

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

**Meeting held at 13:30pm on Tuesday 28th July 2020
at Studley Wood Golf Club**

Action Points

In attendance: Stephen Painter (SP), Bob Clarke (BC), Phil Chaundy (PC), Stephen Capaldi (SC), Dave Drew (DD), Terry Davies (TD)

	Subject/Discussion Points	Action
1.	Apologies: Martin Wilkinson (MW), David Scott (DS) and Hans Menzel (HM)	
2.	Minutes of last meeting – the previous minutes of the 25 th June meeting were agreed. These had been posted on the Seniors webpage.	
3.	Matters arising – matters arising from the last meeting were either dealt with or included as agenda items for this meeting.	
4.	<p>Update on Summer Knock out competition and draw for next stage – the closing date for completion of the Group matches was 31st July. BC was able to confirm that only some 10 Group matches remained to be played and these were programmed to be played in the next few days. A summary of the Group winners to date is shown as Appendix 1. This will be updated as results come in and will be distributed.</p> <p>The following timeframe was agreed for the remaining matches, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playoffs for Groups 1 to 8 – by Friday 21st August • Quarter Finals - by Friday 4th September • Semi-finals – by Friday 18th September • Final – by 30 September <p>These 18-hole matchplay matches will be played off the Silver tees and responsibility for organising the date and time will rest with the player drawn first.</p>	SP
5.	<p>Charity donations – a policy decision regarding the approach of the Committee in the event of the passing of a Senior was required.</p> <p>SC outlined the alternative options that had been put forward namely:</p>	

	<p>1. To make a donation from Seniors funds in relation to the deaths of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Past Captains/Chairmen/Presidents or * Those founder members who had been notable in the setting up of the club. <p>It was recognised that periodically there may be others who are considered worthy e.g. projects undertaken for the club, but these situations may best be dealt with on an ad-hoc basis as the groundswell of opinion dictates</p> <p>2. not use Seniors funds for the purpose of recognising those who had passed, but instead lead a collection amongst the Seniors section at roll ups or online as a tribute to the deceased.</p> <p>PC made the point that over the years a variety of different approaches had been adopted, not just for those who had passed, for example donations made for staff leaving. It was therefore preferable to have a consistent means of dealing with these matters.</p> <p>Option 2 above was agreed in principle with any special cases that fitted within Option 1 above dealt with on a one-off basis as the Seniors Committee dictated.</p>	
6.	<p>Alliance scoring system. Conformation of method to be used.</p> <p>- currently for teams of 4 we apply $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap and 3 balls are off full handicap. However, it had been suggested at the AGM that the seniors prefer the deduction of 6 shots from the total score for the round for a 4 ball.</p> <p>SC advised that this had been reviewed during Paul Dore's captaincy and it had been concluded that the $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap method for 4 balls was preferable although it was a finely balanced choice. It was agreed that there appeared to be little difference between the two systems and the need for change was not apparent, therefore the existing system should remain in place.</p>	
7.	<p>Summer/Autumn Pairs Competition – SP reported that the Club General Committee would be running only individual competitions in the immediate future, and suggested that consideration of a Seniors' Pairs competition should be deferred until the end of August, bearing in mind the ongoing concern about the pressure on tee times.</p> <p>DD suggested that there was actually a falloff in tee time requests currently, but irrespective of this, the Seniors could use one of their forthcoming planned roll ups as qualifier for a Pairs KO competition. This would not take up any additional tee times to that planned for the roll up.</p>	

	<p>The suggestion was adopted for the 25th August roll up [currently a Waltz - which would be moved to 18th August] to be changed to a Pairs format. The top 8 pairs on the day would then proceed to the quarterfinal stage of a Pairs Competition, which would be arranged outwith the roll up days.</p> <p>The rules applicable for the competition would be the similar to last years Summer Pairs Competition, with an entrance fee payable through ClubV1. The detail of the rules/ prizes to be made available would be determined by SP, SC, DD and BC</p>	<p>SP, SC, DD and BC</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Roll up organisation/playing programme – SP advised that a meeting had been held with Fitz on Thursday 23rd July, at which it was agreed that organisers would arrange 2 successive blocks of 4 roll ups, covering a 4 week period. Entrants would be sought in the normal manner in blocks of 4 roll ups and all 4 draws could then be undertaken concurrently after the closing date. All 4 draws could then be issued to Fitz by email who would enter these onto BRS 10 days in advance [an improvement on the previous 9 days].</p> <p>Fitz would make all changes to the BRS system for all late entrants/withdrawals.</p> <p>SP had received the names of 25 new Seniors and added their email addresses to the Seniors distribution list, who would now receive invitations to roll ups through the normal process. He had also met some 12 of the ex-Magnolia Seniors at the club on Monday.</p> <p>Discussion arose on the situation that had arisen today, when following a withdrawal one member had played as a single. BC advised that there was a method available to score a 3 ball in a pairs competition, but it was felt that no further action should be taken at this stage.</p> <p>Discussion also arose regarding the potential for more medal competitions throughout the year. It was felt that there should be at least 1 medal competition a month. This would be considered by the Committee in due course.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Captains Charity Day 10/9 – SP recognised that whatever was organised this year would be restricted due to the pandemic. He had chosen Brain Tumour Research for his Charity and had been considering what format the day should take. Potentially this could take the form of a 4 ball better ball format between 4 allocated teams. DD would assist SP in finalising the arrangements alongside HM and SC.</p>	<p>DD, SP, SC, HM</p>

	It was concluded that as it was likely that a shotgun start was necessary on the day, that SP discuss this matter with KH.	SP
10.	<p>Engraving of Trophies – the experience this year was that the quarterly and annual challenge trophies had not been engraved for last year’s winners and action was being taken to remedy this</p> <p>The question of funding for engraving was also discussed and it was noted that the Men’s committee were currently looking at this in the context of competition fees retained by the club.</p> <p>It was clarified that DS was the Senior Committee member responsible for checking on the availability and engraving of the Senior Trophies.</p>	<p>SP/SC</p> <p>DS</p>
11.	<p>Senior Club Championship. The role of the Seniors’ Committee – SP outlined the reason for the inclusion of this item, namely that Allan Boswell had recently helped in reviewing and updating the rules aspects of the General and Men’s Committee. With the Seniors Club Championship being a Club responsibility, the published rules for this year’s Senior Club Championship had arisen from that review and update.</p> <p>In respect of a breach of rule 4e, regarding playing on both days, the sanctions applicable would be determined by the Men’s Committee and not the Seniors Committee.</p> <p>In answer to a question from DD regarding the lack of visibility of the Senior Club Championship result, SP was able to summarize that an issue had arisen regarding the application of the policy adopted previously of 1 person being restricted to 1 prize. BC had been the winner of the over 70’s gross competition, but had also come third overall. A decision was made by the club that BC should be awarded 3rd place overall and that the over 70’s gross first prize should go the Russell Matthews.</p> <p>Debate arose regarding this and it was agreed that some fine tuning was needed for the 2021 competition. It was also suggested that there should in future years be an over 70’s nett prize and it was decided to consider this with the Men’s Committee.</p> <p>DD was concerned that the Seniors were being restricted to 1 prize for 1 person, whereas in the Men’s Championship multiple prizes could be won by one person. SC pointed out that the current arrangement had been proposed by the Seniors’ Committee several years ago and the Men’s Committee had acceded to this request.</p>	SP/SC
12.	Financials including the issue of Roll Up monies – SP shared two documents:	

- 1 Roll up prizes and Senior Funds and
- 2 Studley Wood Seniors Financial Position as at 20th July 2020

SP stated that there was money in the Seniors kitty, so the question was - do we need to raise more? He reminded members of the various proposals that had been made over the last few weeks, some supporting a return to £1 in a box approach, others suggesting no change, whilst others supported a one-off general contribution to the Seniors funds. It was important that all proposals be considered fairly on their merits and a decision made.

In respect of Silverware competitions specifically MW had bought vouchers and payments were being made of £10 for the winner and £5 for the runner up. BC was of the opinion that this approach was relatively new and the issue of vouchers in Silverware competitions should cease and instead we should collect an entrance fee as per the pre pandemic roll ups and pay out from the pot generated. A £2 entrance fee was deemed too high, given the funds available and funds generated from a typical 40 entrants.

SC suggested that it was too late to introduce such a change for Thursday's Roy Holland trophy, and a date in the future should be decided upon if this was pursued.

PC questioned the need to entertain introducing monies into the equation. There was currently a good buzz about being able to play again and things were going well with the roll ups. He felt there was a general shortage of monies in these extraordinary circumstances and this was an unnecessary distraction.

BC advised that the Seniors did have costs to cover, including website costs and potentially engraving of trophies.

SP had undertaken a 'straw poll' of various golf playing partners over the last few weeks and there was a mix of reactions to the potential reintroduction of the £1 in the box approach. Overall, he determined that the strength of opinion for its reintroduction slightly outweighed those against. Other Committee members questioned whether it was sensible to reintroduce cash prizes given the extra work it would entail.

BC was able to clarify that collecting of a competition fee was not a cumbersome matter. ClubV1 had the facility to deduct from and pay into club cards. A work around existed for the Seniors to receive a % of the funds deducted. There would be no requirement for a spreadsheet to hold any additional information and lists of results would be published automatically via How did id do as currently.

DD reminded the committee that £150 worth of vouchers had been purchased for this purpose as there were 10 silverware competitions per year. [As indicated earlier £10 was being paid to the winner and £5 to the runner up]. To neutralise this situation SP was prepared to purchase all of the vouchers.

SP

In conclusion the Committee decided that a competition fee and prizes

	<p>should be reintroduced for Silverware competitions from September: with prizes for two divisions. SP/SC/DD would draw up a proposal for payments arising for the silverware competitions. This would be reviewed in due course.</p> <p>SP thanked all those present and those who were unable to be present but had made their views known for engaging in this debate. A full and frank debate had been undertaken and the committee would move forward as one in the messaging of this proposal.</p> <p>Post Meeting note: MW has clarified that vouchers had been purchased for 6 Silverware events only, spanning last year's Champion of Champions through to the Jeremy Potter Trophy in September i.e. a commitment of £90. Of this £45 worth of vouchers had already been allocated and it was possible to carry forward any remaining unused vouchers for future events e.g. Winter League.</p>	SP/SC/DD
13.	<p>AOB</p> <p>1 Men's & General Committees – SC was able to advise that the Men's and General Committees had been very active in providing clarity on committee responsibilities and procedural matters. A general committee meeting was being held tomorrow</p> <p>2 Ladies V Seniors – this would take place on Wednesday 21st October. The Ladies Charity day on 12th August had been deferred.</p> <p>3 New members – Consideration was given to arrangements to introduce new members to the Seniors' Section arrangements. SP undertook to reflect on suggestions made and to put a proposal together,</p> <p>SP to circulate a list of the new members to the Committee.</p> <p>4 Interclub matches – SC had attempted to get some interclub matches rearranged for this year, but this had proved difficult. An away fixture at Donnington Grove was the remaining possibility and discussions were ongoing.</p> <p>5 Maximum stroke play scores – DS had circulated a note regarding this provision. BC was unclear as to whether this was viable through Clubv1.</p> <p>6 World Golf handicap system – BC updated the Committee about the new system being introduced on 2nd November 2020. He had undertaken the pre-registration of Studley Wood Golf Club but no slope rating had been done to date. KH had indicated this would be done in the next couple of months. BC stated that the number of qualifiers on the upcoming programme was advantageous in terms of the process moving forward.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p> <p>SC</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting – the date of the next meeting was provisionally set as 25th August</p>	SP

