

# Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 1pm

## Action Points

**In attendance:** Stephen Painter (SP), Bob Clarke (BC), Phil Chaundy (PC), Martin Wilkinson (MW), David Scott (DS), Hans Menzel (HM), Stephen Capaldi (SC)

**Apologies:** Terry Davies (TD), Dave Drew (DD)

	Subject/Discussion Points	Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b> – SP welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Committee particularly the new members.	
2.	<b>Minutes</b> - The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2020 were approved as a correct record.	SC
3.	<b>Committee Roles</b> – SP said he wanted the Committee to be fully involved in the organisation and planning for the year and with this in mind he asked everyone to take on specific activities. The following responsibilities were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minute Secretary – potentially TD or DD</li><li>• Roll Up programme – SP/DS</li><li>• Roll Up Rota – PC</li><li>• Match team recruitment/selection – SP/SC</li><li>• Match day catering – potentially TD or DD</li><li>• Captain's Day/ Christmas event – SP/DD/HM</li><li>• Winter League – MW</li><li>• Summer Pairs Competition – MW/DS</li><li>• Matches v ladies – MW</li><li>• Treasurer – MW</li><li>• Trophy / Honours' Board management – DS</li><li>• Website management – PD/SC</li><li>• Away Days/Tours – PN to be invited to continue</li><li>• Men's Committee – BC</li><li>• General Committee – SP</li><li>• Handicap Committee – BC with Russel Matthews, together with representatives of the Men's and Ladies sections.</li></ul>	All
4.	<b>Review of the 2020 AGM</b> - SP referred to an idea floated at the AGM by Russel Matthews whereby the handicap system might be suspended for the Winter months during which a 'winter handicap system' might be used. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of this idea but concluded that it would be difficult to operate at Studley Wood because the computer system could not run the normal and winter handicap systems in parallel.	SP

	<p>After the AGM Roy Pritchard had asked for reconsideration of the rules for Alliance matches involving 4 ball teams. Currently the rules required that teams play off <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> handicap but Roy felt the alternative of deducting 6 shots from the final score was fairer. The Committee considered this and noted that trials had been run previously and the research by Paul Dore had favoured use of <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> handicap. The Committee decided to ask Paul for further information so the rule could be reviewed.</p> <p>The Committee was reminded that the AGM had confirmed support for the published Winter League rules including the requirement that these competitions should be qualifiers unless conditions were such that this was not possible. Consideration was given to the criteria to be applied to determine whether to abandon a Winter League match as a qualifying competition and the following were agreed as criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the pick and drop/place rule</li> <li>• Use of temporary greens.</li> </ul> <p>It was pointed out that during the winter months the tee positions were often moved forward and this could lead to the shortening of the course by more than 100 metres, which would invalidate a qualifying event. However it was felt that this could be avoided by asking the Head Groundsman to ensure the tees were properly located for all qualifying events. SP undertook to send the monthly programme to the Head Groundsman drawing attention to the qualifiers. In the event that the course had not been set up to a qualifying length, the Committee would need to abandon the match as a qualifier at the conclusion of play.</p> <p>It was also agreed that in a period of sustained bad weather it was acceptable to defer a Winter League match, but only if this was done in advance and not on the day.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>All</p> <p>SP</p>
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> – MW had nothing to add to the report presented to the AGM. SP asked MW to produce a budget for the year for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MW</p>
6.	<p><b>Seniors' Golf Programme</b> –The Committee considered the draft programmes for April and May and agreed changes. SP undertook to circulate the revised programmes to all seniors.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the Winter League match scheduled for 12 March and it was agreed that as this would be played under the local pick and drop (in the rough) rule and should be a non-qualifier played off the silver tees.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>BC/HM</p>
7.	<p><b>Organisation of Roll Ups</b> – In relation to the roll up programme, DS asked how the mix of formats was determined. SP said the broad approach adopted hitherto had been to accommodate 30 qualifiers (21 medals and stablefords during the April – September period and 9 between October and March) and a mix of team games (Alliance, Better Ball, Bonus Ball and Texas Scramble). SP referred to the outline programme for the year, which set out the number of each type of match and the distribution through the year. He also circulated data on the number of members playing in various match formats during the year and it was noted that there was no particular format, which was notably popular or</p>	

	<p>unpopular.</p> <p>For the Roll Up rota DS questioned whether it would be better to allocate 3 members of the Committee for each Tuesday/Thursday to ease the burden on match day organization, but it was thought that the current arrangements were satisfactory except on days when matches were being played and there was a shortage of committee members to undertake roll up duties. It was agreed that other experienced members should be asked to help with roll up duties on such occasions.</p> <p>MW thought there were occasional inconsistencies of approach in organising 'roll ups' and drew attention to recent matches where competitions had been run in two divisions despite small numbers of entrants. The Committee felt that those on duty needed to be relied on to react to circumstances on the day.</p>	PC
8.	<p><b>Slow Play</b> – DS asked about the general approach of the Committee in relation to the deterrence of slow play. Members responded with reference to the previous discussions in Committee and at the AGM and the general consensus that it was difficult to invoke rules without being draconian. DS thought that Committee members should lead by example in urging their match groups to maintain a reasonable pace and if necessary to call through a following group. This was supported and SP agreed to make all seniors aware of this intention.</p>	SP/All
9.	<p><b>Spring &amp; Autumn Tours</b> – It was noted that the Spring tour to Norfolk was relatively expensive and it was suggested that consideration should be given to a less expensive tour in the Autumn. SP agreed to raise this possibility with Peter Nicholls.</p>	SP
10.	<p><b>Seniors' Section Constitution</b> – DS suggested that the constitution should be amended to include a requirement for a quorum at the AGM to ensure that decisions were only made when a good number of members were present. It was agreed that this would be a useful safeguard and it was suggested that DS should present a motion at the next AGM. A quorum of 25 was thought to be reasonable.</p> <p>DS also questioned whether it was appropriate for the Committee to make a Committee decision on which motions being considered at the AGM, should be supported or opposed. The Committee concluded that it was sensible to review motions coming forward to ensure that proposals could be implemented satisfactorily, but agreed that each member of the Committee should be free to vote as they saw fit at the AGM.</p> <p>DS drew attention to the fact that the Constitution prescribed the timescale for submission of motions but there were no requirements about publicizing motions and in consequence late motions could go unnoticed until the day of the AGM. He pointed out that this year there had been two motions which he hadn't seen before the AGM and this was not an acceptable procedure. It was agreed that in future motions should remain on the noticeboard until the AGM albeit with a notice saying the closing date for motions had past.</p> <p>Attention was also drawn to an inconsistency in the rules for the election of Committee members. It was agreed that SP/SC/DS should meet to discuss</p>	DS  All  SP

	these various points and possible modifications to the constitution.	SP/SC/DS
11.	<b>Communication</b> – DS suggested that, communication with members could be improved by posting agenda and minutes (or a summary) on the noticeboard and printed in an easy to read type size. Improving communication was supported but it was thought that emailing the minutes to members and inviting them to raise issues of concern with committee members might be more effective than posting documents on the noticeboard. SP accordingly undertook to email all seniors. The minutes would also continue to be posted on the website.	SP
12.	<b>Next Meeting</b> – This will be on 28 April 2020 at the conclusion of the competition on that day.  SP thanked everyone for their contributions and support and closed the meeting at 3.10pm.	SP

**Stephen Painter**  
**Seniors Captain**

**March 2020**