

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Virtual meeting held at 14:00 on 16th March 2021

Action Points

In attendance: Stephen Capaldi (SC), Stephen Painter (SP), Phil Chaundy (PC), Martin Wilkinson (MW), Dave Drew (DD), David Hughes (DH), Terry Davies (TD)

	Subject/Discussion Points	Action
1.	Apologies: Hans Menzel (HM), David Scott (DS)	
2.	2021/22 Committee introductions - SC welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2021/22 seniors committee meeting, with a special welcome to David Hughes attending his first meeting.	
3.	Minutes – the previous minutes of the 2 nd February 2021 meeting were agreed subject to '2010' being changed to read '2020' in the second paragraph of minute 2. There were no outstanding matters arising.	
4.	<p>Committee tasks – SC had circulated a committee task schedule based largely on what was required of the committee last year. Volunteers were sought for the role of Minute Secretary and for the roll up draw team. DD volunteered for the draw team in addition to his result/admin role. DH volunteered for the roll up team and the Minute Secretary role. SP volunteered for the draw team.</p> <p>PC advised that he had prepared an initial 12 month draw rota which would be enhanced to reflect the following participants: PC, TD, DH, SP and DD.</p> <p>MW advised that Paul Dore, whilst outwith the committee, was happy to continue with the maintenance of the senior's web site and that TD was adding a note of thanks, via the AGM minutes, of SP and the committee for Paul continuing in this capacity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TD</p>
5.	<p>Winter League Entry Fees – MW referred to the proposed utilisation of the monies taken in respect of the cancelled 20/21 Winter League. 50 players had paid their entry fee - 43 who had played in the first round and 7 others. Initially it had been suggested that these monies should be used for the 21/22 Winter League, but he felt that the funds should be used earlier in the year. e.g., for the Summer Singles Knockout competition.</p> <p>It would be a simple task to ensure that the funds are allocated to the relevant competition, or returned to the individual if required. It was agreed to consider this in relation to the discussion about 2021 knockout competitions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MW</p>

6.	<p>Roll up programme for April/May – SC had circulated a proposed playing programme for April and May, based on a resumption of organised roll ups from 13th April, following a fortnight of casual golf from 29th March. Whilst the reserved tee times for seniors had yet to be formally resolved, if this was earlier than 13th April then we would simply bridge the gap with a variety of organised roll ups. The question of reserved tee times was on the agenda for the General Committee meeting on 17th March and as soon as clarity was obtained SC would advise.</p> <p>In respect of the content of the proposal discussions arose over the number and spread of qualifiers and the order of events. The following includes a suggested adjustment to the original proposal to facilitate the easing of players back into playing:</p> <p>April</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1st</td><td>Casual golf</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>6th</td><td>Casual Golf</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Casual golf</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>13th</td><td>Alliance</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>15th</td><td>Stableford</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>20th</td><td>Bonus Ball</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>22nd</td><td>Bogey Singles</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>27th</td><td>Waltz</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>29th</td><td>Pairs Better Ball</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>29th</td><td>Snrs v The Springs (A)*</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>May</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>4th</td><td>Stableford (25th Anniversary comp?)</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>6th</td><td>Snrs v Oxfordshire (H)*</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6th</td><td>Alliance</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>11th</td><td>Snrs Quarterly Challenge 1(strokeplay)*</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>13th</td><td>Texas Scramble</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>13th</td><td>Snrs v The Springs (H)*</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>18th</td><td>Better Ball Bogey</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>20th</td><td>Stableford</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>25th</td><td>Roy Holland Trophy (stableford)*</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>27th</td><td>Champion of Champions (strokeplay)</td><td>q</td></tr> <tr><td>27th</td><td>Waltz</td><td>nq</td></tr> <tr><td>30th -1st</td><td>Seniors Tour Norfolk</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>* In club diary</p> <p>SC would circulate the revised programme when there was more certainty of the situation.</p> <p>MW noted that the Champion of Champions was planned for 27th May, and that the winners of last year's Pairs Knockout would be automatically entitled to be included. SC would contact those yet to complete their match advising them of the need to play the final ahead of the deadline of 27th May. SP advised that it had not been possible to rearrange last year's Memorial Cup and it was agreed that this should not be rescheduled into this year's playing programme.</p>	1st	Casual golf	nq	6th	Casual Golf	nq	8th	Casual golf	nq	13th	Alliance	nq	15th	Stableford	q	20th	Bonus Ball	nq	22nd	Bogey Singles	q	27th	Waltz	nq	29th	Pairs Better Ball	nq	29th	Snrs v The Springs (A)*		4th	Stableford (25th Anniversary comp?)	q	6th	Snrs v Oxfordshire (H)*		6th	Alliance	nq	11th	Snrs Quarterly Challenge 1(strokeplay)*	q	13th	Texas Scramble	nq	13th	Snrs v The Springs (H)*		18th	Better Ball Bogey	nq	20th	Stableford	q	25th	Roy Holland Trophy (stableford)*	q	27th	Champion of Champions (strokeplay)	q	27th	Waltz	nq	30th -1st	Seniors Tour Norfolk		<p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p>
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	<p>In response to a question regarding the 25th Anniversary competition, SC explained that this was a suggested Seniors event, not a club event. The idea being to have a one-off repurposed trophy to mark the occasion. DD was undertaking a search for a suitable trophy.</p>	DD
8.	<p>£1 in a box entry fee- SC recollected that the committee had previously agreed the £1 entry fee should restart at some point in the future. It was then a question of when and how.</p> <p>TD advised that we could utilise ClubV1 to facilitate an electronic deduction of a £1 entry fee from membership cards for singles roll ups quite readily, following the same principles as we currently undertake for the Silverware competitions. However, with regards to team events, we have no experience of doing this electronically and would need to test ClubV1 to ensure that it could be done without any unforeseen consequences.</p> <p>MW had previously agreed a monetary scheme with Bob Clarke such that the sums generated by the £1 entry fee would be used to pay out the relevant prizes for the event, following a 10% deduction for the senior's reserves. The 10% deduction would be accumulated across one or more committee member(s) membership card(s) over a period of a month, and thereafter the sum transferred to the senior's bank account. This scheme would apply whilst electronic deductions continued to be made.</p> <p>SC suggested that we introduce the £1 entry fee from 4th May onwards, run this for a month or so and revisit it to ensure the process was working satisfactorily. This course of action was agreed. During this period TD would link up with Bob Clarke to more fully assess the capability of ClubV1 to manage electronic deductions for team events and report back.</p> <p>DD raised the potential of returning to a physical £1 in a box roll up, as per pre pandemic times, and questioned how we would cope if numbers attending the roll ups remained high. This could lead to lengthy waiting times in the club house prior to playing. This was recognised as a possible outcome and it was concluded that it may be something that was best discussed at an EGM later in the year. This would enable the committee to get a feel from the players as to what was acceptable – a physical roll up on the day, (with potential lengthy waiting but a more active social aspect) or a virtual draw version (as currently with advanced knowledge of tee times, no waiting, but less social interaction) or indeed a mixture of the two.</p> <p>MW intimated that a return to a two-tee start may help to address any waiting times issue. Earlier starts for tee time bookings, was also viewed as a potential solution. Currently the earliest tee times appeared to be set at 7:30, whereas 7:00 could easily be</p>	<p>TD</p> <p>SC/TD</p> <p>TD</p> <p>SC/TD</p>

	<p>applicable. SC would keep these factors in mind when the General Committee meeting addressed the reserved tee times issue.</p>	SC
9.	<p>Inter Club Matches – SC reported that the Burford away match (1st April) had been cancelled and that he had cancelled the Tadmarton home match (20th April). However, The Springs away match on 29th April would go ahead. Players would be allotted tee times to ensure they arrived at intervals, and there would be no catering or social interaction after the match. The captains would remain to gather the results and these would be made know via email. This was not ideal, but was a start.</p> <p>It was currently unclear whether the two home matches in May (the Oxfordshire – 6th May and the Springs – 13th May) would go ahead. If so then there would be no catering and may follow the same principles as the Springs away match. SP was aware that there had been a suggestion that any home matches move to a 14:00 start rather than 12:00 and SC would clarify if this was still intended.</p> <p>Discussions arose over the accuracy or otherwise of the senior's database, as it was this database that was used in any communication with seniors. SC believed that there had been a data cleanse and was confident it was reasonable accurate. He would update the database following notification of a recent bereavement.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC</p>
10.	<p>Team events formats/handicap allowances – TD had circulated the documents as requested and had prepared an A5 version of the two team event tables. The intention was to get these tables laminated back-to-back as a handy reference guide. He would follow up with Ken/Tom on 29th March, on return to golf, to seek their assistance in doing this.</p> <p>Thereafter, the laminated copies would be offered to seniors at a nominal purchase price – the funds raised being used as a donation for this year's Captain's charity</p>	TD
11.	<p>Knock out competitions – SC reflected on the popularity and success of the Summer Singles Knockout last year, which had seen a league format introduced as the first phase followed by a straight knockout format as a second phase. The first phase being over 9 holes and the second phase over 18 holes. A decision was needed over what format and over how many holes this Summers Knockout should be.</p> <p>MW was of the opinion it had worked very well, albeit the 9-hole element had been forced upon us by government regulations at the time. The ability of players to have 4 or 5 matches, rather than simply being knocked out after one match, was advantageous. However, now that there were no restrictions on number of holes playable, it was felt that a return to an 18 -hole competition was appropriate, whilst retaining an initial league format. Consideration would be given to commencing the competition end of May.</p>	SC

	For the Summer Pairs Knockout it was agreed that drawn pairs (high handicap plus low handicap) would be the way forward as it was last year. Use of the roll ups to facilitate commencement of the competition would be undertaken. This competition would be planned to commence in June.	SC
12.	<p>AOB – MW returned to the issue of the funds available from the 20/21 Winter League and suggested that they be used for entry to the Summer Pairs Knockout competition. This would have no bearing on the accounts published at the AGM.</p> <p>Future correspondence on this competition would make reference to the entry fee being rolled over from the Winter League.</p> <p>DD reported that there had been various improvements to the course undertaken during lockdown.eg. a new lake in front of the 7th green. The committee were keen to see these improvements for themselves.</p> <p>MW would make contact with the Ladies Section to consider new dates for events that were unfortunately cancelled last year because of the circumstances of the pandemic.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>MW</p>
13.	Date of next Meeting – SC would advise in due course, following clarity on the outcomes of the considerations at the General Committee meeting on 17 th March	SC