

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2023

The meeting opened at 0931hrs

In attendance: Phil Chaundy (Chair), Tim Mustill, Terry Davies, David Hughes, Chris Fill, Richard Ilett and Jonathan Perks.

Apologies: Colin Macgregor and Gerry Pricket

	Action
1. Minutes of the previous meeting.	
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 th October were accepted in full.	None
2. Matters Arising	
5.1 No objections had been received concerning the donation of the Bristol Tour prize fund to the captain's charity.	JP & GP
7.1 Two November competitions have yet to be closed. This was acknowledged and will be rectified.	TM
11 This is ongoing and yet to be finalised.	PC & GP
3. Feedback from General Committee meetings	
The main topic had been the slow play witnessed by all three sections of the club. A discussion about the causes and remedies had taken place.	
Reference was made to a research report that Alan Boswell had read about the issue. This report is to be investigated.	PC & TM
A board/sign is to be erected at the bunker on the 14 th fairway, designating it as the Captain's Bunker. The goal is to encourage donations.	
There is an intention to improve the lighting in the car park.	
A stair lift to the upper floor has been proposed.	
80 new members had joined SWGC this year.	
4. Treasurer's Report	
In anticipation of his absence, GP had circulated his report in advance of the meeting.	
This report was accepted and there were no questions arising.	
The Poppy Appeal raised £36 and monies from the raffle were in the 'JustGiving' fund.	

5. Awaydays / Tour reports

5.1 Spring 2024 tour

The tour to The Welsh National has now been booked and deposits paid. It was agreed the names of the participants should be publicised among the tour party, to enable car sharing. JP & PC

5.2 Spring 2024 Awayday

This has now been booked and will take place at Newbury and Crookham. This event will be published in January. JP

5.3 Autumn 2024 tour

This will be held at Hawkstone Park in Shropshire and will be held 16th – 18th September when the Clutch tour will be at SW and the course closed for several days. JP

5.4 Autumn 2024 Awayday

The venue for this event has yet to be finalised. It was suggested that Sand Martins might be suitable. This is to be followed up. JP

5.5 Potential new friendly

Further to our involvement in the M4 Winter League TM reported that Sand Martins had expressed an interest in establishing an interclub friendly fixture. Our current list of 22 matches leaves little room for additional events. However, it might be possible to arrange a club based Midweek Team involving three matches, to incorporate Sand Martins.

Alternatively a single match each year might be possible. TM

6. Proposed draft roll up schedule for January

All Senior competitions in January will be played off the Cobalt tees. PC

After much discussion it was agreed to reschedule the much-postponed Round 3 of the Winter League to Thursday 21st December. PC

The tee space that is currently available (on the BRS platform) for the 21st December is to remain open for Seniors who might now choose to play in this rescheduled round of the Winter League. DH

7. Formalisation of Committee Roles

A discussion ensued concerning the way in which the committee might be organised differently. The principal goal is to reduce the heavy workload experienced by the Captain and Vice-Captain, and to spread the work more evenly.

It was agreed that the establishment of a Committee Secretary and a

Fixtures Secretary, each for a two or three year period, would help achieve the overall goal.

The current roles and processes associated with the management of the Roll-Ups and finances should remain.

CF agreed to draft role or job descriptions and to present these at the next committee meeting. CF

8. **Slow Play**

Further to previous discussions about this issue it was agreed to appoint a 'Speed Monitor' to help each roll-up group to play faster.

This idea will be trialed first by committee members, for a couple of months, before inviting Seniors to elect their own roll-up group SMs.

In addition, 5 tips for encouraging faster play will be issued by the Captain. PC

9. **Competitions update: Winter League (WL)**

9.1 CF reported that the WL had progressed reasonably well. Two Seniors who had not registered for the WL turned up and played in round 2, rather than play a General Round.

It was agreed that where possible non registered WL players would be scheduled to play after those in the WL had started. CF, CM, DH, RI

9.2 It was reported that some Seniors had requested that the points awarded in the WL table be extended from the current allocation of 24points. This was intended to be seen as a reward for participation and to encourage those less likely to win.

Committee members expressed a variety of opinions but it was agreed to increase the points awarded for the 2024/25 competition to 30 points. TM & CF

9.3 Discussion arose about the late cancellation of Round 3. Whilst this was regarded as unfortunate and a rare occurrence, it was agreed that an email sent out the night before would be more helpful. PC & TM

9.4 This in turn led to a discussion about the number of players necessary for a round in the WL to be considered legitimate and for the results to count.

It was agreed that for the 2024/25 competition a minimum of 50% of those registered to play in the overall WL competition had to have completed the particular round for that round to be deemed quorate and for the results to count. TM & CF

10. **M4 League**

TM reported that the SW team had played all of their matches and are second in the table. Their position was secure and SW will now progress to the KO stage in April.

Dates for the KO match will be finalised in April when the competition finishes. TM

PC confirmed that SW Seniors won 9, lost 10 and drew 3 of the inter-club friendly matches over the summer.

11. Seniors v Ladies Match

RI confirmed that this match was finally played. The weather forecast was grim and this contributed to both sides being limited to 8 players. Despite this the event was deemed a success with the Seniors victorious.

12. Captains Charity Update

PC informed the committee that some money is still owing from a couple of raffle items. The final total will be announced shortly. PC

13. Christmas Event

73 people took part in the Seniors Christmas event on Tuesday 5 December. The planned Greensomes competition had to be shortened to 9 holes due to the condition of the course.

The Xmas meal was accompanied with entertainment led by Graham Reid and Dave Drew.

The raffle raised £300 for the captains' charity.

It was agreed that a team event will be held at the Christmas 2024 event. TM

14. Welcome Pack for new Seniors

TM asked that committee members provide feedback for the previously circulated draft Welcome Pack and invited committee members to feedback comments, observations and suggestions. All

This item will be added to the website and available for new seniors.

15. Roll Up Draw guidance on website

DH had updated the guidance provided on the website concerning the procedures associated with making draws for the roll ups and associated competitions. This was now complete and would be uploaded shortly. DH & PC

16. Seniors and Grandchild Competition

This proposed competition was designed to encourage more juniors to participate in golf and club. TD explained that preliminary discussions had taken place with Dave Drew.

They have established that a 9 hole, 2 ball Texas scramble might provide a suitable basis for this competition to work.

PC thanked TD for taking this idea forward.

The next step is for the safeguarding aspect to be considered. TD

17. Texas Scramble rules

Discussion took place regarding the rules concerning a 3 ball and a 4 ball Texas Scramble. There appears to be conflicting guidance depending on the source. TD is to request clarity from Alan Boswell to ensure conformity across the club, before updating the Seniors website TD

18. AOB

18.1 TM, supported by JP, suggested that the committee members form a WhatsApp group. This would be used for urgent communications and would not replace normal email messaging.

This was agreed and committee members asked to send their preferred numbers to TM. All

18.2 TM announced that JP had agreed to be nominated and proposed at the forthcoming AGM, to stand as vice-captain for 2024/25. TM & JP

This news was welcomed and supported unanimously.

The meeting closed at 1204 hrs.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 4 January 2024, at 1330hrs.