

KINGS HILL GOLF CLUB - SENIORS SECTION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28th October 2015.

Committee present: Graham Bentham, Ken Copleston, John Barry, Brian Tucker, Brian Duffy, John Moss, Larry Davis, Doug Jeffs and ex-officio members John Tester & David Lake

Apologies: Keith Turnbull, David Aldwinkle, John Holt, Dave Kent, Tony Hesford

A total of 40 members attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the Captain Graham Bentham at 7:10pm

1) Previous minutes – the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 October 2014 were circulated to members at the meeting and had previously been made available to all members via the website and the Seniors book in the changing room. A proposal to accept the minutes was made by John Tester, seconded by Peter Bryant and passed unanimously.

2) Matters arising – Any matters arising to be taken under Any Other Business

3) Welcome

The Captain welcomed all members to the meeting, especially any new members also Glen, Barry and Ben representing Senior management.

4) Trophy Winners

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| Seniors Championship | Champion Mike Gibson |
| Seniors Handicap Shield | Brian Tucker |
| High handicap Plate | John Sefton |
| Grand Prix | Mike Gibson |
| St. Andrew Greensomes | Keith Turnbull & Maurice O'Connell |
| Founder's Trophy | Tony Hesford |
| Eclectic Trophy | Peter Brooks |
| Memorial Cup | Peter Norman |
| Summer Pairs | John Holt & Len Firestone |
| Ex Captains Trophy | Dave Sealey |
| Summer Singles | Final yet to be played |
| Regional Challenge | Del Boys |
| Elders v Saplings | Draw (first time ever) |
| Seniors Invitation | Graham Bentham & Terry Mitchell |
| Seniors Open | Hever castle with Graham Bentham |

A summary of the prize winners April – October was distributed and is attached to the Minutes. All prizes have been added to members bar cards.

5) Vet's League

The Captain invited David Lake to report on 2015 season after thanking him on the Committee's behalf for his hard work and inspirational organisation of the Vets Squad during 2015 which led to the successful outcome. David reported that his payers have had a great season by winning this league and he thanked all the players for their superb support. In appreciation of their success Davis presented each player with a commemorative medal inscribed League Winners and their individual names. These medals have been designed so as to be able to be attached to their golf bags.

6) Retirements

John Bates retired as our website designer and manager after 11yrs so the section made a presentation to John in June and now it was appropriate that the thanks of the Senior Section be recorded in the minutes.

John Barry steps down after 12yrs as Treasurer, 2yrs as Acting Treasurer and 1yr as Seniors Captain. The Captain made a presentation to John and thanked him for his long service and dedication to the Senior's Section and wished him a healthy and long retirement.

7)Outgoing Captain's Report

Reviewing his year as Captain Graham feels that he has accomplished the majority of his "10 point plan" outlined at length 12 months ago and expressed his gratitude to the Committee for their loyal and helpful support. Highlights were the first away Friendly wins at Broke Hill and the Nevill and a 6-0 home win against Lamberhurst! He was particularly encouraged by the number of new Seniors signing up and their regular involvement in Thursdays, Friendly matches and Vets League matches. Their feedback has confirmed that our volunteer Starters are doing an excellent job every Thursday in managing the flow of play, keeping members on time and ensuring everyone got a game.

He wished to thank Glen for his helpful support, Barry and his entire greenkeeping team for how they've kept the course in great condition, Ben and his entire Pro-shop team especially Sian who keeps us in order most Thursdays and also to Mel and the kitchen/bar staff for their service.

The support that Graham has received for his charity has been terrific and he wishes to pass on the thanks from Oasis International as the total amount raised was a record £7,531! As shown on the summary sheet distributed and now attached to the Minutes this total included money given by Seniors to the charity direct, sponsorship, weekly collections via the Seniors charity account, share of Joint events kindly passed on by the Men's & Ladies Captains and finally the Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC.

8) Installation of New Captain

The Captain presented Brian with the treasured "Green Jacket" and the "White Book" outlining all the competition information and notes then invited him to chair the remainder of the AGM.

9) New Captain's Report

Our new Captain congratulated Graham on the way that he had captained the Section over the last year. He expressed his feeling of pride in being asked to take over the captaincy of the Senior's Section and is looking forward to a successful year.

Aims:

- 1) He hopes to encourage more members to play in the friendly matches
- 2) To play with as many members as he can
- 3) Encourage involvement and feedback on competitions, section's activities, etc.
- 4) Increase number of matches against the Junior section
- 5) Support for his Charity – "Spadework" a charity which provides life skills for people with learning difficulties.

Brian invited George Harvey, Chairman of Spadework to deliver a presentation.

10) Election of New Committee

Brian Tucker Treasurer

Doug Jeffs Competition Secretary

Richard Yeo Assistant competition Secretary

Joe Cornwell Secretary

David Lake Vets League

J Moss Friendly Match Secretary

Ken Copleston Ordinary Member

All the above were elected by a unanimous show of hands

11) Treasurer's Report –John Barry produced a detailed Annual Summary as at 30 September 2015 which had been audited and summarized by Norman Coppock and Colin Lee. John reported that there were 94 paid up members of the Section. In summary the Current account stands at £7,023.05 however the Seniors have outstanding commitments of over £5,000 to the Club and the Seniors final contribution to the Captains Charity -Oasis International - which will reduce our credit balance substantially. Reserve account £378.77.

Brian Tucker, present Treasurer, explained the new system for paying competition fees and displayed the metal box that will be situated either, in the pro shop or in the bar.

12) AOB

Peter Bryant asked a question with regards to the attire of members when representing KHGC at matches either at home or away. Graham advised that ongoing discussions with Ben had established that Seniors could now choose a strip of their own design and it was acknowledged that the sponsored logo was too dominant and a new design is necessary. It was advised that the White polo shirts with green collar trim are no longer available but we're likely to stick to the existing white shirts and bottle green jumpers but probably from a different manufacturer. David Lake requested that this problem be resolved before next year's matches so Brian Duffy would now take this forward and make available for ordering in the New Year.

Graham advised Alex had assisted with making progress on the new club tie so 3 suggested designs for ties were provided for members to consider and mark their preferred choice which will then be available to purchase prior to next seasons matches. Alex suggested that the club hold a limited stock to accommodate first time players.

Dave Sealey asked whether the Club committee were considering the suggested R&A higher limit in handicaps. Alex assured him that it will not be happening.

Ian Butler proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for their hard work in looking after the interests of the members during the past year.

There being no other business to discuss the Captain closed the meeting at 8.40 pm