

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on July 5th 2017

(The meeting commenced at 2.45pm)

Present:

Eric Hoffman (Captain), Mike Donovan, Harry Whiteman, Ron Stovell, Barry Trickett, Ian Smith, Jim Sadler, Mark Beesley, Alan Wilson

Apologies for absence:

None

Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

- 1) Whether we should continue playing friendly matches against Five Lakes. This was referred back to AOB.
- 2) Arranging a 9 hole competition for those members who no longer could play 18 holes.
Ron Stovell said that he had had enough interest to arrange an initial game for July 26th, after the main competition. It was agreed that the section would provide a bottle of wine as a prize, full details would be arranged by Ron.

Captain's Report:

The Captain said that it had been a very busy month with four friendly matches being played, of these we had won two and lost two. He also said that we had taken part in the Golf Challenge Trophy at Stock Brook, in which we had finished a creditable second place.

The Captain also said that Reg Brunt had announced to the committee that he was standing down from the course committee, after 20 years, representing the Vets Section. He was doing this to give more time to developing the Junior Section. The Committee, on behalf of the Vets, wished to thank Reg for all his hard work in representing the Section and to this end presented him with an engraved tankard after the July Monthly Medal. The Captain said that he had approached Geoff Pettitt as a replacement for Reg and after much thought Geoff had agreed to give it a try, for which the Committee thanked him.

The Captain said that he was disappointed with the number of entries for the Vets Guest Day. He said that he accepted that there was a week or two to go but that we were well down on numbers for last year. It would be nice to know if there were any particular reasons for members not entering.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

The year to date surplus continues to increase, despite falling competition entries and now stands at £1,411, up by £225 on last year.

The surplus is more than sufficient to fully fund the Vets Anniversary Trophy and Lunch and the Over 70's, Under 70's competition and Lunch. With your agreement, the aim is to run this year as close to break even point as possible, given that we have funds brought forward from last year of £1,911 – there is no point in “sitting on “ the money.

After a discussion, the Committee decided to further fund upcoming competitions with free entries/ free lunches/further subsidized major competitions as applicable.

Balance Sheet:

Members balance now stands at £3,322 up over £543 over last year.

Available Cash Resources:

At £2,309 a vast improvement over last year of £833.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that things were proceeding well generally. He also said that we had two new members join the Section, Mike Chapman, now forming a father and son combo with Dave, and Barry Whelan. After only managing 14 players for the return friendly against Burnham and operating a reciprocal payment system whereby they pay for both teams, when playing away and we play for both teams when playing at home, we ended up owing them £30. After contacting their Secretary, they waived the extra cost and we are putting the £30 into the Captain's Charity. Harry said that with regard to Reg Brunt retiring from the Course Committee, Trevor MacDonald had contacted him to advised him that he thought that it had been decided some years ago when Reg was on the Committee that Vets representatives for the course committee should be members of the Section Committee. Harry said that he had spoken to Reg Brunt who advised him that this was not in fact the case.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron also said that he thought things were progressing OK . He complained that the number of late entries seem to be increasing, having drawn the competition it makes it extremely difficult to add members. We have always emphasized that it is better to enter a competition by ticking your name early and cancelling at a later date than entering the competition late in the day.

Update on members health:

Alan gave a detailed analysis of reasons why certain members have not attended the competitions for some time. These were many due to ill health or operations. The Committee would like to thank Alan for keeping the records up to date.

Collection of Competition Fees:

Ian Smith said that it had come to his attention that starters had been making up the monies, from their own pocket, if the totals collected from entry fees did not add up. **Please do not do this.** Jim Sadler checks the totals before banking them, sometimes the totals are correct, being added incorrectly, but even if the cash is short, Jim will make the adjustment from Section funds.

Vets' Guest Day 2017:

The Captain said that Robin Renwick had asked whether he could invite a club member who did not take part in the Main mens club or Vets competitions. After a discussion it was decided that guests should be from other clubs and the request was declined.

Please note that members can pay by bank transfer to Jim Sadler direct, or if paying by cash or cheque via Barry Trickett.

We are extremely short on entries please try to make an effort to enter.

Any Other Business:

Jim Sadler advised that the Sadler Shield was being played for on Saturday 5th August and that Committee members usually made up the Vets Team. Harry Whiteman said that time was getting short for the appointment of a Vice Captain for Mike Donovan for next year. It was hoped that the situation will resolve itself shortly.

Following the comments made under AOB in the May minutes and following a lengthy discussion it was decided to drop Five Lakes from our schedule of friendly matches. This would ease the crowded nature of matches during the early summer period and hopefully make more members available for the remaining fixtures, we are always short of enough names from which we can select a team other than the team picking itself.

Date of next meeting:

Due to the lack of members available for an August meeting due to holidays etc. it was decided to omit the August meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

(The meeting closed at 3.40pm)