

SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB SENIORS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON 26th FEBRUARY 2015

Present:

Paul Eales	Seniors Captain
Neil Gilbert	Seniors Vice Captain
Peter Zammit	Secretary
Bill Dark	Treasurer
Peter Williams	Committee member
Alister Grant	Committee member
John Spooner	Committee member.
	52 members.

The meeting was opened at 08.00 hrs by Captain Paul Eales

AGENDA ITEM 1- APOLOGIES.

Bob Russell, Pete Talbot, Ian Brereton, Dave Proctor, Jim Baxter, Ray Duncan, and Stewart Milner

AGENDA ITEM 2- PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 27th February 2014 were presented to the meeting. They were proposed as a true record by Bob Palmer and seconded by Pete Turner. The vote for the proposal was carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3-MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4- CAPTAINS REPORT.

The Captain took the floor and asked for all members to rise and hold a minute silence in remembrance of our much liked member and friend, **MR. ALAN STOKER** who sadly passed away in his captaincy's year. Our thoughts are with his loved ones.

Seniors Captain report 2014 / 2015.

Many thanks to all of you for your support, especially the Committee Members, you have all contributed to our success throughout the year. Committee members give a lot of their time to get things running smoothly and efficiently. I didn't realise before being on the committee how much they do. They do all the booking in. Run the competitions, plus they provide a halfway house for the Seniors AMAM and the Seniors Open. While I'm talking about Seniors it makes me proud that when any volunteers are required to work on the course it's the senior section that provide the majority of the work force. Well done to you all.

Sincere thanks to all the Ladies who have helped throughout the year in the halfway house, my wife Jane, Neil's wife Loraine and Gerry's wife Wendy. Also a big thank you to Maureen Dark for selling a mean raffle ticket. I would like to thank the Bar and Kitchen staff for coping with our ever increasing numbers so well. Thanks go to

the Green staff for their continued hard work and to Pete and Tracey for all their help and guidance.

We played 22 matches last year, of which we won 11, halving 6, and losing 5. We had some good results throughout the season but the important thing is that we always enjoy the hospitality of other senior club members, good food all around, and a good bit of banter, in a friendly, competitive way. In all 43 different players took part in these matches, thank you all for your support.

My Captain`s day, went very well with good weather and 71 members playing. Those of you who attended our away day, at Rufford Park 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.

My charity this year as you know is Parkinson`s and we have raised a magnificent total of £ 5,810. This is due to your kind generosity in feeding the water jar and the various raffles etc we have held. There have also been some very generous donations from individuals, and donations from the Quiz night winners. We have a great seniors section here at South Kyme and long may it continue.

Finally I would like once again to thank you all for your support, and to wish your new Captain Neil Gilbert, and vice Captain John Spooner, a very successful 2015 / 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 5 SECRETARY REPORT 2014 / 2015.

Thank you dear friends, this year has flown by and separating the Secretary and the treasurer job has made life a lot easier for myself and Bill Dark.

This last year has been quite successful, so much so that we keep getting requests from other clubs wanting to us in matches, and all this is due to us being a friendly section, and a very popular golf course.

This year 2015, we have added “Spalding Golf Club” on a home and away bases to our Seniors match fixture. However our schedule for this year is completely full, thus we had to move the “Dave Tomley trophy” comp on to a Tuesday so that we can accommodate Spalding, also this year we have brought forward our Seniors open from September to July the 30th.

After last years fiasco in the Knock-out matches (Singles & Doubles) this year we intend to be a lot more rigid and in keeping with the dates on the draw.

So, the player on top of the draw deemed to be the home player, will give his opponent 3 dates in which to play their match within the allotted dead line date.

If the opposing player cannot meet any of the 3 dates, and no compromised date is reached between them, then the tie will be decided by a toss of a coin.

This ruling will also apply to the Doubles matches, if one of the partners cannot make the dates, than the match can go ahead with the format of 2 vs 1, or a coin toss.

I would like to finish by echoing my captains words and expressing my thanks, first of all to all of you for making this such a successful section, I would like to personally thank Mr Phill Johnson who has been of great help to me, my thanks go to DOG Pete and his wife Tracy for all their help through the year, the greens staff, and the bar and kitchen staff, but most of all my thanks go to the ladies that help out in the half way house on our Tournament days, and all those members who also help on these special days.

Thank you and lets hope that 2015 will be as big a success as last year.

AGENDA ITEM 6- Treasurer report.

The Section has enjoyed yet another very successful year with 127 members and has quite often seen 60 to 70 plus of them turning out on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Successful events in raising funds for the Section this year were the Seniors Open Day and the end of season Invitation Day which raised a combined total of £663. Of this £600 was donated to the our SKGC Club fund. This overall profit is down on last year, mainly due to increase in cost of prizes and food and the fact that we once again we did not increase entry fees.

The ratio of weekly subs to that paid out in prizes this year was 75%. This does not include the Winter League which ultimately pays back in prizes 100% of that paid in subs.

The balance of our SKGC Club fund currently stands at £1171.16. From this the committee has agreed to pay £750 towards the cost of the drainage work on the course.

My one area of concern at the beginning of the year was the size of our General Fund - £1202 and my aim was to reduce this back to around £800 this year, which was almost achieved, and then back to around £700 over the coming year.

Copies of the audited Income and Expenditure account for the past year have been circulated and if anyone has any questions I will gladly try to answer them.

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 Alan Moore, seconded by Mel Moxon and accepted by all present.

Before I close I thought you might all be interested in some research I have recently carried out. That is since I first became treasurer in 2007 as a section we have donated £32,818 to charity and raised £6300 to support various club projects and improvements. That is a tremendous achievement, on behalf of all our Captains over these years thank you to each and every one of you for your support.

The breakdown of the charity money raised is as follows:

Prostate Cancer Research £765

Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance (over 4years) £13,616

LIVES (Lincs First Responders) £2367

Not Forgotten Assoc(Disabled Military Charity) £3802

OCHID(Research into Male Cancers) £4086

Parkinsons Research £5810

Royal British Legion £2372

Also see attached the 2014 / 2015 finance breakdown.

AGENDA ITEM 7-APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN.

It was proposed by Paul Eales, seconded by Bill Dark that Neil Gilbert to be appointed Seniors Captain for the next 12 months (2015/16).

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 8- APPOINTMENT OF VICE CAPTAIN.

It was proposed by Peter Zammit and seconded by Paul Eales that John Spooner to be appointed Vice Captain for the next 12 months (2015/16).

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 9-APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

It was proposed by Brian Else, seconded by John Spooner that Peter Zammit to be appointed Secretary, also proposed by John Spooner and seconded by Pete Turner that Bill Dark to be appointed Treasurer for the Seniors section for the next 12 months (2015/16).

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 10-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by John Spooner, seconded by Mike Meecham that Peter Williams be re-elected to the committee for the next 12 months. Motion carried.

It was proposed by Mike Key, seconded by Bill Dark that Paul Eales be elected to the committee for the next 12 months. Motion carried.

A new member was proposed by Peter Zammit, seconded by Neil Gilbert, that Alister Grant be re-elected onto the committee for the next 12 months. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 11-PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS.

There were 3 proposals this year, the first two Proposed by Bill Dark and seconded by Peter Zammit, the 3rd proposed by Pete McDonald and seconded by Bob Palmer.

First proposal: that the handicapping used by the Winter League be changed to reflect purely the 14 holes that we play. That is the stroke indexes be changed to 1 to 14, and that the Winter League start with players playing off 14/18 of their club handicap. This will not disadvantage anyone but will assist those people playing of lower and higher handicaps who currently lose a higher percentage of their handicap than those in the mid handicap range. A conversion chart will be attached to these minutes.

Second proposal: that with immediate effect if any player gaining a share of the 2's sweep is not present to receive it, then his winnings will be placed on "Purse One" of his club card. This will allow it to be spent in both the bar and the shop. This will mean that The Treasurer will not have to safe gaurd money for some people for weeks on end.

Third Proposal: That any Individual competition that we play on Tuesdays and on Thursdays, the comp being Medal, Stableford, Bogey comp.....etc....etc... should all be **qualifiers**.

This will enable a much fairer playing field, and every senior member will find his own level of play with the right handicap that he merits.

All 3 proposals were put to the vote individually and all 3 passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12-ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There were a few items of AOB, first Alan Moore raised the question regarding prizes for Nearest the pin, the question being is it Whiskey or is it 2 bottles of wine, and the answer was that the prize winner has the choice of preference.

Richard Attwell asked why cannot the ladies join the senior section on a Tuesday, the answer was that the Ladies are quite happy with having their own section and would like it kept that way.

Mel Moxon raised the Bring and Win Question, and after Bill Dark made it clear to the members that this event is creating more problems than what it's worth it was decided that the section will do away with it all together, the Motion was carried.

AGENDA ITEM13- HANDOVER OF CAPTAINS JACKET.

Ex Captain Paul Eales gives a hand to New Captain Neil Gilbert with the wearing of the Captains Jacket, and to serve the section for the coming year 2015/16.

AGENDA ITEM14- NEW CAPTAINS ADDRESS.

First short speech by Captain Neil Gilbert was to thank all the members and that he will make his every effort to make his year as captain a successful one, and he informed the members that chosen charity for his captancy's year will be **"LIVES"**.

No more AOB, so first job for Captain Neil Gilbert was to thank the members present for attending and to close the meeting.

Meeting closed at 08.35.