

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS GOLF SECTION COMMITTEE HELD MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

Present:

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

Item 1 – Minutes of Last Meeting dated 25 Sept 23

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Rob Smith; Seconded: Doug Fletcher

Item 2 – Matters arising from last meeting & AGM

2.1 Constitution amendments approved at AGM, new version updated and signed.

2.2 The Committee has agreed to continue with the existing handicap restrictions for certain competitions (currently set as a maximum playing handicap of 30) and is in line with R&A guidance. It is appreciated that some higher handicap golfers may feel disadvantaged with this ruling but to protect the integrity of certain competitions and to alleviate the possibility of exceptionally high scores being submitted it was considered necessary.

Item 3 – Captain's Report

3.1 My year as captain of China fleet Senior's golf section has started a little damp to say the least. Organizing our Monday roll-ups has proved challenging with the stage one, stage two, or course closed conditions. I have several seniors who understandably can't or will not carry which requires me to make very late changes to the format along with gap-filling when under carry-only conditions. Nevertheless, with the support of Treasurer Mike and Vice-Captain Keith, we have successfully addressed all the last-minute changes which has enabled everyone to enjoy their golf.

3.2 The number of Monday roll-up days played since November is 14 out of a possible 19, We lost three Mondays due to the weather and another two because Christmas Day and New Year's Day fell on Mondays. I very much look forward to a better spring and summer.

3.3 Thanks must go to Nathan and his staff at this very difficult time battling extreme wet conditions. It has clearly been impossible to maintain grass cutting resulting in short rough becoming long rough and hiding a lot of golf balls. Praise must be given to the management of the greens at this difficult time which are holding up well. It was with great sadness to hear of the loss of Martin Coe. Martin was quiet, hard-working and in the middle of some important changes to bunkers on the 15th along with other works and I've no doubt he is sorely missed as a member of staff.

3.4 INTERCLUB MATCHES: Senior inter-club matches are now upon us, the first of which is CF vs the Bowood Bandits. (not sure if that's PC but hey-ho) and is this Wednesday 20th. I would like to be able to report later we returned the 8.0 stuff they gave us away last year, we'll see? Next is home to Truro and on it goes into what I hope will be a successful year for us. The Pool of players I have is 25 and there are 2 or 3 who have offered to step in if I'm really desperate. However, as not all players have ticked availability for all matches the main pool on any given day is typically 18 which is tight for a 16-player team, I therefore anticipate difficulty spreading financial cost for some players

due to the number of matches they will be asked to play. The home match menu is the same as last year on rotation with one replacement for the steak and ale pie which I have requested and will be confirmed later. We have been invited to play a friendly tester match away to Looe on Thursday, May the 2nd, and I will be looking for team players for this one-off friendly match. The outcome of this event will need to be followed up for discussion at a later seniors committee meeting as to the viability of playing Looe in the future.

3.5 Seniors Opens: Still plenty of spaces to fill for both team and individual events.

3.6 We currently have approx £660 in the Captains Charity, many thanks for all your support.

3.7 To finish, these are a couple of points I'm taking to the Management meeting:

a. Provision of Winter tee Mats on 2nd and 10th before next year.

b. The condition of some existing ones is in poor condition.

3.8 Proposal to change the existing Seniors Logo to come into line with the existing CFCC design was discussed and is also being considered by the other Sections. The shirts will be offered at a significant discount and, in addition, the Section will also subsidise one shirt per member by another £10 which will be restricted to one each. Although primarily to be used for matches to standardise our dress they will be offered to everyone who wishes to purchase them. JJ has offered to canvas the members to gain their support for the logo change and the colour option preferred.

3.9 it was suggested that the policy of rolling over the 2s sweep be changed in favour of either donating the money to charity or having some sort of raffle to distribute the winnings. This was rejected by the Committee by a 5-1 majority.

Item 4 – Secretary's Report

4.1 Since the last meeting the following members have joined: Rob Knapman and Brian Hill with the following having left the section: Keith Cotton, Dave Godfrey, Glyn Gough, Derek Heal, Mike Healey, Rob Hobbs, Roger Jenkin, Phil Keith, Jim Page, Will Reader, Alec Turner, Mel Carter and Peter Durrant. This leaves the membership at 105.

Item 5 – Competition Secretary's Report

5.1 Winter Eclectic has had low numbers this year undoubtedly due to the abnormally wet conditions, as a result the prizes will be restricted to the winners of each division only. Members are reminded that it has been extended to 24 April. A suggestion from Rob Evans that we revert back to the old book system was unanimously rejected. It is planned to review the continued viability of the winter Eclectic later in the year.

5.2 Numbers entering the Knockouts are similar to last year's entries and during the meeting the draw had just been published on HowDidiDo.

5.3 Harry Champlon entries have now been confirmed as 13 and 19 June, the Cornwall Over 55s Team Championship won by CFCC last year will be held at Truro, also on 19 June.

5.4 There was some debate as to whether we could still play qualifying competitions off the yellow tees when the tee positions on holes 7 and 14 were moved forward. The Captain has agreed to mention this at the next management meeting and if it is going to be a problem get an agreement from the greenkeepers to adjust the tees accordingly.

5.5 Handicap Committee Meeting due 14 March rescheduled to 22 March.

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 we have approximately £1800. In the event a large number of members take up the £10 subsidy for shirts this balance will drop considerably but still leave us in a very good state.

Item 7 – Any Other Business

7.1 There have been a number of complaints about the length of time being taken to play a round, a complaint echoed at the recent Men's AGM. There is obviously no magic cure for this and the time spent looking for balls due to the current course conditions is a significant factor. What can help is everyone sticking to the 3-minute rule looking for balls & hitting provisional balls as and when required; in addition, please call groups through when you have lost a hole!!!!

Item 8 – Date of next Meeting

8.1 Next routine Committee meeting approx. Jun 24.

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