

Jaunty Park Golf Society

Minutes of meeting held in Birley, 6 November 2014

Attendance: Lee Rafter, Chris Armstrong, Dave Thickett, Adrian Dye, Gary Marshall, Martyn Barnett, Mark Gamban, Barry Ledger, John Evans, Danny Smith, Pat Songhurst, Robert Knight, Martin Shaw, Andy Dobson

Apologies: Graham Allen, Mark Ridgway, Alan Taylor, Nathan Charlesworth, Jason Pardoe

Lee Rafter chaired the meeting. Meeting opened at 8.00 pm

Minutes of last meeting accepted as a true record by:

Proposed: Robert Knight / Seconded: Chris Armstrong

Matters arising from previous meeting

Simon advised that he hasn't seen Nathan since last meeting so he has been unable to pass on £2.00 winnings left from recent bonus ball win. Due to arrears this £2 has now been passed onto treasurer.

November medal times at Tinsley GC are from 10.06 – 10.30.

Report from committee members regarding 2014 activities:

Captain – Mark Gamban

Mark has enjoyed the golfing days arranged during the year and looks forward to the same in 2015. Mark would like to thank all other committee members for their efforts this year.

President – Andy Dobson

Andy echoed the comments from Mark in regards to 2014.

Treasurer – Gary Marshall

Gary gave summary of JPGS finances so far in 2014. Recent lottery winners were advised of their wins and were given option of taking winnings or putting this towards their subs.

Gary advised that currently there is around £10.66 pp for xmas drinks which should be just about right. Gary passed around xmas drinks sheet for any members who have not stated their drinks preference.

Gary gave a list to Lee of members who are behind with subs and these will be contacted ASAP to bring up to date.

Handicap Secretary – Andy Thickett

Andy discussed upcoming Ryder Cup match with the Birley (16/11) and that we need 24 players and does anyone know a non-member who could play in this event? Tee times at Thornhurst will be from 10.30am and all need to be at the course for 9.30 for bacon sarnie and the draw.

Secretary – Lee Rafter

Lee thanked all committee members for their support this year and hope 2015 is the same.

Lee discussed the continued absence from society meetings by a large proportion of members and this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Proposals submitted for any rule changes / amendments

Proposal 1

Proposal that all members must attend at least 1 meeting per quarter within a calendar year (needs to be in the rules so proposal 2 can become effective).

Proposed: Chris Armstrong / Seconded: Pat Songhurst

11 votes in favour / 2 no's / 1 abstain

Proposal passed

Proposal 2

Proposal to sanction those members who don't attend 1 meeting per quarter within a calendar year. Sanction will be that they are not be entitled to end of year xmas spirit drink.

Proposed: Barry Ledger / Seconded: Simon Fairfax

14 votes in favour / 0 no's or abstains

Proposal passed

Proposal 3

Proposal that society subs are only taken at monthly meetings.

Proposed: Gary Marshall / Seconded: Lee Rafter

2 votes in favour / 12 no's / 0 abstain

Proposal rejected

Proposal 4

Proposal that bonus ball winnings can only be collected at monthly meetings. If a member wins the bonus ball and it is not collected within that calendar year the money will go back into the society.

Proposed: Robert Knight / Seconded: Martyn Barnett

14 votes in favour / 0 no's / 0 abstain

Proposal passed

Proposal 5

Proposal that scoring mechanism within the society is changed from SSS to the actual par of the course.

Proposed: Andy Thickett / Seconded: Lee Rafter

14 votes in favour / 0 no's / 0 abstain

Proposal passed

Proposal 6

Proposal that the winner of a society medal/major will be dropped a minimum of 1 full shot from their current handicap.

Proposed: Robert Knight / Seconded: Graham Allen

12 votes in favour / 1 no / 1 abstain

Proposal passed

Proposal 7

Proposal that any player scoring within 3 shots over the course par will not have their current handicap increased by 0.1.

Proposed: Andy Thickett / Seconded: Lee Rafter

13 votes in favour / 1 no / 0 abstain

Proposal passed

6 out of the 7 proposals were passed with a majority so these will be implemented and added into society rules and will be effective from 01/01/15. A

couple of other proposals were submitted for discussion but they were on a similar (or same) line as above proposals so these were not required to be voted on by members present at the meeting.

Election of committee positions for 2015

Mark Gamban advised he was happy to continue as Captain for 2015. No other member wished to put themselves forward for this role so Mark to continue. Thanks to Mark for continued involvement.

Andy Thickett advised he was happy to continue as Handicap Secretary for 2015. No other member wished to put themselves forward for this role so Andy to continue. Thanks again to Andy for continued involvement in the committee.

Lee Rafter advised he was happy to continue as Secretary for 2015. No other member wished to put themselves forward for this role so Lee to continue. Thanks to Lee for continued involvement in this time consuming role.

Andy Dobson and Gary Marshall advised they will be stepping down from their roles on the committee.

Martyn Barnett (seconded Mark Gamban) and Chris Armstrong (seconded Lee Rafter) put themselves forward as President for 2015.

Members voted for preferred choice and majority vote was for Chris Armstrong. Congratulations to Chris and thanks also to Martyn for willingness again to be involved in committee.

Martyn Barnett put himself forward as Treasurer for 2015. Seconded by Mark Gamban.

All members voted and carried unanimously. Many thanks to Martyn.

Committee positions for 2015 are:

- Secretary – Lee Rafter
- Treasurer – Martyn Barnett
- Handicap Secretary – Andy Thickett
- President – Chris Armstrong
- Captain – Mark Gamban

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Robert Knight, Pat Songhurst, Simon Fairfax and Barry Ledger all wished to thank the committee members for their efforts during the year to make it such a success and all look forward to 2015.

Danny Smith and Martin Shaw discussed the option of playing some different courses in 2015 and not just relying on SIV venues when playing the monthly medals. The society discussed this and it may have been better suited as a rule proposal change but the consensus was that this is not a problem and all present at the meeting would be open to this. If any member of the society wants to book a medal day at a different course in 2015 then this can be trialed but it needs organising and if someone says they are going to book something then they must follow through with it and book the required number of tee times etc. If this turns out to be a success it could be discussed as a rule change in the 2015 AGM.

Lee Rafter advised members that unfortunately Mark Ridgway has resigned from the society with immediate effect due to family/work commitments. Lee advised that Mark wished his £20.00 deposit to be put back into the society as a gesture of goodwill – Mark will be greatly missed as he was a regular attendee at events and we wish him all the best for the future.

Andy Thickett queried about status of new polo shirts as a lot of members do not own one? Martin Shaw advised he will be happy again to contribute a set amount towards new polo shirts so this will be discussed at next meeting to find out numbers and choose a colour (not red!). Many thanks again to Martin for this kind gesture.

Mark Gamban advised the society now has a twitter account so if anyone wants to tweet it is @jpgsociety.

John Evans advised that he is glad he has recently joined the society and he is looking forward to 2015.

Meeting closed: 10.06 pm

Next meeting: Steelers Bar, 8pm Thursday 4 December 2014