

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2023

The meeting opened at 1430hrs

In attendance: Phil Chaundy, Tim Mustill, Gerry Pricket, David Hughes, Chris Fill, Colin Macgregor, Richard Ilett and Jonathan Perks.

Christopher Perks was in attendance as an observer and left at the conclusion of Item 5.

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| 1 | Apologies: Terry Davies | Action |
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| 2 | Minutes of the previous meeting. | |
| | The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 th October were accepted in full. | None |
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| 3 | Feedback from General Committee meetings | |
| | Apart from a decision that the club declared there would be no roll ups in the period from Christmas to the New Year, PC stated that there were no specific issues arising which impacted the Seniors section. | None |
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| 4 | Treasurer's Report | |
| | GP had circulated a financial report prior to the meeting. He stated that the finances were in good condition. Current liabilities included £240 for Winter League prizes, £124 for the Captains' Charity and prizes for the winners of the Champion of Champions competition. | None |
| | GP confidently expected the section to breakeven on the year and carry assets of £900 into 2024. | |
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| 5 | Awaydays / Tour reports | |
| | 5.1 Feedback from the Bristol tour | |
| | Overall feedback was favourable and the event was enjoyed by those participating. A small number commented that the Burnham and Berrow course was too difficult. This led to a discussion about the level of difficulty the courses should be for the tours. | |
| | It was agreed that a variety of courses, some reasonably difficult and others less challenging, should be considered for future tours. The slope ratings should be taken into account but not taken as the sole discriminator when selecting courses. | JP |
| | A problem had arisen on the Bristol tour when the two teams drew and it was not known how to distribute the prizes. After discussion it was agreed that: | |

In future, countback will be used to determine the winning team. JP & PC

In this instance the prize fund will be donated to the captain's charity fund. JP will write to participants of the Bristol tour to confirm this is acceptable to them. GP & PC

5.2 Future Tours and Awaydays

JP led a discussion about the venues for future tours and awaydays. It was agreed that Newbury and Cookham, Stratford and Caversham were good potential awayday courses.

In the same way, venues for the Spring tour were considered. It was agreed that the Welsh National and Hawkstone Park are both suitable.

JP will investigate with regard to availability and costs, and consideration of the SW diary and start booking the Spring events in further discussion with TM. JP

6 Proposed draft roll up schedule for December

PC led a brief discussion about the previously circulated draft schedule. A minor change was made and it was agreed that the Christmas Shotgun event would be played off the Cobalt tees. PC

Following discussion it was agreed that players not in the Winter League but playing a general round on the day of a Winter League event, are welcome but should be scheduled to tee off after the Winter League participants. CF & RI
CM & DH

7. Issues with countback and results from Club V1 and HDID

The Division 2 result of the Memorial Trophy has led to a perceived discrepancy in terms of who had actually won the competition. There was also disagreement about when the competition was actually closed.

DH explained that this discrepancy had occurred because the competition had been closed on HDID using gross, not net scores.

Following a lively discussion about this previously unknown fact, and the variability of dates when Senior competitions were closed, it was agreed that:

7.1 Competition organisers are to close competitions in the evening, at the latest, of the day when the relevant competition had been played. CM, DH & TM

7.2 Competitions are to be closed using net scores. CM, DH & TM

Discussion arose about the number of people having the appropriate access codes (to HDID) to enable them to set up and close competitions. PC

It was agreed that only relevant committee members should be

permitted to use these codes and that those no longer on the committee should now have their access withdrawn.

8. Competitions update: Pairs KO, Memorial Trophy Medal, Champion of Champions

The committee congratulated the winners of the Pairs Knock-out competition namely Geoff Gaskins and Vic Churchley, the Memorial Trophy, Peter Collingwood, and the new Champion of Champions, Geoff Skiller.

9. M4 League

TM reported that the SW team currently lie second in the M4 League table with a win and a draw. Unfortunately two matches have had to be rearranged due to bad weather, which has impeded SWs progress in the competition.

Dates for the rearranged matches have yet to be finalised. TM

10. Seniors v Ladies Match

RI confirmed that the number of players in the Seniors team will be adapted to meet the number of players fielded by the Ladies, which is currently 11. The game is scheduled for the 16 November. RI

11. Captains Charity Update

PC informed the committee that some monies, from the joint Captains' Charity Day, were outstanding. This means that the final total is still not known. However, the overall total is approximately £12K which will be spread across all the captains and their respective charities. PC

12. Christmas Event

Discussion about the Seniors Christmas event, which is to be held on Tuesday 5 December, led to the following agreements.

It will be a Shotgun start at 8.30
The competition format will be Greensomes
There will be a Nearest the Pin (NP) competition
The menu will be 3 courses
A raffle
Live music

TM
RI

The overall cost to players will be £28 and this will include prizes. PC

13. Welcome Pack for New Seniors

TM had previously circulated the draft Welcome Pack and invited committee members to feedback comments, observations and suggestions. This item will be reviewed at the next meeting. TM

14. Roll Up Draw guidance on website

PC drew members attention to the current guidance that is available on the website concerning procedures associated with making draws for the roll ups and associated competitions. He mentioned that some of this is information needs updating. DH agreed to use this as a basis for revising the guidance. DH

PC drew attention to the need to follow this guidance when drawing up Silverware and other competitions.

15. Formalisation of Committee Roles

Considering the time that had elapsed CF proposed that this item be deferred, and that the item be relocated near the top of the next agenda. This was agreed. PC & CF

16. Seniors and Grandchild Competition

This proposal was generally greeted with approval but due to the length of the meeting it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. TD & PC

PC announced that TD had agreed to take a lead on this with Dave Drew.

17. AOB

17.1

CF suggested that a raffle be held at the Christmas lunch, with the proceeds going to the captains' charity. Members are to be invited to donate gifts and items for the raffle. TM & PC

This was eagerly accepted by PC and TM agreed to organise it.

17.2

CM requested that the captain remind members to supply their handicap index when responding to an invitation to enter roll-up competitions. This could save an inordinate amount time when formulating draws for silverware, and pairs events in particular. This idea was supported unanimously. PC

The meeting closed at 1630 hrs.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 7 December.