



**Halesworth Golf
Seniors Committee Meeting
09.02.22 3pm**

Present: P. Kent (Seniors Captain) J. Ashton (Seniors Vice Captain) J. Morley (Seniors Secretary) T. Fletcher (2021 Seniors Captain) S. Ward (Member's representative) R Day (Seniors Treasurer).

1. **Apologies:** R. Fernley (Competition secretary) A Jennings (Member's representative)
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** AGM December 2021 accepted. Captain presented his report to Gents Committee in January 2022 from which:
3. **Matters arising.**
 - Adjustments to Divisional Boundaries - 0-18 (1st Division) 19-24 (2nd Division) and >24 (3rd Division), based on Playing Handicap, were accepted.
 - Number of Qualifiers to be set at two per month over the winter.
 - Pre-qualification for Board Trophies would be 5 and other Competitions this would be 3.
4. **Feedback from the Gents Committee** of 19.01.22
 - Ways in which all members could access club minutes online would be investigated and put in place. This had been raised by DK
 - PK/RS to raise with Suffolk Golf Union at its AGM, the benefit of using the meeting to make the draw for the 5 Suffolk Golf Union competitions. This will be a positive way to address the fact that Halesworth are too often drawn away in these competitions. SW shared his experience of previous years discussions with SGU.
 - Bench by 10th tee had been badly damaged and would be replaced. This had been raised by JG.
 - The Monitor screen for scoring is back in place next to the Pro Shop
 - RF name missing from Captains Board for 2020 will be corrected.

- Seniors Captains photo board will be set up after discussion with General Manager (BT). Seniors section, with 310+ members of the 500+ in the whole club.
 - Earlier tee times (from 07.30) would now be made available. Time before this will remain protected for Greenkeeper's work.
 - The problem of the 16th tee would be addressed in June/July this year with a temporary tee provided during the work.
 - New, surfaced, paths are being provided up to the tee boxes.
 - RS, RJ and MC would meet to discuss course issues, e.g., like dates for coring the greens, simply to improve communications for everyone.
1. **Finances:** RD submitted a written Treasurer's Report summary. Current balance being £2015, with no outstanding invoices to settle, which was suggested as normal for this time of the year. In addition, TF has handed over cheque for the balance of roll ups fees for £107. RF will also provide the balance on all competition and match fees. These would be paid across to the bank.
 - PK confirmed the change from cash to club card payment for all competition entries would come into effect before the end of February. RD was in favour of this move.
 - Need to revisit the Xmas Dinner/ Prize giving booking and payments system for the coming year. Card payments will improve the situation, but the importance of meeting deadlines must be stressed, as regards paying on time and facilitating the catering arrangements. (Final payments for December 2021 came in on 5th February 2022).
 - PK advised RD that an allocation would be needed for glassware / trophy purchases plus a small charge for the framing of photos. PK also advised that the Seniors engraving would be done in Woodbridge. Such expenses would be facilitated by the expected increased stream of players, currently up to 60 per competition each week.
 - Monies need to be allocated for Club Representative competitions such as Parks and Beaumont to cover things like practices at £25 per head.
 - It was agreed that a summary of the criteria for selection in the Parks and Beaumont, led by PK and JA respectively, should be drawn up so that everyone, especially new Senior members. was fully aware. Shirts for said matches were kindly being donated by Mrs Hunt.
 5. Prize Money allocation. PK circulated a paper for clarifying the way prize money will be allocated. This was on the back of the recent Metfield Mafia Mug competition where the entry fee was £5, and first prize £40, in what was billed as a fun competition. PK shared the view of three members who felt that the seniors could follow the Gents method of allocation prizemoney, with an overall winner, divisional winners and then next e.g. best 8 scores (depending on size of field). This was rejected as the committee felt sticking to the top three in each division was much fairer and enabled the higher handicappers to have a chance of an occasional win of some prizemoney. However, it was agreed this could implemented for the non-divisional competitions, so that the winnings went beyond the top three.

Three options were then presented in a paper by PK –

- 'Roll ups' (e.g., non qualifying competitions costing £1.00 to enter would see approximately 10% withheld for seniors' expenses (e.g., engraving and purchasing of glassware). Divisional winners would then be awarded from 50% of the remaining money. 2nd place in each division would then receive 30% of the remaining money. 3rd place would receive 30%. **This was unanimously agreed.**
- Competitions that featured a £2.50 entry fee would have 20% of the entrant's fee withheld for engraving etc. The breakdown of prizemoney would then follow the 50%, 30% & 20% as outlined above. **This was agreed unanimously.**
- The third proposal was for the Trophy competitions where an entrance fee of £5.00 was attracted. This would attract 20% being withheld for the seniors' expenses pot. The prize money would then follow the pattern as set out above (e.g., 50%, 30% & 20%) unless there were pairs or teams which meant divisional prizes were not appropriate. In this instance, dependent on the field, prize money could be awarded to a larger number of players. **Following discussion, it was agreed that PK would provide an example of how this would work.**
- There was also a discussion on whether members who won the trophies (and possibly runners up) should receive a 'miniature' trophy or memento to keep as currently the trophy was presented and then almost immediately removed to be placed back in the cabinet after engraving. **AP PK agreed to price up some small trophies from the shop in Woodbridge and share with committee members.**
- Finally, there was discussion about whether there could be more seniors' boards – for instance there are boards for summer winners in singles and pairs, but not for the winter competitions. This will be raised at the next gents committee meeting. is there space for more boards and are they affordable.

AOB:

- Thanks were tabled from members (notably MP and MH) for the engraved tumblers that were presented for the past two years of competition. JM asked if it were possible to keep a trophy, for say a week or so, not just 'in hand' at Prize Giving. PK agreed to raise this with the Gents Committee although the general consensus was that this would not be possible for insurance purposes. **AP PK will check.**
- JA requested that two rakes be provided in every bunker. PK suggested that members should not leave rakes in the bunker but propped up on the edge facing the fairway to limit the impact on balls entering the bunker. Not left in the bunker and parallel to the line of the hole where, TF emphasised the frustration of shots being trapped close to edge, due to the rakes position.

- JM suggested a return to drawn pairings for some competitions over the coming months. **AP PK agreed to liaise with RF on this.**
- SW asked if it were possible to adjust IG booking to avoid a whole team being withdrawn from a competition when only one person cannot play. **AP PK agreed to look into this but in the meantime to alert him personally if this was going to happen.**
- Could the iron 'welcome to Halesworth golf' sign, currently down by the 7th green/8th tee on the Valley Course, be relocated near to the main club entrance., possibly raised on a plinth to enable lorries to access club. AP PK to take to next Gents committee meeting.
- PK informed the meeting that biodegradable spikes are being considered for the club and agreed in principle. There is a cost implication which will be shared between sections. Gents and Seniors captains have agreed to the costs with the Ladies section wanting to take back to their committee members for agreement.

Future Meetings. Dates were agreed for the remaining three meetings in 2022.

3pm Friday 20 May

3pm Friday 12 August

3pm Friday 18 November.

The meeting closed at 16.30

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