

SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB SENIORS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2019.

Present:

Peter Zammit	Captain/Fixtures Secretary
Gerry Grimshaw	Vice-Captain
Bill Dark	Treasurer
Martin Howard	Secretary
Paul Eales	Committee member
Peter Williams	Committee member
Norman Beavis	Committee member
	45 Members.

Pete Zammit opened the meeting at 08:00 with the following opening address:

Before I give my report could you all please stand and observe a one minute silence in respect of our departed friends who sadly passed away in my captaincy year, Gus Crockett, Alan Line and Keith Myatt.

He then handed over to Bill Dark to conduct the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1-APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Rod Sanderson, Jim Lee, Roger Mead, Jim Baxter, Alan Moore, Pete Talbot, Bob Russell, Del Sumner, John Dyson & Cliff Smith.

AGENDA ITEM 2- PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Minutes of previous AGM held on the 22nd February 2018 were presented to the meeting.

They were proposed as a true record by Mel Moxon and seconded by Pat Stewart. The proposal was carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3-MATTERS ARISING.

Item 10 – Summer Medals are now played from the White Tees.

Item 10 – Qualifying criteria for the Championships Trophy are now in place.

Item 11 – The Memento for the Pairs Trophy will now have the word Seniors' included.

AGENDA ITEM 4-CAPTAINS REPORT.

My Dear friends here we are at the end of another captaincy year, a year that I was not looking forward to, but with your committee's fantastic assistance have gone by smoothly and successful enough I think.

However my term as your captain did not start too smoothly, I was eased into my job by Jack frost as the months of March and April proved to be ones of the coldest wettest months on record, but apart from the Winter league which at times we went weeks not being able to play, we met most of the commitments we had scheduled for those months Winter league included.

After we saw out April I had to have a serious word with the Golfing Gods, where I told them that they had their fun, and that we were in desperate need of some good weather, and boy didn't they

reward us with one of the best summers since 1976, I'm sure some of you may just be old enough to remember 76, That was followed by a very mild Winter, and what about the weather we had over the past few days, you see the Golfing Gods might have a warped sense of humour but they do listen and they are fair, so you know who to pray to Gerry.

Matches, we just about managed to cover our schedule of matches, we played bi-annual with Boston and Tydd St Giles, we missed out playing our home match against Rutland County due to them having a funeral of one of their senior members on the scheduled match day, and Welton Manor cancelled their away match here at South Kyme because they could not make up a team, so in the end counting 2 in-house matches against the Ladies and the Rabbits, we played a total of 24 matches winning 10, losing 10 and halving 4, so I just managed to scrape a passing grade, but failed my 11plus I'm afraid.

But to finish on the matches I would like to thank all those players that week in week out kept putting their names forward for these matches. I would also like to thank those seniors that filled in at the last desperate moment enabling me to make up some sort of a team, and this happened quite a few times this past year.

I do not want to take too much of your time this morning so just a few thank you's to finish with, first of all thanks to you for your generosity my charity "Parkinson's" will be £2000 better off after today, and my project money which amassed to just under £1600 goes for equipment much needed by the green staff to further improve our beloved golf course.

Thanks also to the ladies who help us out during the year, Maureen Dark who gives Pete Williams a good run for his money in extracting money from members and guests, but Maureen does it in a much more subtle, charming, pleasant way, to Jane Eales and Helen Kirschner for being the hostess with the mostest in our half way house, to Helen again, Heather Dopierala and Shirley Westlake for their cakes, Peter and Tracey, all of the kitchen staff, and the green keepers, but my last special thanks go to, first your committee members for the splendid and hard work they do to keep this section going, and finally to you all my dear friends who every Tuesday and Thursday mornings we assemble here to socialise, to have a laugh, to try and play golf, and more important to keep this senior section going, because without you there will be none of the above, because in my eyes, we are the back bone of South Kyme golf club.

Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM 5-SECRETARY'S REPORT

No longer to be included.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – TREASURER'S REPORT

The Section has enjoyed yet another very successful year with 125 members and has regularly seen 50+ 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. As in previous years the profits were transferred to our SKGC Club fund to help improve facilities both in the club house and on the course. Our major purchase this year, at a cost of £2148, was a flail to fit on the tractor. The benefits of this are very apparent when you see how the green staff have been able to keep the rough areas around the course looking so neat and tidy.

The overall operating cost of the fund for the year shows a loss of £340. This is mainly due to the loss of play because of the wet weather early in the year and the increase in cost of prizes and engraving. The cost of trophies and engraving has risen from £800 in 2015 to almost £1000 this year. I have been a member of the section for almost 14 years and in that time entry fees have remained at £1.50/£2. Unfortunately if we wish to continue operating as we do then I'm afraid this

will have to change. Hence I shall be proposing later that we increase entry fees by 50p a day.

The ratio of weekly subs to that paid out in prizes this year was 76%. 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 £2137.35 although the committee have agreed to spend some of this on two picnic type benches for outside the half Way House and later in the spring to construct slabbed areas for them to be placed on..

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 Pete Williams, seconded by Geoff Dutton and accepted by all present.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN

It was proposed by Pete Zammit and seconded by Bill Dark that Gerry Grimshaw be appointed captain for the next 12 months (2019/20).

The motion as carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE CAPTAIN

It was proposed by Gerry Grimshaw and seconded by Martin Howard that Duncan Bustin be appointed Vice Captain for the next 12 months (2019/20).

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Secretary

Martin Howard said that he is quite happy to carry on as Secretary; this position was proposed by Pete Zammit and seconded by Stew Milner.

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

Treasurer

Bill Dark said that he is quite happy to carry on as treasurer; this position was proposed by Mel Moxon and seconded by Paul Eales.

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

Fixtures Secretary

Pete Zammit said that he is quite happy to carry on as match secretary; this position was proposed by Bill Dark and seconded by Paul Eales.

The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

Committee Members

The remaining members that were serving on the Committee last year expressed that they would be willing to carry on. This was put to the floor and was carried unanimously by the members.

Norman Beavis	Proposed by John Dyson	Seconded by Pete Zammit
Paul Eales	" Pete Zammit	" Norman Beavis
Pete Williams	" Bill Dark	" Stew Milner

AGENDA ITEM 10 – PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS.

Proposal 1:

That the Competition Subscriptions are increased by 50p per competition to £1.50 for general competitions and £2.00 when there is a 'Nearest the Pin', with an optional 50p two's pot.

Proposed By: Bill Dark Seconded By: Pete Zammit

After a short discussion on this proposal, it was carried unanimously by the members.

Proposal 2:

That due to the increasing cost of mementoes they are replaced by High Street Vouchers. Although the Presentation was held after the Christmas Hamper Competition, which was a Shotgun Start, only 11 out of 20 mementoes could be presented to their winners.

Proposed By: Pete Zammit Seconded By: Norman Beavis

After a short discussion on this proposal, it was rejected by a majority of the members.

Proposal 3:

That Tuesday Seniors' golf can be played at any time on Tuesday, provided it is with another Senior's member, and the cards placed in 'the box' for the results to be collated later and the results announced the following Thursday.

Proposed By: Ian Naylor Seconded By: Alan Broom

After a short discussion on this proposal, it was rejected by a majority of the members.

Proposal 4:

That with effect from the 2020/2021 season, in order to win any trophy other than the Seniors' Championship Trophy and the Stayers Salver which already have qualifying criteria attached, players must have played at least 3 Seniors' Handicap Qualifying competitions during the previous calendar year.

Proposed By: Martin Howard Seconded By: Bill Dark

After a short discussion on this proposal, it was carried unanimously by the members.

ITEM 11 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Martin Howard briefed that the committee will make 1 Tuesday & 1 Thursday per month, where possible, a 4-ball start for everyone so that Singles and Doubles Knock-Out Matches can be played during normal Seniors' competition times although Match players will not be able to take part in the competition of the day.

Martin Howard briefed that during this coming season, all competitions where all players scores their own ball, i.e. Highlighted Score Counts Double, Med/Stab etc., will have players scores entered on the Computer System by the committee in order to prepare for the new World Handicapping System and make handicap allocations as accurate as possible.

Bill Dark read out the following email from Pete Talbot:

Good morning Bill

I was hoping to come this morning for the final round of the Winter League, but not to be.
Hope you all enjoy the weather!

I also can't make the AGM on Thursday so could you please note my apologies.
However, if possible, could you record my sincere thanks to our outgoing Captain? I've had a difficult year medically and not been able to come to the Club as often as I'd like. His witty and informative blogs have kept me in touch with things and have always brought a smile to my face!

I hope all goes well on Thursday and best wishes to the Committee for the coming year.
Regards
Pete

Terry Regan proposed a Vote of Thanks to all members of the Committee for their hard work and hoped that the same support would be shown to the new committee during the coming year.
It was carried unanimously by the members.

Pat Stewart asked after the health of our good friend Neil Gilbert. Pete Zammit gave a short brief on Neil's ongoing issues. Pete also thanked Gerry Newby for the Exercise Foot Pedalling Machine that he has provided for Neil's use.

ITEM 12 – HANDOVER OF CAPTAINS JACKET.

The handover of the Captain's jacket to Gerry Grimshaw was carried out in impeccable fashion by the out-going Captain, Pete Zammit.

AGENDA ITEM – 13 NEW CAPTAINS ADDRESS.

Gerry briefed that his charity for the year is to be the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and his Project will be Green-Keeping Equipment

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 08:30.