

## Veterans' Section Committee

### **Minutes of meeting held on September 6th 2017**

( The meeting commenced at 2.20pm )

#### ***Present:***

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

#### ***Apologies for absence:***

Ron Stovell

#### ***Minutes of last meeting:***

These were accepted as a true record.

#### ***Matters arising:***

There were no matters arising.

#### ***Captain's Report:***

The Captain said that since our last committee meeting in July, we have played quite a few friendly matches, winning our home games but losing to Rochford away. He also said that we had a very successful Vets Guest Day in August but that he was very disappointed in the attendance of just 28 pairs. He said that a lot of hard work goes into preparing for this day, plus £250 of prizes being donated from the Vets Section funds. He said he thought it a shame that we could only get 28 members attending out of a membership of 130 plus members.

The Captain also said that we won against the ladies in the annual Ball and Chain competition and the under 70's beat the over 70's in the annual Bob Nice Trophy.

All the friendly matches have finished, for his term of Captaincy and Eric said that he would like to thank all of those members who have participated over the past year.

The Captain finally said that he would like to thank the Committee for all the help and assistance they have given him over his term of office.

#### ***Treasurer's Report:***

##### **Income and Expenditure account:**

The account shows a deficit for the year of £173 after including the costs of the hole in one on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, covering the cost of the tankard, a bottle of wine and an estimate of £200 for " free drinks" for those attending the Captain's Cup on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Without this cost we would have had a small surplus of £57.

Jim said that he believed it is correct to incur ( past practice ) and include the cost in the year that the liability arose.

**Balance Sheet:**

Despite the deficit we still have a Member's Balance of £1,738 which we need to progressively "manage down" and reporting a deficit for the year is the start.

The Captain's Charity balance has increased during the month as a result of the raffle held on Guest Day and now stands at £1,759.

**Available Cash Resources:**

At £901 the resources are more than sufficient for our needs as no investment in stock items will be required until next year, when we purchase the medals for 2018.

Jim said that he would be starter for the 9 hole competition held prior to the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September. **Although there would be no cost for the competition on the day, he said that he would collect the £5.00 annual subscription, from members, for 2017/2018, please be aware that the subscription is due and have it ready.**

**General Secretary's Report:**

Harry said that we had a new member join the section, David Wright. Harry also said that he had been contacted by the Seniors Secretary at Burnham asking that our away match against them be put back from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April for 2018. It is to our advantage that we have a Captain's Choice on that day and it gives us a full week between the previous friendly against Ballards Gore and this match instead of 5 days. Harry said that he has agreed to this change. However when he asked that the present dates be fixed for these days, for future years, as has been the case in the past, the Burnham Secretary said that it had to be approved by their General Committee, which seems to be more of a general theme for most of the clubs we play nowadays. It may well be that it will be more difficult to arrange future matches than has been in the past. Harry also said that he had put the list of nominations for the year 2017/2018 on the Vets Notice Board and would shortly be putting up a copy of the minutes of the 2016/2017 AGM for general perusal, prior to this year's AGM.

**Competition Secretary's Report:**

Ron said that there were no major problems to report, however:

- 1) It would greatly assist him if all Vets members wishing to add their name to either as a late entry or to cancel from a competition would **print** their name and in the case of cancelling, write down their tee time as this assists greatly.
- 2) Also would members, before adding their name as a late entry, **please check that they are not already entered in the competition.**

He said that he would also like to thank the present committee for their support and help over the year, whilst he has been learning the ropes as acting Competition Secretary, it has been much appreciated.

**Update on members health:**

Alan said that he was still monitoring those members unable to play and following comments from members would in future list individuals.

The list is as follows:

Steve Badjonat and Will Wass are now both back playing again.

Trevor Baines In hospital hopes to return in 2/3 weeks.

Peter Elvish Torn hamstring, hopes to return 2/3 weeks.

Ray Quy Torn ligaments in shoulder, out for couple of months.

David Skeggs Eye operation, a few more weeks to recover.

Dave Curtis Pacemaker fitted, back in about five weeks.

### **Any Other Business:**

Mark Beesley said that he had been asked by members why birdies were not given for no return cards. It was stated that this has been the general convention, however after a discussion it was decided that if the birdie was included within the scoring holes, a birdie would be awarded. The computer should pick this up.

Mike Donovan suggested that we could introduce a Captain's Away Day into next year's schedule, perhaps on a Captain's Choice day. The provisional suggestion is that the Captain should arrange a day's competition on another course similar to the way we arrange a friendly, for those interested and we play a competition at home for the remainder. Could we please have feedback from members for this proposal, talk to any committee member.

The Captain had a number of items to discuss.

- 1) The end of term completion, due this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September will be moved back one week to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2) Roy Valentine has said that he would like to provide a Trophy to be played for in the Clacton home and away friendly matches on an overall score basis. The committee had no objections to this proposal and Harry said that he would contact the Clacton Secretary with the suggestion.
- 3) Eric asked the question why don't we have a Captain's Day similar to that held by the Men and Ladies Sections. Jim said that the Captain's Cup was supposed to be the Vets version of the day. Eric said that he was suggesting that the current Captain provided prizes for items such as nearest the pin, longest drive etc similar to Guest Day. It was suggested that perhaps we could modify the existing day, perhaps having a combined stableford as a format instead of greensome. It was decided to further discuss the suggestion at the October committee meeting.
- 4) Eric said that he thought that we should reintroduce putting a pound into a glass, for the serving staff on the day, for home matches. He said that the change of staff meant that when staff gratuities were paid out at Christmas a lot of the staff had changed. After a discussion it was decided to reintroduce the match day gratuity.
- 5) Eric also said that Steve Marriott had contacted him to tell him that the Essex Union had decided to introduce a new competition in addition to the Essex Seniors. The Essex Seniors was for handicaps from 0 to 18, and the new John Day Trophy would be for handicaps 13 to 28 the overall cost for both competitions would be £120. The Committee said that they were agreeable to entering both competitions. Harry said that he would contact Steve for further details.

Finally Mark Beesley said that he would not be standing for 2017/2018 committee saying that he had enjoyed his term of office and wished the new Committee well.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.  
( The meeting closed at 3.25pm )