

SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB SENIORS' SECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2009

Present:

Alan Jude	Seniors' Captain
John Swift	Committee Member
Peter Williams	Committee Member
Roger Youngjohns	Committee Member (Acting Secretary)
	46 Members

AGENDA ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES.

Brian Else (Vice Captain), Bill Dark (Secretary/Treasurer), Royce Reynolds, Doug Tasker, Pete Talbot Dave Dann and Tom Earl.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 28th February 2008 were presented to the meeting. They were proposed as a true record by Barry Griffiths and seconded by Alan Moore. The proposal was carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING.

Alan Moore commented that the proposal by Ian Naylor to open the half-way house was much appreciated by the entire Seniors' Membership.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

Well here we are then! I've made it!

Eleven months ago, at the E.G.M., following the sudden departure of Dave Miles, you all voted for my captaincy. There was only the one dissenter, in the room and that was Me!

SO IT WAS NOT MY FAULT!

Notwithstanding, I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support, throughout this last year, of not only myself, but your committee and the Senior Section as a whole. Being a committee member is never straightforward but the roles are made that much easier when one feels that what we do is at least appreciated, for most of the time, anyway. So what about the year then?

In the absence of Bill Dark, I do not have access to relevant figures but I do know that each and every one of our special events, Seniors Captains, Open, Am-Am and Invitation Days have been successful, in terms of attendance, receipts and hopefully everyone's enjoyment. As you are no doubt aware, these things don't just happen. A lot of thought and effort goes on behind the scene and in this context I thank the committee, each and every one of them, my wife Elizabeth, Wendy and Maureen, and all the ladies ever willing to volunteer. Amanda and Sue in the bar here, and those many of you who contributed things like cakes, sweets, drink and raffle prizes. In addition to these special event days, the daily outings have not been bad either, I would suggest. We have enjoyed a variety of games, as organized by my good friend and vice captain, Brian Else, with attendances often reaching over 50 players. And let no one forget that our social gatherings here in the clubroom each section day, play a big part towards the well being of our Golf Club.

Then, those of you who attended our away day on the 14th August, at Torksey Golf Club, and the Christmas Dinner Dance at the Legionnaires Club, Sleaford, I feel sure will agree with me that these were most enjoyable and successful occasions, too.

Then there were the inter club matches. A total of 39 of you played for South Kyme Seniors on at least one occasion, and I give to those my personal thanks because without such tremendous support, choosing a team of 16 can be pretty daunting. Some didn't want to play on a regular basis but let it be known that if I was ever short, they would be willing to step in. 39 times I say, thank you very, very much. During the year we played 20 times, due to North Shore crying off from their two fixtures. Of those 20 matches, we won sieben, halved zwei and lost elf times.

In addition to the team, I take this opportunity to thank Pete Smith and Andy Snoxell for their excellent work on the course, which raised numerous favourable comments from our opponents, throughout the year, and again thank you to the girls in the kitchen plus Jill Snoxell, for providing our post match dinner menus which again impressed the guests.

We have new opponents for this coming year, Canwick Park, near Lincoln, replacing North Shore. I wish Brian's match team well!

With your help, my Captain's fund which ran for only 11 months, because of the unfortunate circumstances of Dave leaving, has reached a tremendous figure of £2529.50p. To reach this target, the Quiz night, I ran on Captain's Day evening, with the invaluable help of Nigel and Sue Kent, made £250 due mainly to all the winners donating their prize monies, in full, to the charity. Then those testing cryptic clue sheets, for which I received interminable abuse, made around another £70 towards the final total. And bless those of you who, like me, don't seem to be able to keep a ball dry. As you know, this money will again be going to The Air Ambulance Service.

For me, perhaps the best news is that there are still over 80 Seniors signed up and more importantly, all who have entered the Departure Lounge, throughout the year, are thankfully still of this world. Having said that, let us not forget those colleagues who have struggled health wise during these months. I feel sure you would like to join me and express your own continued good wishes to them all.

Last but by no means least, I have to give my personal thanks to our golf director, Peter Chamberlain. Many a time he has been confronted by yours truly, with the most mundane of queries, no doubt, but he has never failed to be as helpful as he could. I wouldn't mind betting, Peter likens us to the television programme, 'Grumpy Old Men'. In fact he has just told me he looks on us as 'Songs of Praise' in that we are the light of his life. Thank you Peter!

That's my report. It has been a year full of new experiences for me, most of them nice ones others somewhat interesting.

I've told nobody else this, until now, but I have recently been encouraged to consider joining Woodhall Spa Golf Club, near to where I live. Well, I said at the beginning of this report that being Captain was not my fault. Now I say, the fact I intend to remain at South Kyme is your fault. I am very happy to remain among you.

I wish Brian and Wendy a successful year to come and I close by wishing all of you and your families, good luck for the future, good golfing and in the words of 'A bygone England',
"OYEZ" ; "OYEZ" ; "OYEZ"

AGENDA ITEM 5 – SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT.

Once again the Section has enjoyed another very successful year with 83 paid up members and has quite often seen 45 to 50 of them turning out on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Other successful events in raising funds for the Section were the raffle run in conjunction with the Seniors AM-AM which showed a profit of £280, the Seniors Open which was extremely well supported and showed a profit of £475(our thanks go to Roger Youngjohns for that one) and the Invitation Day which raised another £261. This overall profit is up £400 on last year.

Taking all the above into consideration it can be seen why I have had difficulty in reducing the General Fund by as much as I would have like. As in the previous year we made contributions towards club improvements which this year totalled £400, an increase of £50.

The introduction of a free halfway house on a Thursday proved to be very popular and cost the Section £91 and is a facility I would like to see continue for as long as it remains affordable.

As can be seen from the Statement of Income and Expenditure I was able to subsidise both the Away Day and the Christmas Function to a higher level than last year and the cost of Trophies and engraving was also considerably higher.

The overall effect of all of this is that I have reduced the level of the General Fund by almost exactly £150. This is a trend I would hope, if re-elected, to continue over the next year.

Copies of the audited Income and Expenditure account for the past year have been circulated and if anyone has any questions I hope that in my absence the committee will be able to answer them. However if this cannot be done to your satisfaction then I will gladly try to do so at an EGM on my return at the end of March.

Can I please have a proposer and seconder that the I&E account is accepted by you the members.

The I&E Account was proposed as a true record by John Coulson, seconded by Pat Stewart and accepted by all present.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN.

There is one nomination for Captain, that of Brian Else. Proposed by Alan Jude and seconded by Bill Dark - carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CAPTAIN.

There is one nominee for the post of Seniors' Vice-Captain, that of Roger Youngjohns. Proposed by Brian Else, seconded by Bill Dark - carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ELECTION OF SENIORS' COMMITTEE.

In addition to the Captain and Vice-Captain, the Seniors' Section Constitution calls for a Secretary/Treasurer and 3 additional members to serve on the Committee. Nominee for the Secretary/Treasurer is Bill Dark, proposed by Roger Youngjohns and seconded by Peter Williams - carried unanimously.

Nominees for the additional members are Peter Williams, John Swift, Ian Naylor and Mike Key. As only 3 members can serve, a closed written ballot was carried out and the following were selected to serve as Committee members for the coming year: Peter Williams, John Swift and Mike Key.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – PROPOSITIONS FROM MEMBERS.

Proposed by: Alan Broom Seconded by: Royce Reynolds

That the Seniors' Section Committee endeavour to reduce the General Fund of £1,249.72 as at 1st January 2009 to a more meaningful level of circa £900 by 31 December 2009. Also, that the reserve of £300 for the

Seniors' Open created in 2005 be dissolved by the same date, 31 December 2009. It is suggested that this be achieved by paying more prizes for competitions (1st – 4th) and retaining a lesser ratio from subs paid.”
This motion was carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Proposed by: Mel Moxon Seconded by Harry Lee

That the current selection of two par 3 holes for the 2's competition be changed to all par 3's. Votes for the motion 24; against the 28. Therefore, the motion was not carried.

Proposed by: Peter Williams Seconded by: Vic Watson

That the members give a heartfelt vote of thanks to the outgoing Seniors' Captain (Alan Jude) for doing a splendid job in office, particularly when called to do the task at such short notice. Applauded by all the members.

- Proposed by: Alan Burgess Seconded by Alan Moore

That the members give a big vote of thanks to the Secretary/Treasurer (Bill Dark) for continuing to do an outstanding job. Applauded by all the members.

There being no other business the Captain declared the meeting closed.