

**SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB SENIORS SECTION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2017.**

Present:

John Spooner	Seniors Captain
Bill Dark	Vice Captain / Treasurer
Peter Zammit	Secretary
Neil Gilbert	Committee member
Paul Eales	Committee member
Peter Williams	Committee member
Martin Howard	Committee member
	40 members.

**AGENDA ITEM 1-APOLOGIES.**

Alan Broom, David Heath, Mike Young, Trevor East, Jim Ferguson, Pete McDonald, Tony Hall, Pete Talbot, Richard Attwell, Clive Abbott, and Geoff Annibal.

**AGENDA ITEM 2- PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

Minutes of previous AGM held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were presented to the meeting.

They were proposed as a true record by Bob Palmer and seconded by Mac Towers. The proposal was carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 3-MATTERS ARISING.**

There were no matters arising.

**AGENDA ITEM 4-CAPTAINS REPORT.**

I would like to say that it has been a great honour and a privilege to have been your Captain for the past year. I want to thank Bill Dark, my Vice Captain, and the Seniors Committee and not forgetting you, the members, for your help and support.

We played 26 matches home and away. We won a few, lost a few more and halved some. We could have done better but participation is key and I would like to encourage you to put your names down for the matches and have a go. A big thank you goes to David Fensom and his staff for providing excellent match meals. We are the envy of all the clubs that we play.

The Away day at Oakmere Park was a great success with 48 players turning out on an interesting and challenging course. A great day out enjoyed by all.

The Seniors Am Am, Captains Day and the Seniors Open and the Invitation Day were all very well supported. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies, Loraine

Gilbert, Jane Eales and Josi Towers for running the halfway house at the Open events. Also, a big thank you to Maureen Dark for selling raffle tickets.

The presentation evening in February was another great success. The highlight for me was handing over a cheque to Charlie Heron from LEMR for £4,115.37. Big thank you all of you for supporting my Charity and project funds and for donating prizes. A great achievement.

I know you will support Bill as eagerly as you always do.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5-SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Another year over and by accounts another succesful one, increased membership numbers to our section is good enough proof of that.

I have to admit that my job as secretary has been made a lot easier by the rest of the committee members who all do a lot of work for me on the computer, mainly owing to the fact that they know what they're doing, unlike me who in todays Techno world my name is Fred Flintstone yabba yabba do that's me.

I still have been left with the task of doing the fixture list for the year, and as you can see it is another compacted one for the coming season.

Due to the popularity of our senior section and the vast improvements of our very popular golf course a lot of other clubs are approaching our senior section to include them in our friendly matches, over the last three years we have taken on Louth, Spalding, Blankney and Sleaford this coming season, however because our fixture list is at bursting point we had to drop someone this year, and the committee decided to drop Canwick from our friendly matches, still waiting to join us are clubs like Toft, Belton Park, and Kirton Holme.

Amazing to think that some of these clubs that are on our list and some still chasing us, a few years ago would not entertain us because they did not want to play in a field as they so unkindly put it.

This is just another example of how popular our Senior Section has become and how much our beloved golf course has improved, here I would like to thank the Greens staff Shaun, Ken and James who do a fantastic job on our course, our new greens chairman Ray Duncan who I'm sure is going to make this course a 100% better than what it is now, and also the volunteers that have been doing a lot of other course work on Monday mornings namely Paul Hocking, John Stephenson, Shawn Farren, John Spooner, Terry Regan, and there is someone else but I just cannot remember his name.

Our senior section has got a lot to be proud of, not only the volunteer seniors I've just mentioned , but also the amount of work that is done in the clubhouse itself, again by seniors namely Neil Gilbert, Bill Dark who between them has taken care of the new boards in the club house, and let's not forget the alterations that were done to the club house 4 years ago, and last year the kitchen, once again thanks to Neil, and his senior volunteers.

While I mention the kitchen our thanks go to the Kitchen staff, Dave and his team, who turn out such fantastic food to our functions and matches where all our other club members say that they always look forward to coming to South Kyme and that they never have any trouble filling up their team sheet when it comes to South Kyme, they say (and

this sounds a bit rude)it's like a triple orgasm coming to South Kyme, **Great Friends, Great course** and **Great food**.

Let us not forget our Director of Golf Peter Chamberlain and his wife Tracy who are always there to help us and for Pete to give us any advice we need, pity about the team he supports, but we cannot all be perfect.

Thank you very much for listening to me, for making this section of ours one that is very successful and the envy of other clubs, so please let's keep it going and if possible improve on what we've got.

Thank you.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6 – TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Section has enjoyed yet another very successful year with 133 members and has quite often seen 60 to 70 plus of them turning out on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Successful events in raising funds again this year were the Seniors Open Day and the end of season Invitation Day which raised a combined total of £916. In keeping with previous years the majority of this, £900, was donated to the our SKGC Club Project fund. This overall profit is up on last year, again due to support for the Invitation Day with 11 of the 13 clubs we play in our inter club matches entering a team and an increase in numbers playing in the Senior's Open.

The ratio of weekly subs to that paid out in prizes this year was 73%. 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 Project fund stood at £2930 at the end of the year. This however has now been spent on the new Half Way House. The fund also spent £205 on the new SKGC sign and £165 on the Presentation unit and contributed £150 to other club projects.

The General fund currently stands at £878.95 and whilst a little higher than I would like, it still means the section is in a very healthy position financially.

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 Mike Key and accepted by all present.

Before I close I thought you might all be interested in an update the information I gave you last year on donations to Charity and to Club projects. That is since I first became treasurer in 2007 as a section we have donated £43409 to charity and raised £9687 (not including the new HWH project) to support various club projects and improvements. That is a tremendous achievement, so 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)	£8390
Not Forgotten Assoc(Disabled Military Charity)	£3802
OCHID(Research into Male Cancers)	£4086
Parkinsons Research	£5810
Royal British Legion	£2825
Lincs Emergency Medical Response (LEMR)	£4115
Total	£43409

### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN / TREASURER.**

It was proposed by Peter Zammit and seconded by Neil Gilbert that Bill Dark be appointed captain for the next 12 months(2017/18).

The motion as carried unanimously by the members.

Bill Dark also said that he is quite happy to carry a second role, that of the treasurer, this position was proposed by John Spooner and seconded by Paul Eales.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – VICE CAPTAIN / SECRETARY.**

It was proposed by Bill Dark and seconded by Neil Gilbert that Peter Zammit be Vice Captain for the next 12 months (2017 / 18).

The motion was carried unanimously.

Peter Zammit also said that he is quite happy to carry a second role, that of Secretary, this position was nominated by Martin Howard and seconded by Bill Dark.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

The committee members that were serving the senior section last year expressed their feeling that they would like to carry on. This was put to the floor and voted by the members unanimously.

Paul Eales	Proposed by M.Howard	Seconded by M.Towers
Neil Gilbert	“ P.Zammit	“ B.Dark
Pete Williams	“ M.Howard	“ J.Swift
Martin Howard	“ P.Zammit	“ B.Dark

Bill Dark, who was directing the meeting, said that due to the fact that himself and Pete

Zammit were filling double roles, an opportunity arose for two extra committee members.

Norman Beavis  
Cliff Smith

Proposed by B.Dark  
Proposed by P.Zammit

Seconded by N.Gilbert  
Seconded by N.Beavis

These two members were voted on and elected unanimously, welcome to the committee gentlemen.

### **AGENDA ITEM 10 – PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS.**

1<sup>st</sup> Proposal                      Proposed by Martin Howard                      Seconded by John Spooner

No Player can be booked in by another Player until they have both arrived in the clubhouse.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

So from now on in individual comps, if you wish to play with another player or players of your choice, you have to wait until they arrive before booking in as a group.

Team comps: Playing partners will all be drawn.

2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal                      Proposed by Alistair Grant                      Seconded by Jim Lee

That all Senior's competitions to be played from the Yellow or Green Tees.

This proposal was carried by a majority vote.

Peter Zammit put in an amendment to this proposal, it was seconded by Peter Turner:

That all Seniors competitions will be played off White tees for Cat one players and off Yellow Tees for Cat two players.

This amendment was not carried due to the administrative problems that would be caused running Orders of Merit etc.

Peter Turner proposed another amendment seconded by Bob Palmer:

That the Senior's Knock out competitions continue to be played from the White Tees.

This amendment was carried by a majority vote.

To summarise: All Senior's competitions will be played of Yellow or Green Tees with the exception of the singles and pairs Knock Outs which will continue to be played from the White Tees.

Members were also notified that during the Winter months of December, January and February, all Thursday Tee times to be put back to 08.30AM to enable the greens staff to assess and prepare all 18 holes for play.

Booking in time will also go back half an hour to 09.00AM.

**ITEM 11 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business expressed by the members.

**ITEM 12 – HANDOVER OF CAPTAINS JACKET.**

Outgoing Captain John Spooner helped the incoming Captain Bill Dark on with his new Captains Blazer.

**AGENDA ITEM – 13 NEW CAPTAINS ADDRESS.**

Bill, on behalf of the section, thanked the outgoing Captain John Spooner for all his hard work during his time in office. Bill also explained that he will keep the same charity that John had last year **LEMR.**

Bill also said that money raised from major raffles etc will continue to be donated to his charity, but that money raised from within the section would go towards his project fund.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 08.40AM.