

## **MINUTES OF THE SENIORS GOLF SECTION COMMITTEE HELD MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Present:

Captain	Rob Smith (RS)
Vice Captain	Paul Jarvis (PJ)
Past Captain	Joe Francis (JF)
Honorary Secretary	Jim Johnston (JJ)
Competition Secretary	Doug Fletcher (DF)
Treasurer	Mike Vine (MV) Keith Chapman

### **Item 1 – Minutes of Last Meeting dated 26 Jun 23**

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Paul Jarvis; Seconded: Doug Fletcher

### **Item 2 – Matters arising from last meeting:**

2.1 Constitution amendment(s). Draft amendments submitted to the Committee (see 4.3)

### **Item 3 – Captain’s Report**

3.1 Update on forthcoming team Open and future events. The Captain reported that CFCC are happy to run all future Opens (advertising, taking fees etc.) and assisting on the day where possible, whilst still allowing the Section to retain 50% of any profits made from the event(s).

3.2 Retention of the chinafleet.golf domain name. After much discussion and given the additional cost of approximately £1 per week, it was agreed to continue using this unique name.

Proposed: Doug Fletcher Seconded: Jim Johnston, 3-2 in favour

### **Item 4 – Secretary’s Report**

4.1 JJ updated the Committee on the 2024 provisional fixture list which has been submitted to CFCC. There have been some small changes to the friendly fixture dates, the Peter Gill has moved to accommodate more entrants at the request of the Vice-Captain, the Rick Evans Charity Day will now be held on a Monday and the Team Open will move from October to August. DF will contact The Point to request 12 and 20 June dates for our entry into The Harry Champion event.

4.2 Since the last meeting the following members have joined: Nigel Webster, Ian Fraser and Steve Vieira We now have 119 members.

4.3 The Committee agreed the proposed Constitution Amendments which will be forwarded to the Senior membership prior to the AGM ready for a vote on the day.

4.4 The AGM will be held in The Pacific Suite on completion of a 9-hole competition on Monday 6 Nov, anticipated start time of 1200-1230.

### **Item 5 – Competition Secretary’s Report**

5.1 Knockouts have progressed well with all 3 at the final stage.

5.2 Eclectic completed 3 October, winter Eclectic to commence 1 November.

5.3 Team Open. DF requested information on the prize fund and allocation of prizes for this event, MV stated that as the competition was still open for entrants a final figure was not yet available but will be communicated as soon as known.

5.4 DF enquired whether we intended to continue the requirement for members to have submitted 3 qualifying Cards in the last 6 months to qualify for trophy events. After discussing the pros and cons of continuing with this or moving to a 6 in 12 months rule it was voted by a majority of 3-2 to change to the 6 in 12 rule effective from the winter Eclectic competition. Proposed: Doug Fletcher; Seconded Rob Smith

5.5 Winter Rules. It was agreed by all that we will follow whatever club rules are in force on the day.

5.6 MV stated that he would expect the cost of trophy engraving to be similar to last year with a small increase due to inflation. Trophy events will be presented at the AGM, all others at the Turkey Trot.

5.7 Following the CFCC handicap committee meeting(s) and subsequent decisions made, the Senior's Committee agreed the following procedural changes. Anyone entering a qualifying event and either not submitting their score or not informing a committee member of their intention not to play, will automatically be given a penalty score for the event and will not be refunded the cost of entry. Entry fees for non-qualifying events will similarly not be refunded. Obviously if you are unable to contact a member of the committee prior to an event but have a valid reason (not weather related!) then this penalty score/non refund will not be imposed.

#### **Item 6 – Treasurer's Report**

6.1 The Section remains in a healthy position financially. Allowing for monies held in the wallet, charity account and anticipated spending on trophies and engraving we will have approx. £2200. The weekly prize pot is being increased by approximately 10% each week and we agreed at the last meeting to pay for the mince pies and coffees at the Turkey Trot, members are still encouraged to submit suggestions for consideration by the Committee.

6.2 MV has made a proposal that all future winnings should be credited to individual wallets (with an option to withdraw allowed) which has been agreed in principle by the Committee. The proposal will be put forward to the members at the AGM.

#### **Item 7 – Any Other Business**

7.1 PJ enquired about the budget for the Turkey Trot. MV stated that the cost will be £5 as in previous years but as we will cover the cost of mince pies and coffees the prize fund will be larger.

7.2 PJ asked whether the Rick Evans will still be open to non-members now that it is being moved to a Monday date. RS stated that it would remain open to Rick Evans family, members of the PTI association and other CFCC members who still wished to attend.

7.3 Given that the numbers of those under 70 were significantly less than those over, it was considered an appropriate time to ask the membership if they were happy to reduce the age of membership back to 55 which would bring us in line with the age requirements for County/Open events. Given that most people in this age bracket would still be in employment it is not anticipated that it will have much effect on membership numbers. It was agreed that this item will be put to the members at the AGM.

#### **Item 8 – Date of next Meeting**

8.1 AGM Monday 6 November, next routine Committee meeting approx. Mar 24.

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