

Kings Hill Golf Club

Minutes of Seniors Section Committee Meeting

5th December 2019

Present: Steve Hook (SH – Chair), Mike Kavanagh (MK), John Moss(JM), Larry Davis(LD), Brian Duffy (BD), Ken Copleston (KC), Bill Grimley (BG), Glen Halsey (GH), John Holt (JH), Dave Sealey (DS)

Apologies: Peter Flack (PF), Brian Tucker(BT), C.Pearson (CP)

1. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were agreed.

2. Management Update (GH)

- 2.1 Preparation for WHS. GH reported that our courses have all now been measured – including a prospective new tee at the front of the yellow teeing ground. However, there is no date yet for when the courses will be rated. He advised that the new tee can now be defined on V1 but was not sure what SSS has been set up for it. GH to confirm. **Action GH**
- 2.2 Trophy Cabinet. Still under discussion. SH to check our trophies are insured. **Action SH**
- 2.3 GH reported that the club was hopeful of appointing a new General Manager and Head Chef by mid-January.
- 2.4 SH thanked both Glen and Mike for their great help in assisting the seniors' section over the last few years and wished them good luck in their new venture together.

3. Outstanding Actions

- 3.1 Seniors Captain Parking Space. Awaiting new GM before a decision is made.

4. Captains Report

- 4.1 Poppy Appeal. Unfortunately this was decimated by the bad weather and as a result only £185 was raised – some £100 short of expectation.
- 4.2 Captains Challenge. So far £50 has been raised towards his charity. SH thanked everyone who has contributed so far.
- 4.3 November Competitions: Unfortunately many were ravaged by bad weather and dropouts but on the bright side it was good to see 28 different names on the winners list. The prize money has now been credited and he will confirm the process with the new GM going forwards. **Action SH**
- 4.4 World Handicapping System. SH reported he had attended a club meeting on WHS and matters were progressing well. Going forward DS will be our representative on this sub-committee.
- 4.5 Competitions with Food. Following a recent issue, SH asked that he be informed if food was planned. In connection with this, it was agreed that if food was on offer, it would be mentioned on the full diary, the advance diary and also on the competition header on V1. **Action SH/JH/BD**

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Finances . Our finances remained healthy with net available funds of £4566. 134 seniors have rejoined and those eligible have all received £6 on their pro-shop account. Concern was expressed that members are failing to remember to top this up since 14th November when we started using V1 to sign-in and pay for competitions. SH to issue a reminder. **Action SH**
- 5.2 Tour. So far 33 people have signed up but only 15 have paid their deposit

- 5.3 **Charity.** The Captains Drive-in contributed £1284 to our charity. SH is transferring the money monthly instead of annually as before.
- 5.4 **V1:** Concern was expressed as to the process by which we pay out prize money and reclaim money from V1 for our entry fees following GH's departure. SH will liaise with BT and the office to clarify. **Action SH/BT**

6. Competitions Secretary's Report

- 6.1 **Starters Rota:** JH thanked BG for taking this over and reported that 2 starters were now in place for our Grand Prix competitions.
- 6.2 **V1.** BD advised that the reserve list was now up and running. It was agreed that the competition header should include all relevant information – inc starter, tee, cost and also food where applicable. **Action BD**
BD to reserve slots for committee members whenever we have a meeting. **Action BD**
- 6.3 **Winter League.** It was agreed that the league format must be completed by 20th Dec with no exceptions. SH to remind members. **Action SH**

7. 30-60 View

- 7.1 **Christmas Dinner Dance.** SH reported that 60 were booked in but places were still available.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 **Foreplease:** SH confirmed he would continue to produce this on a regular basis
- 8.2 **Late Drop Outs.** This issue was discussed at length and it was noted that the men's section had recently deducted payment when players submitted their intent to play in a competition and this would be only be refunded if they called off before 6pm on the day prior to the competition. BD agreed to investigate options available for the next meeting. **Action BD**
- 8.3 **Slow Play.** Discussed at length. Agreed very difficult to manage.
- 8.4 **11th Hole.** It was agreed to make this a call-up hole for Seniors Competitions but only when we start from the 10th. SH to mention in Foreplease and to check whether the Pro-Shop will put a sign on the tee. BG to ensure the starters charter is updated accordingly. **Action SH/BG**
- 8.5 **Grand Prix Events in Jan/Feb.** It was agreed to keep these as non-qualifiers. LD to pass a copy of the winter competition rules document to SH. **Action LD**
- 8.6 **Group Coaching Sessions:.** It was agreed these would benefit all members – particularly if they concentrated on topics like course management, short game and warm up. LD and SH to liaise with pro-shop over format and pricing and put a proposal to the section with a view to introducing these events in the Spring. **Action LD/SH**
- 8.7 **Succession Planning for Committee Membership:** It was suggested that potential candidates could be invited along to future meetings as a precursor to joining to see how the committee is run. SH to include a note in Foreplease. **Action SH**

9. Items for Future Discussion

- 9.1 **Friendlies.** Etchinghill?
- 9.2 **Kents Vets Pairs Championship at Kings Hill in 2020**
- 9.3 **Sponsorship of League Teams?**
- 9.4 **GUR on 8th & 10th?**
- 9.5 **New Scratch Competition.** PL/JH to liaise to agree a trial date **Action PL/JH**

10. **Next Meeting:** Thursday 27th February