

Kings Hill Golf Club

Minutes of Seniors Section Committee Meeting

28th February 2019

Present: Mike Kavanagh (MK – Chair), John Moss(JM), Larry Davis (LD), Brian Duffy (BD), Glen Halsey (GH), Bill Grimley(BG) , Ken Copleston(KC), Phil Lennon (PL), Dave Sealey (DS).

Apologies: Brian Tucker, John Holt, Steve Hook, Peter Flack, Chris Pearson.

MK opened the meeting by welcoming Phil Lennon to the committee as a non-voting member. Phil will have responsibility for a number of major events including the Seniors Open, Regional Challenge and the Kents Vets KO.

1. Previous Minutes

It was noted that the Friendly against Nizels will be on 13th Match – not 31st.

Also, it was confirmed that the maximum handicap would be 30 not 32 as minuted in meeting of 20th December.

2. Matters Outstanding (covered by Agenda)

3. Management Update (GH)

GH advised that a new Food & Beverage Manager (Mark Forder – previously with Nizels) will be joining us on 18th March and will be our contact in future for organising our functions and matches.

A greenkeeper vacancy is being progressed to bring the total back up to 6.

The downstairs outside terrace is awaiting a delivery of railway sleepers before being finished off.

The possibility of providing compressed air shoe cleaners is being investigated.

GH advised that there was no further progress on the Trophy Cabinets nor on the Senior Captain's Parking Space. MK asked that the latter does not fall off the club's radar. **Action GH**

Seniors v Ladies on 23rd April. GH to check whether 9 holes will be closed. **Action GH**

Club V1 replacement. No further progress. BRS system to continue for present. GH to provide update at next meeting. **Action GH**

Wed 3rd July blocked out on BRS. GH to check whether it was at MK's request. **Action GH**

The forthcoming introduction (in 2020) of the new World Handicapping System (WHS) was discussed whereby all rounds played will be assessed for handicapping purposes. As part of this process, all our courses (W,Y,R) will need to re-rated and a slope assigned. GM advised that he has yet to receive notification of when this will occur. Rather than get the Red tees rated for men (as recommended by WHS), DS suggested the club may wish to introduce a further (blue?) course where the tees are placed at the front (or within 5 yards of the front) of the yellow teeing area – where indeed the men's tees are invariably placed during the winter months. Such a new course would be some 300 yards shorter than the yellow course – the same difference currently between our white & yellow courses. GH agreed to bear this in mind in future discussions. **Action GH**

4. Captain's Report (MK)

MK reported that 42 members had now signed up for the tour and 17 teams for the Seniors Open – there being just 5 places left (88 being the maximum for catering purposes). He also confirmed that the Prostate Cancer day was now arranged for 21st March. MK to confirm format. **Action MK**

5. Treasurer's Report

In Brian's absence, MK advised that our finances remained healthy with a current balance of £7951, creditors of £3409 (majority of which is the tour) and net available funds of £4542.

6. Competition Secretary's Report

6.1. Competition Sign Up. BD proposed that we should start using the terminal to sign-in and our cards to pay for our Thursday competitions – inline with the men's section. This was discussed at length and it was agreed that LD would put a paper together for the next meeting which would outline the issues with the current system and explain the proposed process and implications.

Action LD

Whilst it was not believed to be an issue, MK to check the constitution.

Action MK

6.2. Summer Singles/Pairs Knock Outs. It was agreed that PL will take on responsibility for organising these competitions.

Action PL

6.3. Winter Rules/Non-Qualifiers. BG believed that Winter Rules had been a great success and queried whether we would continue with it. It was confirmed that Winter Rules within the club will cease on 1st March and will only apply in Seniors Events now when there is a trolley ban.

The question also arose as to whether we will continue to have non-qualifying events next Jan/Feb. It was agreed that such a decision will be taken out of the Seniors' control next year as all rounds will be assessed by the club for handicap purposes. However, until then we could still deem competitions a non-qualifier if the course is not set up correctly.

It was agreed that MK will speak with Barry to confirm the dates of all our qualifiers, clarify when/whether we will be using white or yellow tees and indeed seek early notification whenever the course may not be set up correctly for a qualifier.

Action MK

6.4 World Handicapping System. With regard to the future situation, LD & MK agreed to bring up our concerns at the next Men's committee meeting.

Action MK/LD

LD would also endeavour to ascertain what other clubs were planning to do regards ensuring their course(/s) were legal (in terms of a measured course) on any one day.

Action LD

7. 30-60 Day View

MK reported that we had a busy period ahead with 3 friendly matches, the Kent knock out, League Matches and the competition with the Ladies all due over the next 2 months. It was noted that, at Ashford's request, our home friendly with them will be a PM start due to planned Motorway closures.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 **CONGU/World Handicapping System.** DS to head up a seniors' sub-committee on any discussions going forward.
- 8.2 **Kent Team Knock Out.** PL will take over responsibility for managing our team with back up from Mike Gibson.
- 8.3 **Seniors AGM.** A proposal has been put forward to hold this on a Thursday afternoon. As several members were absent, MK asked for it to be carried forward. **Action DS**
- 8.4 **D Day 75th Anniversary.** It was agreed that we would not support this initiative as we already donate to the Poppy Appeal.
- 8.5 **Founders Day Competition.** It was noted that there had been some adverse feedback re the new format. It was agreed to keep it as a Texas Scramble this year but to review matters for next year.
- 8.6 **New Members:** The joining process had not gone smoothly on a couple of occasions of late. Process to be reviewed and updated. **Action MK/LD/BT**
- 8.7 **KTP Trophy:** LD advised that Keith Turnbull had offered his trophy towards a seniors' competition. The committee were in favour and LD will respond with our thanks. **Action LD**
- 8.8 **Seniors Championship:** Discussion on this was deferred until the next meeting. **Action DS**

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 4th April 2019

The meeting closed at 15.50.