

**Kings Hill GC**  
**Mens Section Committee Meeting, September 2014**

**Held on Tuesday September 16, 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Ken Stevens (Captain) (KS), John Thornewell (JT), Phil Allen (PA), Malcolm Honey (MH), Ken Copleston(KC), Alex Parietti (AP), Simon Webb (SW), Bruce Wilton (BW), Trevor Barker (TB), Michael Blanning (MB)

**In attendance:** Glenn Halsey (GH), Ben Blackburn (BB)

**1. Apologies**

Adrian Cole, Paul Miles, Andy Jones

**2. Absent**

None

**3. Minutes of meeting held on June 3, 2014**

Agreed and accepted

**4. Matter arising**

**It was agreed** that a number of Committee members led by AP will meet the greens staff on the morning of the pro-am to thank them personally for the good condition of the course. Small gifts paid for out of Section funds may be purchased. Other action points from the previous meeting have all been completed.

**5. Captain's report**

KS reported that no comments had been received on the draft revised constitution.

Remaining events this year are the Davis cup (15 pairs so far); Anderson bowl on October 4; Winners' cup on October 11 followed by presentation; AGM on October 16; Captains' dinner on October 25: 80 people attending would be highly desirable to cover the £500 about to be spent on the music. **It was agreed** that the starter for the forthcoming weekend would be asked to alert members to these events.

KS circulated a draft email he proposes to send in response to an email from a particular member. **All agreed** that the Captain's email had their support.

**6. Social Secretary's report**

No report

## **7. Treasurer's report**

Income and expenditure figures for the year to July 10 showed a surplus of c.£1,600, though there are significant items of expenditure, notably to buy medals and for engraving, that are now committed. The item for Creditors on the balance sheet is represented by moneys owed by the A and Invicta teams.

There was a discussion on the desirability of reducing the cash surplus that has built up over the last couple of years:

**It was agreed** that at the next meeting, the first of the new season, BW would demonstrate estimates of how much entry fees for club competitions could be reduced as a means of reducing the surplus over time, while other members would offer suggestions for spending the money for worthwhile purposes.

## **8. Competition secretary's report**

AP reported KHGC's success in winning both the Kent Top Club and the Kent Captain's Cup (mixed fourball) this month. In addition, a team participated in the Medway trophy (foursomes, three pairs) for the first time. Sittingbourne GC closed their course for the day to members in order to host the Medway trophy, and AP noted that in due course KH could be invited/expected to host the event.

A number of issues were raised by AP and others:

- Whether the club handicap knock-out should remain as a full-handicap difference event
- The course length for CSS purposes over the winter, when the back part of the tees may need to be rested or may be unusable: possible solutions could be to use the yellow tees and to cancel the midweek medal.
- The lack of advertising of the midweek competitions leading to low entry numbers: **It was agreed** to put the yellow banner on the BRS.
- The tendency of one or two specific members always to play with the same person during a competition and even for the playing partner(s) to not be in the competition.

## **9. Handicap secretary's report**

No report

## **10. Report from Management**

GH reported that renewal letters have now been sent out, with positive feedback. The imminent inflow of cash will allow management to start various planned projects – e.g. new rollers, fertiliser, the extension, the pro shop till.

GH has started to admit some new members from the waiting list, and reported that some further new enquiries had come in too.

The fine condition of the course for the recent Southern PGA was noted; a further month should be expected, taking in the timing of the pro-am.

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### **11. Information from Junior section** (written report from Paul Miles)

Juniors won the Srixon foursomes plate with a fantastic match at Chiselhurst golf club against West Kent. We also top the Kent League in our pool, with 4 wins and a draw. The last match is on Saturday vs Sheerness: a win, half or no more than a 2-1 loss will see us qualify for the playoff rounds.

While 6 juniors were playing the final at Chiselhurst, another 6 were at Gillingham playing a league match. Very few clubs (if any) in Kent have a junior squad big enough to play two matches like this.

### **12. Information from Senior Section**

In the next couple of weeks there is one more friendly, two grand prix events, the Elders vs Saplings match and the Seniors open. The amended constitution is being finalised.

### **13. Preparation for the AGM**

MB proposed some further, small wording changes to the draft constitution, all agreed. Further, it was agreed that three ordinary member positions would be created on the Committee, the aim being to facilitate better communication with members.

KS will post a notice inviting nominations for the Committee to be received by October 2; MB will post the result of this process shortly afterwards.

MB to prepare agenda and to make hard copies of the agenda, last year's minutes and the proposed constitution for attendees at the AGM.

### **14. Any other business**

None

### **15. Date of next meeting**

TBC

### **16. Confidentiality**

None

Meeting finished at 9.05pm

Signed ..... Captain ..... Date

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