

Studley Wood Golf Club Seniors' Section

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 2.00pm

In attendance; Captain Paul Doré, Captain designate, Steve Atkins, plus 43 members including committee. Ken Heathcote attended for the club (full attendance list available).

Captain Paul opened the meeting with a warm welcome and thanked all those present for their attendance.

- 1. Apologies:** B Shergill, R Crow, R Hubble, B Cumberland, A Pentecost, J Dennis, J Walker, C Fursman, S Eyre, A Cumberland, E Carpenter, G Raper, B Gover, W Meredith, R Willis.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting (21st Feb 2017):** Approved without discussion.
- 3. Matters Arising:** No matters arising.
- 4. Captain's Report:** Paul read out his report that included a brief summary of the highlights of the year. He thanked all players who attended the interclub matches and the support for his charity day that raised £781 for the club's charities. He also thanked the members who provided the entertainment for the Christmas lunch and finished by thanking his committee for all their support during his year as Captain. The captain's report is published on the seniors' website.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Mike Atkins read out the main points of his report and copies were circulated to the attendees. He gave a brief update on the current position and there were no questions.
- 6. Election of Captain, Vice- Captain and Treasurer:** Steve Atkins was elected as Captain, Bob Clarke elected as Vice-Captain and Mike Atkins as Treasurer. Paul intimated to the attendees that he would continue for the election of the committee and then hand over to our new captain S Atkins.
- 7. Election of New committee:** As there were 6 nominees for 5 committee places the constitution required an election should take place. All seniors on the e-mail list were e-mailed a pen picture for each nominee. Members who could not attend the AGM e-mailed their choices back to the studleywoodsensiors@gmail.com e-mail address. Members attending the AGM, that had not voted by e-mail, were handed ballot papers. Each member could vote for up to 5 people.

However, R Matthews proposed to the chair that as we had six nominees for 5 places and all were excellent nominees, couldn't we make an exception to the constitution this year and appoint all 6 to the committee. The Chair consulted with M Atkins (election presiding officer, and S Atkins new Captain). The proposal was put to the AGM and agreed unanimously. As no election was then required the new committee was voted in en bloc and are: P Doré, P Nicholls, S Painter, M Wilkinson, S Capaldi and R Fulton.
- 8. New Captain address:** Captain Steve outlined his aspirations for the year. These included:
 - To continue to offer and arrange a good mix of roll up matches for all to enjoy.
 - To support the club mid-week stableford qualifiers off the blue tees but not the medals.

- To maintain the guide 32 games for the number of qualifying games during the year, including the silverware and winter league games.
- To work closely with Ken and the office staff and other club sections.
- To offer support for the Euro pro tour event in June.
- Continue with quality away days and tours for the seniors.
- To keep you all well informed.
- Organise 18 Inter club matches and hope to field good quality teams. Attempt to move all Inter Club matches onto a Tuesday or Thursday for 2019 matches.
- Welcome any suggestions to improve and enhance the seniors' section.

9. Ken Heathcote Address: Ken said he would provide more information at the club AGM on 22nd March at 7.00pm and hoped that as many seniors as possible would attend.

He touched on subjects regarding membership, woodland burial ground and that the club would be holding a Euro Pro tour event again on 2nd June 2018.

He was questioned about the website and the fact that it was not up to date, especially recently with all the bad weather and the fact that the website did not carry news on course closures/openings accurately. He said information on course closures was always posted promptly on the Club's Facebook page but he would look into this matter. He asked that members report matters like this as and when they arise and not wait for the AGM to do so.

10. Proposals from Members: There were three proposals put forward.

1. To vote on whether the seniors' section is in favour of
 - a) late starts in November.
 - b) early starts in November.

Following presentation and comments from the floor:
It was agreed to have late starts in November.

2. To vote on whether the seniors' section is in favour of
 - a) Early starts in March.
 - b) Late starts in March.

Following presentation and discussion from the floor:

It was agreed to have early starts in March.

3. Changes to Summer Pairs.

M Wilkinson presented a proposal to define a roll up date for the first full round of the summers Pairs knock out. This would allow all participating players to play on the same day and come in and fix the date of their next match. Following the presentation and discussion the members were asked to vote

- a) in favour of introducing a fixed date for the 1st round.
- b) in favour of leaving the format as it is with pairs arranging the 1st round ties and other dates.

Following presentation, explanation of the committee position from M Atkins, and discussion from the floor:

It was agreed to leave the format as it is with pairs arranging their own dates for the 1st round.

11. Any Other Business.

R Matthews raised a query about Qualifying competitions being held on a non-qualifying golf course.

He went on to explain that under CONGU clubs were allowed up to 100 yards of leeway but our course can be up to 294 yards shorter than the measured distance without making any changes to the CSS.

Captain Steve said that the committee would review this point and Ken Heathcote said he would look into this. We do have a measured course for the red course but has not yet been introduced.

R Matthews raised another query.

In the Club Senior championship held in July 2017 he said it took the office approximately half an hour to determine who had won the various prizes as it was only allowed for one person to win one prize, the most prestigious prize. He felt that this required to be re-visited and allow one person to win more than one prize.

Captain Steve said that the seniors' competition should mirror Club competition rules and thought that the ruling was one prize per person, the most prestigious prize. However, some thought the club had changed the rules for the club championship recently. The seniors' committee would review the prize rules for this competition and make a recommendation to the Men's committee.

There being no further business Captain Steve Atkins thanked all the attendees and Ken Heathcote. The meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Signed:

Steve Atkins

Captain

Date: 20/3/18