

## Studley Wood Seniors' Section

### AGM held in the Clubhouse at 14.00 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

#### Minutes

**In attendance:** 2021/22 Committee members -Stephen Capaldi (SC), David Hughes (DH), Phil Chaundy (PC), Martin Wilkinson (MW), Dave Drew (DD), Terry Davies (TD) and 33 others (see Appendix 1)

	Subject / Discussion Points	Action
	<p><b>Apologies</b> ..... Mike Darnell, Chris Perks, Jonathan Perks, John Deller, Roy Pritchard, John Walker, Russel Mathews, Gerry Prickett, Richard Ellis, Peter Hopcroft, Ed Carpenter and Bob Clarke.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Minutes</b> ..... The minutes of the AGM held of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> ..... A set of accounts for 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting showing that income versus expenditure was within £7 of each other and reserves ending the year more or less at the same level as the previous year at £950. A surplus of £60 from the Seniors' Christmas Lunch had been donated to the Captain's charity. Staff Christmas Gratuities had doubled to £180. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the funds raised for the Captain's Charity - The Oxford Branch of Samaritans who had benefited by an incredible £4,160.</p> <p>Following some debate around the safeguarding of senior's funds, it was concluded that there was an adequate monthly paper trail of roll up entrance fees, prize distribution and retained sums, verified by at least two members of the Committee. However, it was accepted that greater transparency regarding this matter would be appropriate and if possible, referenced via the Annual Accounts.</p> <p>Martin Wilkinson was thanked for his management of the accounts during his three years as Treasurer.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Seniors' Captain's Report</b> ..... SC said it had been a privilege to be Studley Wood's Seniors' Captain for the past 12 months. After the difficulties of 2021 it had been good to have a full year of golf.</p> <p>He had been supported by an exceptional Committee who had shared the workload and made his job easy, and thanked them for their unstilted support during the year. He acknowledged that there had been helpers beyond the Committee too, namely – Bob Clarke (results), John Walker (Knockouts), Paul Dore (website) and Jonathan Perks (draws) who have all lent a hand. In addition, Peter Nichols had been organising our golfing breaks and Away Days for the last 10 years. With Peter handing over the reins later in the year, he asked the meeting to show their appreciation for his efforts</p> <p>The club had also had a year of change too – with new ownership, clubhouse refurbishment and on-course improvements. He thanked the clubhouse staff and the greens staff for helping to make Studley such a great club. He also expressed his appreciation to Ken for his support.</p> <p><b>Major Events</b> ..... One of the highlights of the year for him was the Seniors' Charity Golf Day in support of the Oxford Branch of the Samaritans', when the sizeable sum of £4160 was raised. What was equally pleasing was that everyone seemed to enjoy a fun day in the sun.</p> <p>The weather was less kind for the Christmas match but Christmas lunch together took place for the first time in 2 years and some excellent musical entertainment had been enjoyed thanks to Graham Reed and the conducting skills of Dave Drew.</p> <p><b>Matches</b> .....In 2020 there had been only one inter club match, so it was good to play an almost full programme in 2021 – the only fixture that didn't manage to get</p>	

reschedule was the away game at Burford. However home and away fixtures had been set up with The Springs. There were no shortage of seniors wishing to participate in the matches and the year had been relatively successful too with a record of –won 10 lost 7 and drew 2. Only one home match had been lost and that was against The Oxfordshire.

**Looking Forward .....** The club presentation evening was to be held on 30 April, when he would finally get to present the trophies won during the year. Anyone interested in attending should let SC know

He concluded that the Seniors' Section is in very good fettle – healthy turn outs at all events and a very able group of people lined up to be on the Committee for the next year, and most importantly incoming Captain Terry Davies to lead us. Terry has been a superb Vice Captain who he believed would continue in a similar vein as Captain.

**Handover to new Captain – new Seniors' Captain's Address .....** TD started by formally congratulating Stephen, on behalf of the Seniors Section, for doing such a fantastic job in another Covid affected and interrupted year. SC had shown massive resilience and perseverance throughout the year, in making sure that we had a full programme of roll ups and inter club matches [apart from Burford away]. That he further managed to raise the magnificent sum of £4,160 for his chosen Charity was incredible. It's a gold standard that will stand the test of time and will be hard to match or exceed in future.

Kudos therefore to Stephen for his achievements and for keeping calm during this difficult period. He thanked SC personally for the generosity SC had shown to himself as Vice-Captain with regards to SC's time, advice and support.

In respect of the 2022/23 golf season, TD was hoping for some normality, whatever that looks like. The year will see a significant change of personnel on the Seniors Committee as people complete their terms of office or step down. He was pleased that four individuals had volunteered to join the Committee and was looking forward to harness their enthusiasm to consider how to improve our experiences as a Section.

TD was particularly pleased that Phil Chaundy had agreed to stay on and be his Vice Captain for the year. Phil had been very active on the committee in delivering the roll up draws, amongst other things, and brings a calm, considered and disciplined approach to proceedings.

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He expressed a word of thanks to Martin Wilkinson who had kindly agreed to continue on the Committee as a co-opted member so that we can have a managed transfer of our financial management to the new Treasurer over the coming months.

A draft programme of lively, competitive but friendly roll ups has been prepared for the coming 12 months and included the traditional mixture of Silverware and Knockout competitions, Stablefords, medals and team games. Hopefully there would be something for everyone, whether you're a serious golfer or prefer the more social side of golf. He was looking to include a few new team formats, to augment those currently used. The May roll up programme would be circulated after the next Committee meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, and one of the new formats is included there.

The dates for the 20 inter club matches for 2022 are now published on the seniors' webpage and also included in the club diary. He was keen to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible to get involved in these matches. Teams had been signed up for the first two matches, (Burford away 7th April and Tadmarton home 19th April) and invites for the next two matches (The Springs away 28th April and the Oxfordshire home 5th May) would be going out tomorrow.

The Spring Tour to South West Wales 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May had been fully subscribed as had the Spring Away Day to Winter Hill on 15th June. Jonathan Perks, ably supported by Dave Drew and Martin Wilkinson are identifying venues for the Autumn Away day and the Autumn Tour which will be publicised when the venues had been selected.

	<p>With regards to Charity fundraising for the year TD advised that he would be taking a slightly different approach. Daisy Cope, incoming Ladies Captain, Alistair Henderson, incoming Men's Captain and he had agreed to combine their efforts to support one charity across all sections of the club for 22/23.</p> <p>The chosen charity is: <b>Oxford Hospitals Charity</b></p> <p>This is an umbrella charity covering the local hospitals here in Oxford [and the Horton General] and each of the Sections have nominated where they would wish their funds to be directed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ladies Section – have opted for the Children's Hospital and Men's Section – have opted for the Stroke unit at the JRH Seniors Section –will be supporting the Cardiology Department at the JRH</p> <p>There would be a Captains Charity Day on Saturday 2nd July where it was envisaged that there would be around 100 participants and in addition each Section would undertake various other fund-raising events during the year.</p> <p>TD recollected that the NHS have done some fantastic work during the pandemic, having been stretched to breaking point. Anything we can do to assist them would, be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>TD was honoured to be Seniors' Captain for 2022/23 and wished to keep up the good work that Stephen and previous Seniors Captains had undertaken. His overriding ambition for 2022/23 was that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>the Seniors Committee make the coming golfing year as enjoyable as possible for members of the Senior's Section</i></p> <p>He was however conscious of the quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln namely:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>"You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time".</i></p> <p>He couldn't promise that as a seniors committee they could meet everyone's aspirations over the year, but they would endeavour to do their best and if there were any shortcomings, he was sure the seniors would advise him.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Election of Officers</b> ..... The Seniors Section Constitution states that where the number of nominees equates to the number of vacancies, a confirmatory vote would be held at the AGM.</p> <p>There was one nomination for the vacant position of Treasurer, namely Gerry Prickett. Following a unanimous confirmatory vote from the members present, Gerry Prickett was confirmed as Treasurer for a three-year period.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Election of Committee</b> ..... The Seniors Section Constitution states that where the number of nominees equates to the number of vacancies, a confirmatory vote would be held at the AGM.</p> <p>There were 3 vacancies on the Committee for which there were 3 nominations, namely Tim Mustill, Colin Macgregor and Jonathan Perks. Following a unanimous confirmatory vote from the members present Tim Mustill, Colin Macgregor and Jonathan Perks were confirmed as Committee members.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Motions</b> ..... <b>The meeting considered three motions:</b></p> <p><b>No 1</b> - to replace the word March in paragraph 5 of the Seniors Section Constitution with April, thus setting future Seniors' AGMs in April and aligning it with other Sections and the Club Membership year. This motion was voted on and <b>agreed</b> by a unanimous</p>	

	<p>vote from the members present.</p> <p><b>No 2</b> - to add to the Seniors' Section Constitution after paragraph 5 the submitted form of words which would allow amendments to motions presented to the AGM. This motion was voted on and <b>agreed</b> by a unanimous vote from the members present.</p> <p><b>No 3</b> - to trial a return to a two tee start on all Seniors' roll-ups. This motion was subject of a lengthy debate with support both for and against the motion. When put to a vote the motion was <b>rejected</b> by a unanimous vote from the members present.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	Ken Heathcote addressed the meeting, providing a brief update on club matters, including: refurbishment of the clubhouse, investment on the course, catering arrangements, restitution of members discounts etc. TD thanked him for his input.	
	<b>Date of next Senior's AGM to be determined by the Seniors Committee</b>	
	<b>The meeting closed at 3.15 pm</b>	