

KHGC SENIORS SECTION:

COMMITTEE MEETING 19th OCTOBER 2017

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Ken Coplestone

IN ATTENDANCE:

Larry Davis (LD) (in the chair); John Moss (JM) (Friendlies Organiser); Brian Duffy (BD); John Holt (JH); David Lake (DL); Brian Tucker (BT); Steve Hook (SH), Mike Kavanagh (MK) Joe Cornwell (JC) (Secretary)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14th September 2017

The minutes were taken as read and accepted as a true record of matters discussed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Captain's Dinner: A compete sell out

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Unfortunately due to prior engagements nobody was available to attend.

The following items were discussed:

DL: Reported that 3 members were unable to play due to shortage of Tee times. BD suggested that 4 balls may assist in relieving the pressure.

BT: Reported that over 12 months the average number playing was 47

CAPTAIN' S REPORT:

LD reported that the slit of the Charity monies will be: £6700 to the Dandelion Charity

£3350 to Kent Association for the Blind

Ladies and Seniors: This competition will be held on 21st November. It will be a 2Tee start, entrance fee £10, mixed 4 ball, men playing from Red Boxes at $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap.

Website: In the past the cost has been covered by one person. It has been agreed that the future cost will be split 3 ways, eg. Seniors/Club/Ladies.

Code of Conduct: LD felt that we will not have enough time to prepare the presentation to the members at the AGM but he will introduce the concept for discussion. Following discussion it was suggested that the paragraph referring to withdrawal or non attendance be altered from, you WILL be banned to read, you will probably be banned. MK to review.

Starter: LD expressed his thanks to all the starters for the fine job that they have carried out, especially the new starters.

BT suggested that the fun days be re-worded non competition events, this was agreed.

VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Tour: 17th to 19th July at Whittlebury Hall, Towcester. It is hoped to keep the price down to £240. BT suggested a non-refundable deposit be required, we are looking for 36 players. Details to be available before AGM and also sent by e-mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Balance £5358-62

Outstanding £500

93 members out of 115 have paid their subscriptions

BT suggested that we should appoint a social secretary. JM has asked BD to assist with the social programme and he has agreed to take on the job of Social Secretary.

LD offered his grateful thanks to BT for all his assistance during his year as Captain

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT

DL reported that he has experienced problem with the soft ware while processing the result cards.

KENT VETERANS LEAGUE

DL gave his final report as Captain of the Kent Veterans League (please see attached).

LD, on behalf of the committee, thanked David most sincerely for all his hard work and enthusiasm in organising the Vet's League.

DL wished Chris Broughton every success in taking over the captaincy of the League.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SH reported that a number of members had reported mud on the ball, he suggested that we allow preferred lies. LD advised that we could providing it was declared on the day by a committee member.

JH is to organise the Grand Prix while SH is on holiday.

Ben is hoping to form a committee for the Junior Section and would like to see a member of the Senior s Section as part of it.

MK suggested that we cap the number of Seniors, the feeling of the committee was that we should not.

Date of next meeting Thursday 16th November – 13.45

David Lake report

This is my last report as a committee member and also my last as the Vet's League team Captain.

My committee time has been extremely enjoyable and stimulating. I am extremely pleased to have been in the Seniors during the time when we have increased our numbers from the 60's to significantly over 100.

The past four years as Vet's League team Captain have been incredible. Starting with a blank piece of paper our group won the league twice, won an away Jamboree and competed in the all Kent final twice.

This was achieved by a group coming together in every sense of the word. We were virtually all late comers to golf and we were playing against players who had appeared in their clubs A and B teams. We even came across players who had played for Kent and two of those had even played for England. It was the incredible team spirit that enabled us to perform as winners. Thank you everybody who took part and embraced the objective.

There are numerous instances of exceptional performances. I talk about just one. When John Andrews and Brian Duffy were 4 down after 6 away at Rochester & Cobham and yet won. Their victory saved us from a 5-0 defeat.

A further and very accurate measure of the success of the team was the invitation from basically the same group of clubs to join the Super Seniors league. Acceptance indeed.

Special thanks to Dave Sealey and Mike Gibson in ensuring that we put out our best team and with our ideal pairings.

A very special thanks to ex Captain Ken Copleston. It was he who gave me the job in the first place. Not many, if anybody would have done that. And also special thanks for the considerable support given in the very difficult first year.

Special thanks also to Brian Tucker. He chaired our annual meeting very well and gave great leadership at these times. In the early years I also used Brian for an annual view of the project. Feedback is essential to ensure that the project is proceeding well. The first review went well but on the second I got a bollocking. I didn't arrange any meetings after. So thank you Brian for your insightful thinking and for not letting the S & M nights get out of hand.