

Studley Wood Seniors' Section

Zoom virtual Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2021 at 16:00

In attendance: Stephen Painter (SP) - Captain 20/21, Stephen Capaldi (SC) - Captain designate 21/22, Bob Clarke (BC), Phil Chaundy (PC), Martin Wilkinson (MW), David Scott (DS), Dave Drew (DD), Terry Davies (TD) plus 27 members - see Appendix 1.

Apologies: Paul Fitzgerald, Hans Menzel and Richard Ellis

1.	Welcome – SP welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending via Zoom.
2.	Minutes – the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5 th March 2020 were approved as a correct record. These are published on the Senior's webpage.
3.	<p>Treasurer's Report – MW referred to the revised version of the Income and Expenditure Account, circulated on Monday 8th March. This now reflected a deferred liability of £250 in respect of the cancelled 20/21 Winter League, into the 21/22 accounting year. He highlighted some key elements of the accounts including the £3,169 raised for charity at the Captains Charity Day. At the end of the year reserves were down slightly to £956, from £1072 the previous year.</p> <p>Roy Pritchard questioned why so much monies were held in reserve. MW indicated that there were a few potential costs in the pipeline for example trophy/honours board engraving, which would eat into that. MW indicated he would be relaxed if the reserves were reduced, for a meaningful reason, by £200 or £300.</p> <p>36 votes had been cast in favour of the originally circulated report and this amended report was accepted.</p>
4.	<p>Captain's report – SP reflected on what had been a most difficult and different year due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the 3 lockdowns that had been imposed. Not only had golf been suspended but when we were allowed back the social aspects had also had to take a back seat. However, credit had to be given to Ken, Baljit, Ian and the green keepers who had maintained the course to a high standard throughout the lockdowns, so that we had the benefit of a golf course in superb condition when we returned.</p> <p>Out of necessity, to meet Covid restrictions and provide a safe environment in which to play golf, the Senior's Committee had developed a new 'virtual' roll up draw system to ensure that roll ups continued when allowed. Fitz and Tom had worked tirelessly in the background, to help populate and amend the BRS system, thus enabling the various roll out formats and competitions to be played. Overall, 36 events had taken place during the year, 16 of which were qualifiers. The average turnout for each event was a respectable 44, a significant increase on pre Covid days. The objective of running all Silverware competitions was almost met, only thwarted by a combination of bad weather and lockdowns.</p> <p>The Summer Singles Knockout format was changed this year to match the restrictions that were in place at the time and the Pairs Knockout would be concluded as soon as it was possible to resume golf. He congratulated all who had been successful in winning competitions during the year.</p> <p>Craig and Loretta further deserved our thanks having manned the hatch in all weathers to serve food and drink. A special thanks also goes to Peter Nicholls for yet again organising our Tours and Away days. Enjoyable days were spent at both Burnham</p>

	<p>Beeches in September and Wrag Barn in October. The Norfolk Spring tour was being rearranged.</p> <p>The highlight of the year was raising £3,169 at the Captain's Charity Day in support of Brain Tumour Research. DD had provided fantastic help in the organisation and delivery of this event and SP offered a big thank you to everyone for their support in making this possible.</p> <p>The World Handicap System arrived in November in parallel with the second lockdown. Bob Clarke had been instrumental in sorting out anomalies that had arisen as a consequence and deserved thanks for this. Unfortunately, the tradition of Christmas Golf and Lunch had to be cancelled this year as had the Ladies v Seniors match in October.</p> <p>SP offered each Committee member his thanks for the significant contribution they had made to supporting his captaincy during the year. He also thanked Paul Dore, who whilst not on the committee, helped to maintain the Seniors Website.</p> <p>A big thanks also to Stephen Capaldi who had unfailingly offered his support throughout the year, particularly his work on the Constitution and the Senior Club Championship rules as well as organising the 2021 interclub matches. SP wished SC all the best for the coming year, and handed over to SC as the incoming Seniors Captain for 2021/22.</p>
5.	<p>New Captain's Address</p> <p>SC stated that it was an honour to be Seniors' Captain for 2021/22. He hoped to emulate some of the skills he had witnessed applied over the last few years by a number of really excellent Captains.</p> <p>Past Captain SP had been innovative, forever calm and constantly positive as Captain, although the year had not been an easy one. He had been the right man in the right place at the right time and had performed a fantastic job.</p> <p>Seniors Committee SC also paid tribute to the old Committee and expressed his gratitude to have a great team to work with in 2021/22. He was particularly pleased that Terry Davies had agreed to be his Vice Captain this year, having been a stalwart Committee member and was convinced he would make a great Vice Captain and a fine Captain in due course.</p> <p>The Year Ahead SC was disinclined to make predictions about the year ahead, but was hopeful that we would get back to something approaching golfing normality this year. Whatever happens he would seek to make the best use of the opportunities that arise.</p> <p>Roll Up programme The Roll Up programme has already been drafted for the whole year with the usual mixture of silverware competitions, team games, stablefords and medals. Following the new Committee meeting next week the April/May programme will be circulated.</p> <p>On resumption of golf on 29 March, it was likely that 4 balls would be allowed, but initially there may be a limit placed of 9 holes, in order that heavy demand for access to the course can be met. By mid-April however, he believed that 18 holes would resume and seniors will once again be asked to sign up in advance for roll up draws.</p>

	<p>He advised that 4th May 2021 is the 25th anniversary of the opening of Studley Wood Golf Club and understands that Ken has plans to celebrate the anniversary in style. Details will be circulated as soon as they are made known with the hope that we can all join in.</p> <p>Inter Club matches The 12-fixture home and away programme of inter club matches for the April – October period has been in the diary for some months, but unfortunately the 3 matches booked for April (Burford away and The Springs away and Tadmarton at home) have had to be postponed. Efforts will be made to rearrange them for later in the year. The catering for the programme may just need to be adjusted to suit the changed world.</p> <p>He encouraged anyone who hadn't previously been involved in such matches to let him know as he was keen to increase the numbers getting involved. Sign-up sheets for this year would probably be managed online.</p> <p>Tours & Away Days SC was pleased that Peter Nicholls is going to carry on as organiser of our Tours and Away Days for 2021/22, and he was particularly looking forward to the Spring tour to Norfolk which we missed out on last year.</p> <p>Charity The traditional Captain's Charity Golf Day would take place in July and SC advised that he would be supporting the Oxford branch of Samaritans; a great bunch of volunteers doing a brilliant job, particularly over the last year when their services have been much in demand.</p> <p>Conclusion SC had one over-arching ambition for 2021/22 and that is that we create the conditions in which seniors can enjoy their golf and hopefully have a bit of fun along the way.</p>
6.	<p>Election to Committee of sitting members – the first order of business for SC was to affirm the Seniors Committee members for 2021/22 as follows:</p> <p>Terry Davies, Vice-Captain Martin Wilkinson, Treasurer Stephen Painter- Past Captain Phil Chaundy Dave Drew Hans Menzel David Scott</p> <p>New Seniors Committee member: there had been one vacancy created following the stepping down of BC, who SC thanked for his significant contribution to the Committee over the last few years. One nomination had been made, namely David Hughes and SC was pleased to welcome David to the Committee.</p>
7.	<p>Ratification of Seniors Constitution – SC confirmed that there had been a major rewrite of the Constitution to bring it up to date. The document had been circulated and no comments had been received from the membership. 36 votes had been cast in favour of the revised Constitution (with no rejections) and this amendment was therefore carried. It would become operational as from 9th March 2021.</p>
8.	<p>Ratification of amended Rules for Seniors Club Championship – SC was also able to advise that the Rules of the Seniors Club Championship had been updated, principally to make the Over 70's element a net competition rather than a scratch competition. This would potentially provide more opportunity for a greater number of players. Similarly, 36 votes had been cast in favour of the amended Rules of Seniors Club Championship (with</p>

	no rejections) and this amendment was carried. These rules would apply from the 2021 Championship to be held on 6 th and 8th July 2021.
9.	<p>AOB – SC was cognisant that a zoom meeting was not the easiest to hold for large groups and as such it was proposed that any motions or AOB items be deferred until an EGM could be organised in person and matters debated (where there was a need).</p> <p>Richard Ilett has asked if he could address the meeting to advise that he was raising money for Cancer Research and that any donations would be gratefully received. He had provided a link to the Giving website on his Facebook page.</p>
	The meeting closed at 16:40

Appendix A - Attendees at AGM

Mike Atkins
Graham Brogden
David Scott
Ian Parsons
David Hughes
Richard Hayward
Stephen Capaldi
Stephen Painter
Phil Chaundy
Barry Muir
Graham McGowan – Smyth
Roy Pritchard
Bill Taunton
Neil Walker
Kingi Sharma
John Dennis
Bob Crow
David Wybron
Ted Peycke
Terry Davies
David Drew
Melvyn Hayes
John Deller
Richard Ilett
Peter Parrey
Barry Yates
Gordon McMurdo
Roy Fulton
Bob Clarke
Russel Matthews
Martin Wilkinson
Tony Lane
John Walker
Paul Dore
Peter Nicholls