

# Studley Wood Golf Club

## Minutes of the Seniors' Section Annual General Meeting

At 2.35pm on Tuesday 21st February 2017

**In attendance: Captain, Peter Crook, Vice Captain, Paul Doré** and 34 committee and members. Ken Heathcote and Baljit Shergill attended for the Club. (full attendance list available).

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

- 1. Apologies.** Apologies were received from John Walker, Kingi Sharma, Bob Crow, Melvyn Heyes, Keith Oxtoby, David Barrow, Peter Rocket, Chris Blumer, Steve Eyres, Hans Menzel, and Bill Taunton.
- 2. Minutes of the last Meeting (2016 AGM).** Proposed by Patrick Rooney and Seconded by Roy Pritchard that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be approved. **Agreed.**
- 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Captains Report.** Peter read out his report, including a brief summary of the highlights of the year. He said he had invited Ken Heathcote to address the meeting this year, for the first time, to give his over view on club development and rounded up by thanking his committee for all their support to him over the year. The Captain's report is published on the seniors' website
- 5. Seniors Constitution Amendment Proposal.** Peter read through the proposal on the Election of Committee Members at Seniors' AGM, a copy of which was provided to the meeting. The revised constitution will be published on the seniors' website. Proposed by John Dennis and Seconded by Paul Fitzgerald. **Agreed by all.**
- 6. Treasurers Report.** Mike Atkins read out the main points of his report and a copy was circulated at the meeting. Peter Crook said that possibly the accounts should cover a Captain's year from April to March. However, in order to present a verified set of accounts to the AGM he recommended we remain with the current account year of January to December. Proposed by David Walker and Seconded by John Dennis. **Agreed.**
- 7. Election of Captain. Paul Doré** was voted in as the new Captain and took over the meeting from Peter Crook.
- 8. Election of Vice Captain, Treasurer and new Committee Members.** Paul informed the meeting that there had been no volunteers for Vice Captain, however he said it was not too late to volunteer and he urged everyone to consider putting themselves forward for the good of the Seniors' Section. The following were voted in "en bloc": **Mike Atkins** as Treasurer, and **Peter Nicholls, Roy Fulton, Stephen Painter** and **Steve Atkins** as Committee Members.

Before Paul addressed the AGM Peter Crook was presented with a gift on behalf of the Club and the Seniors' Section by Paul Fitzgerald to commemorate Peter's departure to New Zealand.

Addressing the meeting Paul outlined his aspirations for his year as Captain. These included:

- Continue to arrange a mix of roll up matches for all too enjoy.
- Support the club mid-week stableford qualifiers off the blue tees (but not the medals)
- Maintain the guide number of qualifiers a year including silverware and winter league, and fit them in during Spring, Summer, and early Autumn when course conditions are more friendly.
- Continue to work closely with Ken, office staff and also other club sections

- Continue with quality Away Days and Tours.
- Continue to keep you all well informed
- Hoping for more support with inter-club matches following improvements introduced during the year.
- Welcoming any suggestions for improving the Seniors' Section experience at any time.

**9. Ken Heathcote's Club Management Observations.** Ken said he would expand his briefing at the Club AGM next month but to bring the Seniors up to speed, he covered the following topics:

- Membership.** The club is approximately 80 members short of full members that it would like to have.
- Woodland Burial Project.** 5 years in the planning and ongoing. Felt to be the best option for securing the continuing success of the Club. Project will not lead to disruption to the Club, already holding an average of 1 wake a week at the Club, which impacts little on the day to day enjoyment of the members.
- Course Development Plan.** £50k of development agreed over next 5 years, spending £10k a year. Details will be in The President's newsletter to be published shortly and will include bunker work and permanent matt winter tees for the 4 Par 3s.
- Euro Pro Tour – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Studley Wood.** Good news that the tour is coming to Studley, and hopes that the seniors will volunteer to assist over the 5 days of the tour (note course will be closed for most of the day from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June). Lunch will be provided to volunteers.
- Club Website.** New Peter Alliss fly over posted.

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

- “Senior Club Championship” Proposals,** to be submitted to Club Men's Committee, if approved. Following much debate on the proposals, aimed at increasing the take up of entries into the competition, a vote was made on the following proposals:
  - The age for entry to this competition is to be raised by one year increments over the next 5 years to 60, beginning with 56 being the entry age for the 2017 competition and reaching 60 by 2021. Proposed by Peter Crook and Seconded by Paul Doré. **Not agreed.**
  - There will be a new prize trophy for the Championship for those aged 70 years or over, with prizes and trophies for the best Net and Gross scores for this new category. Proposed by Peter Crook and Seconded by Paul Doré. **Agreed.**
  - All who enter the competition must have played at least 3 senior singles qualifier (White Tee) competitions from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> June of the year of the competition. Proposed by Peter Crook and Seconded by Paul Doré. **Not agreed.**

Item 10, a, ii above will now be put to the Club Men's Committee for agreement.

- Pace of Play.** If a group becomes more than 1 hole behind the group in front and is holding up the group behind, then the group must offer to allow the “waiting” group to be let through. Proposed by David Scott and Seconded by Bernie Harris. **Agreed.**
- Individual Handicaps (non Qualifying Events).** If a Senior scores 39 points or more, or scores a net 70 or better in a non-qualifying Roll Up off the White Tees on a normal length course, then they will lose a shot from their handicap for the

following 3 months in all senior non qualifying individual and team competitions. Proposed by David Scott and Seconded by Mike Atkins. **Not agreed.**

- d. **Number of Qualifying Events.** To increase the required number of White Tee Qualifier competitions offered in the monthly Roll Up programme between April to September by 6 thereby providing 32 qualifiers in a year, excluding Blue Tee competitions. Proposed by Roy Fulton and Seconded by Patrick Rooney. **Vote Drawn. To go back to the committee to decide on way forward.**
- e. **Alliance Scoring.** Two different systems were proposed for scoring Alliance Competitions as follows.
- i. When playing an Alliance with a mixture of 3 and 4 ball teams, the best 2 scores on each hole are counted for both 3 and 4 ball teams. However, at the end, the 4 ball team total is reduced by 6 points. Proposed by Trevor Hansson and Seconded by Barry Muir.
  - ii. When playing an Alliance with a mixture of 3 and 4 ball teams, the best 2 scores count on each hole for the 3 ball and the 4 ball teams, but the 4 ball team members play off a  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap. Proposed by Peter Crook and Seconded by Paul Doré.

After discussion on the merits of both systems, votes were taken:  
keep to the existing scoring system which was **Not agreed**  
trial the two proposed systems, which was **Agreed.**

## 11. Any other Business.

- a. Ken Heathcote. The Club is measuring the course with a view to going over to a Non Gender Specific Tee Course. More information on this will be given at the Club AGM.
- b. Ken Heathcote. Ken urged Seniors' to attend the Club AGM to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- c. Chris Tappin. Can e-mails to Seniors' be sent out as "Blind Copies", rather than showing the whole address list. Paul agreed to look into this.
- d. Peter Crook. Suggested the following matters be discussed at Committee, as the meeting was running out of time to discuss fully:
  - i. Red Course reflections from Roy Fulton.
  - ii. Martin Wilkinson's suggestion to shorten the current white course by about 250 yards by making use of some existing former yellow tees.
  - iii. Martin Wilkinson's suggestion of creating a shortened but measured Men's winter course to allow the blue and white tees a winter rest period.
  - iv. Martin Wilkinson's suggested options for starting Roll Ups earlier in the winter months than is currently the practice.

These should be considered by the seniors' committee. **Agreed.**

12. There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Paul Doré  
Captain  
Date: 23/2/17