

<p>Present from the committee</p> <p>Michael Blanning (MB) Captain; James Mackay (JM), Vice-Captain; Ian Farrington (IF), Treasurer and Secretary; Paul Miles (PM), Competition and Handicap Secretary; Larry Davis (LD); Andrew Drummond (AD), Assistant Competition and Handicap Secretary; David Frost (DF); Trevor Barker (TB), Immediate Past Captain, John Moss (JM), Seniors Captain.</p> <p>In attendance: Glen Halsey (GH).</p>	
<p>1 Apologies for absence</p> <p>There were no absences.</p>	
<p>2 Approval of minutes for September committee meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Minutes agreed and approved.</p> <p>MB noted that apart from matters to be considered later in this meeting, there were no unresolved matters.</p>	
<p>3 Update from Management</p> <p>GH reported on: recent staff changes and in particular the appointment of a new assistant chief to support Michael; the good progress that had been made since January on the club house extension; the new food menu which would be released shortly; and the course work Barry had done recently in getting ready for the new season. GH reminded the committee that the course would be closed on 3rd April 2018 for a PGA/KGU competition but that the Pro-shop would help members get a tee time at another course if possible. Finally, GH commented that he recalled that members at an AGM had approved the purchase of a new trophy cabinet for the new extension and that he would like to understand were matters stood given the imminent plans for fitting out. IF reminded GH and the committee that no AGM had given approval for a new trophy cabinet from section funds. Rather, the conversation about a trophy cabinet had arisen in 2014 when members had rightly complained about the level of unspent reserves in the Men's Section. One of several options discussed at that time was that some of the funds could be used on projects linked with the new spike bar, such as a new trophy cabinet. But, with continued delays in building of the spike bar, in 2016 the then committee had taken material alternative steps to reverse the accumulated reserves which did not involve projects linked to the new extension.</p>	
<p>4 Feedback on the new competition entry system</p> <p>PM reported that implementation of the new system had been a success. Teething issues had mainly been "individual" related (such as topping up bar card instead of Pro-shop account, trying to punch screen options too quickly, or not leaving enough time to sign-in before going on the course) rather than process related. PM reported that he had spoken to ClubV1 during the week about speeding up processing and that ClubV1 were looking to make performance improvements if possible. PM commented that the only material process point of note was that early starters were mixing with those teeing off later in the morning causing a queue at the PSI terminal. It was agreed that in such cases those signing in to a competition should have priority over those entering a score card. It was</p>	

<p>also agreed that it would be helpful to have some guidance notes for members at the PSI terminal. IF commented that the new system had enabled the banking and prize payments to competition winners to be more efficiently handled.</p>	PM/AD
<p>5 Preparation for the Masters</p> <p>DF reported that all preparations were in place and remained the committee that the format and prize structure had already been agreed at the January meeting. Since then DF had arranged the purchase of a new banner which was ready to be installed on the first tee on Saturday morning, along with the gazebo (weather permitting). DF would deal with the set up on the morning and JM would help move the tables needed to anchor the gazebo. PM reported that he had prepared the electronic sign-in process ready for the weekend which will involve a separate sign-in for both days, noting in particular that those entering the second round of the competition will not be charged again, while those playing on Sunday only will be charged the entry fee. PM will confirm with the Pro-shop whether they wish to run a "2's" and if so will include that as an option at sign-in. IF will arrange for the Pro shop prize vouchers to be prepared in advance of the weekend.</p>	DF PM IF
<p>6 Other upcoming events</p> <p>MB reported that the principal upcoming events were the Richard Moore and the Captains' Charity Day. The format for the Richard Moore would remain as it has in the past; the entry fee and Prizes have already been approved (January 2018 committee meeting); and that there would be no food at the end of the event. As Chris Broughton had kindly given a speech in 2017 reminding members about the history of the event in general, and Richard in particular, this would not be done again in 2018 but would be done again in 2020. MB reported that unfortunately a clash of diaries had caused him to cancel the planned Captain's roll-up "giveme5" events on Wednesday evenings, and that MB would make members aware of the change in the next communication. MB outlined his plans for the Captain's Charity Day which included bacon and coffee in the morning, but no food at the end of the event. In particular, MB proposed that at least half the entry fee would go towards the Captains' charity with the remainder contributing to bacon, coffee and prizes. Finally, MB reminded the committee that the Cecil Leitch had been cancelled following the bad weather: given that our competitions diary was now full there was no opportunity to rearrange a new date and accordingly proposed that the competition not be rescheduled.</p> <p>After due consideration MB's proposals were approved.</p>	MB
<p>7 Team updates</p> <p>In the light of food price increases requested by Management, IF presented updated food subsidy proposals for the Kent and Invicta Leagues. As with 2017, this proposal sought to strike a balance between a fair use of the wider membership funds on the one hand, while ensuring that additional contributions by League players was not unreasonably onerous on the other. IF reminded the committee that one of the key tenets for a subsidy from wider membership funds was that any member meeting the eligibility requirements to play in the Leagues should have an opportunity to be considered for doing so. This was especially important given the increasing numbers of members who had expressed a wish to be considered. Indeed, the committee had implemented a number of initiatives to help members gain access to such matches.</p>	

<p>After due consideration the proposed subsidies for the Kent A and B teams were approved, and IF was authorised to make the payments to the applicable team captains and arrange the range cards. After further extensive discussion the committee felt that it was vital to give all eligible members a genuine opportunity to play in Invicta League matches where they wanted to do so. Accordingly, before any Invicta League subsidy payments are authorised, it was resolved that a selection of committee representatives should meet with the Invicta captain to convey fully the committee's views and expectations.</p>	<p>IF JM</p>
<p>8 Competitions policy</p> <p>PM reported that he would update the policy document for matters arising from the new sign in process where necessary. PM also highlighted the rule changes that come in to effect in 2019 and that he would suggest any changes to the existing policy document later in the year.</p>	
<p>9 Committee changes</p> <p>MB reminded the committee of the formal resignation of Frazer Nicol as Competition and Handicap Secretary earlier in the year, and the committee warmly thanked Frazer for all the hard work he had done and the improvements he had made in his time in the role.</p> <p>The committee formally approved Paul Miles to fill the casual vacancy of Competition and Handicap Secretary and confirmed the appointment of Andrew Drummond to the position of Assistant Competition and Handicap Secretary.</p> <p>JM highlighted that he would like to consider the composition, roles and succession of the committee in more detail and the committee agreed to have an agenda item for this at the next committee meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>10 Accounts for the period ended March 2018</p> <p>IF presented the management accounts for the period ended March 2018. IF commented that there were no material deviations from budget. So far this year the lower entry numbers on the summer knock-out events had been off-set by an addition medal competition in March. IF commented that the committee will have a better feel for how the year is running at the end of April once it sees the financial impact of the Masters and the actual out-turn on catching up with our 2018 engraving costs.</p>	
<p>10 AOB</p> <p>Some minor points were raised by various members, none of which required action.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting finished at 17:15

Next meeting Saturday 22nd May 2018