

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Virtual meeting held on 24th November 2020

Action Points

In attendance: Stephen Painter (SP), Bob Clarke (BC), Phil Chaundy (PC), David Scott (DS), Stephen Capaldi (SC), Dave Drew (DD), Martin Wilkinson (MW), Terry Davies (TD)

	Subject/Discussion Points	Action
1.	Apologies - Hans Menzel (HM)	
2.	Minutes – the previous minutes of the 2 nd November 2020 meeting were agreed. These had been posted on the Seniors webpage.	
3.	Matters arising – Treasurers statement – had been received £1 for roll ups – to be considered at future meeting	
4.	<p>Post lockdown golf from 2nd December – SP outlined the discussions that had taken place at the General Committee meeting the previous evening. Various opinions had been expressed by participants from different sections of the club, namely: 9 holes * 2 balls at 6-minute intervals with no block bookings through to 9 holes * 4 balls at 10-minute intervals with block bookings (as sought by SP and SC on behalf of the Seniors section).</p> <p>Maximising the opportunity for members to play the course during the winter months, with reduced playing hours, (whilst complying with appropriate COVID safety measures), was a key consideration for the General Committee and resulted in the decision to move forward from 2nd December with: 9 holes * 4 balls but no block bookings or competitions. This decision had been formally conveyed to members by email that morning.</p> <p>MW questioned if and when the current decision would be reviewed. SP advised that he and SC were able to get agreement from the General Committee that the situation would be formally reviewed in a fortnights time i.e. around the 16th December, although no General Committee meeting had been diarised to date.</p> <p>DD sought clarification regarding the availability of golf on the 2nd December. BC was able to confirm that the lockdown ended at 12:01 on the 2nd, hence golf being accessible on the 2nd itself.</p> <p>In the absence of block bookings for Seniors, members would in the short term need to book themselves tee times via BRS as available. SP would advise seniors to this effect. He would also seek an exception from KH with regards the bookings concerning the Pairs Competition, an 18-hole competition, which were at Semi Final stage.</p>	<p>SP/SC</p> <p>SP</p>
5.	Winter League – MW expressed concern that we would be running way behind with the Winter League if we couldn't get block bookings reinstated. Whilst this was acknowledged, the view taken was that Winter League events could be included in future month's playing programmes to make up for any delay arising. This may necessitate	

	running two Winter League rounds a month over a period of two months.	SP
6.	<p>Competitions - SC advised that it had been stated at the general committee meeting that apparently Club Systems was struggling with regards to competitions. BC clarified that Club Systems, as used by Studley, was an independent service provider affording golf clubs a facility for setting up and running competitions. He was not aware of any current issues with Club Systems but advised the committee against running competitions in the current circumstances.</p> <p>BC explained further that Club Systems had an interface with England Golf, who were managing the new handicap system (which had been up and running since 2nd November), such that the results of formal competitions were now to be communicated to England Golf for handicap adjustment where appropriate.</p>	
7.	<p>Xmas event- SP was keen to provide a Senior's event to celebrate Xmas, either on the 15th or 22nd December, recognizing this might be as simple as a turkey sandwich and a mince pie. It was acknowledged that tiered Covid rules prohibiting groups to no more than 6 would cut across this concept. SP would review this based on any new information surfacing.</p>	SP
8.	<p>Trophies - DS had provided the committee with a list of the names of seniors which needed engraving onto appropriate trophies, and/or the names of seniors to be added onto the club boards. He had obtained an estimate of the cost of the trophy engraving. DS would make all this information available to Tom Randall.</p> <p>SP expressed his thanks to DS for pulling all this information together.</p>	DS
9.	<p>WHS handicaps – DS suggested that as golf was now returning seniors needed some reinforcement and clarity regarding the new WHS handicap system and specifically how it worked for different competitions. BC confirmed that coincidentally, he had developed and provided an explanatory note to John Dennis, who was intending to circulate this to all members.</p> <p>BC stated that for singles competitions there would be three key factors, as per the example below:</p> <p>17.7 – individuals Handicap Index 20 - Course Handicap (off Silver Tees) 19 - Playing Handicap (as per WHS Handicap Allowances at 95%)</p> <p>For other competitions different WHS Handicap Allowances applied, but not all variations used locally were immediately obvious and may need to be firmed up and communicated. BC would circulate the WHS Handicap Allowances to the committee.</p> <p>With regards to score entry to Club Systems, the Playing Handicap would automatically be calculated and used by the system, with individuals only needing to input their gross scores. In a stableford competition, score cards could reflect gross cores and stableford points (as long as they were based on the Playing Handicap), but the system would generate its own stableford points based on gross score alone.</p>	BC

	A review of the allowances to be applied to team competitions would need to be undertaken prior to their reintroduction. As in the past individuals would be advised shortly prior to the competition of the rules to be applied.	SP/BC
10.	Seniors Constitution – SC outlined the backdrop to the paper that had been distributed for consideration, namely that the existing constitution was missing some clauses that you would expect to see in such a document and in addition some rule changes agreed at recent AGM's were not entirely clear or indeed conflicting. As such, SP, SC and DS had undertaken an overhaul to address the various issues. The views of the committee were sought in order that these could be considered at the next meeting. SP to include as an agenda item for next meeting.	ALL SP
11.	Seniors Club Championship – feedback would be received regarding the amendments sought following consideration at the General Committee meeting.	SP/SC
12.	Handicap committee – BC reported that a Handicap Committee had been created to address any handicap questions/issues. This had previously been under the purview of one individual	
13.	Seniors entry levels – SC suggested that the committee or appropriate sub-committee return to the question of the increasing number of seniors taking advantage of the booking system for roll ups. This was an issue that was causing the club some concern, in respect of restricting tee times for others.	SP/SC/PC/TD
14.	Date of next meeting – SP would arrange as matters developed.	SP