

Studley Wood Golf Club
Minutes of the Seniors Section Annual General Meeting

At 2pm on 16th March 2016

In attendance: Captain, Mike Atkins, Vice Captain, Peter Crook and 33 committee and members. Ken Heathcote attended for the Club. (full attendance list available).

Mike opened the meeting, welcomed and thanked all those present for attending.

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Barry Muir, Howard Stone, Pat Rooney, Colin Fursman, John Coyle, Bob Jerreat, Jon Squires, Ed Carpenter, Ted Cloke, Bob Bixby, John Deller and Tony Lane.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (2015 AGM). Mike said there were two amendments to the 2015 Minutes;

a. paragraph 6b should be amended to read as follows:

“The number of Senior Qualifiers to be played in a year will be 26 made up of 16 Senior Roll Up Qualifiers PLUS all 10 Senior Silverware Competition Rounds which include the two Senior Club Championship rounds.

All Senior Silverware Competitions to be played on proper Greens EXCEPT Winter League Rounds when have to be played on Temporaries.

All Winter League Rounds to be Qualifiers and to be included in the agreed 26 Qualifiers each year EXCEPT when Temporary Greens in play.”

b. Under AOB it was Peter Parrey, not Tony Lane, that proposed the finish dates for each round of the Summer Pairs competition be made known.

Both these amendments were agreed.

3. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

4. Captains Report. Mike read out his report.

5. Seniors Constitution Amendment Proposal. Mike outlined his reasons for proposing amendments to the Seniors' Section Constitution, which were to:

a. Formalise the election of the Treasurer.

b. To better reflect the increased size and activities of the Seniors Section.

c. To remove the need to co-opt members to cover duties that should be covered by the committee.

(1) The proposal is for the Committee to consist of Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer and up to 4 members, one of which will be the Secretary, and;

(2) To change the date of the AGM from January each year to March, to fall into line with the Club calendar.

Following discussion proposal (1) was amended to read “up to 5 members” to be added to the Committee, not 4. **Both proposals were agreed.**

6. Treasurers Report. Steve Davis read out the main points of his report and a copy was circulated at the meeting. **The report was Accepted.**

7. Election of Captain. Peter Crook was voted in as the new Captain.

8. Election of Vice Captain, Treasurer and new Committee Members. Paul Doré was voted in as Vice Captain, Mike Atkins as Treasurer and Barry Muir, David Scott, Hans Menzel, Peter Nicholls and Steve Atkins as Committee Members.

Peter Crook then assumed the Chair of the meeting from Mike and then addressed the members outlining his aspirations for his year as Captain. These included:

- A proposal, already agreed by Ken and Tom, to introduce an incentive to keep members to stay on for the Roll Up prize giving, by the introduction of a free £5 club meal/drinks voucher “Lucky card” draw, for all those who stay on to the time of presentations. This would be trialled in the month of May.
- Publication of “Seniors Specials” meals available on Roll Up Days.
- Interclub matches to start at or around 12.00 noon in order to lessen the day-long commitment under current practice.
- Home matches would feature 2 tee starts wherever possible, again in order to shorten the overall time of matches. This had already been agreed with Matt for home matches in April.
- A greater variety of games to feature in the weekly Roll Up programmes – starting in May 2016,

9. Proposals from Members. The following proposals were received and debated:

- a. On Blue Medal and Stableford Days we offer a white tee qualifier. Rollup payments to be divided between white and blue tees. **Not agreed.**
- b. Money collected for Ron Duce to be put towards a Trophy for the Seniors Pairs competition and named the Ron Duce Trophy in his memory. Following a revised proposal from Barry Yates and after general discussion it was agreed that the proposal should be amended to purchase a gift of choice for Ron’s son, Anthony. Ken Heathcote agreed to make the approach to the family and report back on the outcome. **Revised proposal agreed.**
- c. Winter League points to be 24 each round (1 to 5) and 30 for the final round (round 6), so that more players earn points each round. **Agreed.**
- d. Winter League to be run as a non-qualifier. No payment on the day. People playing in the Roll Up on that day organise their own game. **Not agreed.**
- e. On Winter League (WL) days there should also be a non-qualifier Roll Up, for those not signed up for WL, and all should take part in that Roll Up, (to re-affirm recent practice). **Agreed.**
- f. All proposals agreed to at AGM to be published asap afterwards. After a suggestion by Chris Blumer, the proposal was amended to “to be published within a month after the AGM” **Revised proposal agreed.**
- g. The money list to be re-introduced. After discussion for and against. **Not agreed.**
- h. Roll up monies to be paid on arrival at registration, as a trial period of 1 month. **The proposal was agreed and the trial to start in May 2016 for 1 month.**
- i. There should be no senior qualifiers from the end of November until end of March. There would still be club qualifiers. Following discussion the original proposal was amended to read no senior qualifiers other than winter league and senior silverware competitions. **Not agreed.**

- j. To ensure a greater variety of fun/team competitions and match play no one format to be played more than 9 times each year. Following discussion the proposal was amended to be “no one format to be played **excessively**” (the 9 figure was removed). The amended proposal was **agreed and members felt it should be implemented at the discretion of the Committee.**
- k. Reduce number of qualifiers from 24 to maximum of 15 which would include all senior silverware. **Not agreed.**
- l. There should be 1 (one) roll-up non qualifying Stableford each month. Steve Davis withdrew this proposal as it was covered by j above.

10. Any other Business.

- a. Martin Wilkinson asked that the committee look at 2 tee starts with the aim of restricting club players starting on the first tee from 9.56am as those in the roll up starting on the 10th are often delayed when they get around to the 1st tee (early). Ken Heathcote said he will look at this on our behalf and report back.
- b. Ken addressed the meeting on general club matters and publicly supported the ideas and proposals from Peter Crook as 2016 Captain
- c. Dave Drew congratulated Mike and his committee on their good work and spoke about the upcoming club AGM and general matters.
- d. Barry Yates asked the committee to consider running the Seniors’ Winter League from November to April so the final round could be played in better conditions. Peter agreed to consider this.
- e. John Walker asked if we could communicate course closures better in future. Ken said he would look into this and try to improve on the system of reporting. He urged members to call the pro shop if in any doubt about conditions. Peter Crook said he would look into the possibility of doing a group email alert.
- f. Peter Crook said that the next Committee meeting will be held after the Roll Up on Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

11. There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.09pm.

Peter Crook
Captain
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