

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS GOLF SECTION COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

Present:

Captain	Joe Francis (JF)
Vice Captain	Rob Smith (RS)
Past Captain	Dave Cuthbert (DC)
Honorary Secretary	Jim Johnston (JJ)
Competition Secretary	Doug Fletcher (DF)
Honorary Treasurer	Mike Vine (MV)

Item 1 – Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record

Proposed: Mike Vine; Seconded: Dave Cuthbert

Item 2 – Matters arising from last meeting

The cost of an additional honours board for the individual knockout Champion has been received and the Committee has agreed to pay for the board and the names of the winners over the past 25yrs. We need to come up with a name for the Trophy so members will be canvassed for ideas and the decision made at the next meeting/AGM.

Item 3 – Captain's Report

3.1 Boundaries and Respect: The Captain would like to remind all members of the Section that there is a correct way to resolve any issues/complaints/observations etc. The Committee are here to represent the members and deal with matters arising as required, so please direct any issues you may have to either a Committee member or the person involved, it is not appropriate to have discussions with each other without giving someone an opportunity to respond.

3.2 Vice Captain's Roll: Due to the changes that have, and will shortly happen, there needs to be a small amendment to the Constitution which will be ratified at the AGM.

3.3 Clarification of competitions organised by the Competition Secretary: Due to various organisational changes this year and the appointment of a new Competition Secretary, the Captain has taken on the organisation of most events. Moving forward, all competitions, with the exception of Monday 'roll-ups' and the Turkey Trot, will be controlled by the Competition Secretary with the assistance, as required, of Committee members.

3.4 Complying with mandatory handicaps: The World Handicap System provides recommendations on the % of a handicap that may be awarded for competitions. JF would like to introduce this whenever possible and apply it to all our events, including where practical, Monday non-qualifiers. This will give the added bonus of accurately assessing scores if/when handicap reviews are required to be undertaken. After much debate over adopting this a vote was taken and it was agreed that this practice would be adopted by a 4-2 majority.

3.5 Running the Section as a Business: The Captain was pleased to report that, together with the Treasurer, the Section will be in a very healthy position at the end of the year. As a consequence, there will be no need to increase either the annual subscriptions or the weekly competition fees. Once again, as a reminder, your £3 is divided as follows: 1/3 prize money, 1/3 2s sweep, 1/3 split between charity and section funds. It is not practical to give a percentage breakdown for prizes per

event as it varies considerably dependant on type of competition, numbers entered etc. In addition, it is now possible to set up an online payment system via HowDidiDo. Moving forward there will be no need for 1 or 2 people to take money every week which is extremely time consuming for those involved. In simple terms you will make a payment once a month to cover future events and as you book individual competitions your credit will be reduced. Full details will follow as we get closer to going live with this new routine. (Post meeting note: see JF email dated 7 Sept introducing the concept).

3.6 JF has volunteered to take on a new role as website coordinator and online booking coordinator. This role will involve maintaining our website/online payment facility and coordinating senior events promulgated on HowDidiDo as directed by the Captain and Competition Secretary. JF has agreed to look at the cost of renewing the website (due May 23) with a view to obtaining a discount on the renewal costs which was obtained at the start of the current 3yr period.

3.7 JF asked if the Committee would like him to remain as clothing coordinator which was unanimously agreed.

3.8 JF asked if the Committee were happy to continue with the full programme of friendly fixtures which was unanimously agreed.

3.9 Cornwall O/55 competition: it was agreed that the new Captain would liaise with the Men's Section Captain to agree the composition of the team for this event which is paid for by CFCC.

3.10 Harry Champion: The Section will submit 2 teams of 8 for this event which will be subsidised by the Section and comprise of senior members only.

3.11 The course will be closed on Monday 11 Sept 23 for the Engineers Open, it is the intention to organise an away day instead which will be added to the fixture list for reference.

3.12 CFCC has invited representatives from each Section to form a handicap committee. A formal meeting has been set for 11 Nov and the Competition Secretary will represent the Senior Section.

Item 4 – Secretary's Report

4.1 An email has been sent to all clubs with whom we play friendly fixtures outlining a proposal which would make the friendlies more competitive by balancing teams according to handicap allowances within pairings. It has been widely accepted by most clubs that this has been an issue and agreed that the best solution would be for the home Captain to select where each pairing should play with the exception of the first pairings which always include the respective Captains.

4.2 Current membership stands at 121.

4.3 Draft fixture list prepared, notable difference is an increase in qualifiers from 5 to 13 (not including named competitions) which will include winter events weather permitting.

Item 6 – Competition Secretary's Report

6.1 DF stated that we currently have 24 competitions of which 14 are trophy events. It was debated, due to the costs involved, whether we should continue to give individual Trophies as well as vouchers for all these events. DF will send a list to all Committee members to select which events should receive trophies and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

6.2 Summer Competitions are progressing well although the dates for completion of some of the knockout rounds could be better.

Item 6 – Treasurer's Report

As reported earlier the Sections finances are in good shape with a current balance of £3367 from which £475 has been earmarked for the partial cost of providing trophies/engraving but this will increase when final costings are known, approx £700 is owed for clothing, approx £200 for the single's knockout honours board and the website is due for renewal May next year. Taking everything into account we should still have a healthy balance in excess of £1K.

The next meeting is provisionally planned for Wednesday 12 October.

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