

Veterans' Section Committee

Minutes of meeting held on November 15th 2017

(The meeting commenced at 1.40pm)

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

Steve King.

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 it had been a nice and gentle month with not a great deal to report. He said that the main event of the month had been the Autumn Bowl for which he was pleased to see a good turnout despite having to change into a jacket and tie for the meal. He thanked Paul and the team for an excellent meal. The competition was rather embarrassingly won by Peter Waknell assisted by himself, one of those days when everything went right. He said that the section was also pleased to welcome Janet Morley to the club to present the winner of the inaugural Dennis Morley Trophy, an eclectic competition for medal rounds over a year, to Dave Curtis.

The Captain said that we have had a few new members join recently and that it is good to hear that our reputation, in the district, as a good friendly club with a great Vets section, is the reason for joining the club. We go from strength to strength.

The Captain said that Ian Smith and himself would be starting to sell the Christmas raffle tickets in the next few weeks which he hoped everyone would support.

He also said that the list for the Christmas 3 club competition would be coming down soon and that any member who wanted to enter should do so quickly.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditure account:

Jim said that the surplus for the two months is £524, similar to last year but with lower subscription collections.

Balance Sheet:

He said that the members balance at £2,262 was lower than last year but satisfactory for our needs.

Available Cash Resources:

He said that at £1,561 they were in line with last year but that he anticipated a reduction as we purchase prizes for the Christmas 3 club competition.

Membership Subscriptions:

The current position is:

Over 80 members 22

Paid members 108

Total potential membership 130

Further to the meeting, Jim Sadler advised that we have managed to negotiate the same rate for home friendly matches, for next year 2018 as this year namely £15.00 per person. He also advised that Mark Beesley has been removed from the bank mandate and Mike Donovan added.

General Secretary's Report:

Harry said that generally things were progressing satisfactorily. We have had three new members join recently, Brian Ovel, Mick Lappage and John Luxford, so we must be doing something right. Since the meeting we have had the first two round draws for the new John Day Trophy and the Seniors Trophy, for next year 2018. from the Essex Golf Union, We play Burnham on Crouch away in the John Day Trophy, to be played by Friday 11th May and Three Rivers at home in the Seniors Trophy, to be played by Friday 20th April. Harry said that further to the Captain's comments concerning the Autumn Bowl, both he and Ron Stovell were disappointed with members approach to the competition. It was a competition with a lunch and the dress was jacket and tie. This was heavily advertised, both on the Vets Notice Board and Webpage, and to hear on the day that members did not know there was a lunch and that they had to wear jacket and tie was a bit unbelievable. The week before the competition we had 66 entries and on the day we finally had 54 three dropping out on the day. The tick lists with details of the competitions are put up 5 weeks before the competition day. Please read the details of the competition before entering.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Ron said that everything was generally going OK. He said he would remind members yet again of the following points.

- 1) We keep having large numbers of late entries, the tick lists are put up 5 weeks before the competitions, it is better that a member puts his name in the competition and cancels later than entering late when the draw has already been completed.
- 2) Winter League partners should check that both partners have ticked their names for each round. If they haven't by the time the draw is made, they will not play together in the competition.
- 3) If you are playing in a pairs competition and have to cancel, it is your responsibility to tell your pairs partner as well as myself.

Christmas Raffle Review:

Further to the proposal at the Vets AGM on 27th September, that 100% of the Vets Section share of the monies received from the Christmas raffle should be given to the Captain's Charity and the subsequent points made from the floor concerning charity raffles, please note the following.

Peter Waknell the main club treasurer has since advised us that the Christmas raffle is not and never has been registered with the Maldon Council as a charity, it is simply a raffle which is registered as a lottery and must abide by the lottery rules. Whilst we intend to abide by the vote taken on the day, we would say that if members or visitors, get involved in, what could be called heated discussions, they should get their facts checked first.

Update on members health:

Alan said that he was still monitoring those members unable to play and the current list is as follows:

Rick Anstey	Recovering from knee operation.
Malcolm Bottomley	Ongoing treatment.
Ken Hornett	Membership frozen due to ill health.
Bob Oatham	Recovering from hip operation.
George Lintner	Recovering from knee injury.
Frank Porter	Progressing well from heart operation.
Les Wilsher	Ongoing treatment.
Ray Quy	Torn Ligaments.
Bill Hymas	Heart attack.

Any Other Business:

Ron Stovell said that he intended to buy, any member playing the competition on 29th November, a drink, to celebrate his birthday.

The Captain said that for the Christmas 3 club competition, he intended offering any playing member the chance of purchasing a voucher for one free mulligan for the cost of £2.00, the proceeds of which would go to his charity. This was agreed by the committee The Captain said that he hoped that members would enter into the spirit of the season and help his charity funds.

Date of next meeting

The committee decided not to hold a committee meeting in December due to the holiday season.

The committee wishes all the Vets Section Members the compliments of the season.

A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.
(The meeting closed at 2.55pm)