presentation followed on their work with children and families who have suffered traumas) and the Kent Association for the Blind, both being local Kent charities.

### **9. Election of officers**

MB announced that the following become officers for the coming year:

Phil Allen – Competitions

Michael Blanning – Vice Captain and Secretary

Adrian Cole – Handicap

Ian Farrington – Treasurer

Andrew Drummond, David Frost and James Mackay – Ordinary members

Dave Seely remains on the Committee as Past Captain.

MB explained that the committee also plan to co-opt Chris Broughton to be teams liaison and Paul Miles to be Assistant Comp. Secretary.

MB also thanked AP for his contribution over several years and expressed the hope that AP will agree to return to the committee once his health is better.

### **10. Any other business**

Rob Antoun wished to thank the Men's section for their support of Juniors: their being able to play freely in comps and matches with the Men is rarely available in other clubs.

A request for more opportunity to play Foursomes was made, as was the suggestion of a club Finals day for the k/o comps.

Meeting finished at 9.05pm