

HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th July, 2024

Richard Davies – Club Professional (RD)

Ellie Andrews – Assistant Manager (EA)

Paul Kent – Club Captain (PK)

Paul Butcher – Club Vice-Captain (PB)

Gary Slaymaker – Past Club Captain (GS)

Sara Higgins – Past Ladies' Captain & Competition Secretary (SH)

Karen Forster Ladies' Secretary (KF)

John Meggison – Seniors' Captain (JM)

Dave Tower – Seniors' Vice-Captain (DT)

Rob Sherington – Competition & Handicap Secretary (RS)

Ken Parry-Brown – Treasurer Secretary (KPB)

Don Wellman – Secretary (DW)

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Present: RD, EA, PK, GS, SH, JM, DT, KPB, DW

Apologies: RS, KF, PB

Minutes of the Last Meeting. Accepted as a true record

Matters Arising: None

Club Update: The club update from RD and EA included the following:

The recent Junior Open was a successful event with thanks to go to Ali Hall and Jeremy Jenkins. The Ladies' Open was a wonderfully well-organised event with over 100 entries and received a great deal of positive feedback from those taking part.

The upcoming Mixed Open has 82 entries so far.

On course information, the first tee on the Valley course is under construction with a likely opening in May 2025 and the right-hand bunker on the 10th hole of the Blyth course is being removed and turfed over with a drop zone in place for balls entering the GUR area being prepared.

The wooden flooring on the terrace is being renewed and the screens for entering competition scores have now been installed in both changing rooms.

On the social front the Tapas night was well supported with 80 tickets being sold and there will be entertainment by an Abba tribute band at the end of August for which tickets are available.

The proposed Summer Ball was unfortunately cancelled as the numbers due to attend were insufficient to support the event. We will try again next year with a possible change of date.

The 31st August will see the Air Ambulance team, plus helicopter, back to the club as a thank you for the wonderful support given to them by the club with a sum close to £250,000 raised since the first Air Ambulance Day. There are many people to thank for this but Gary Slaymaker deserves special credit for his unfailing leadership and commitment to the charity.

On the playing front George Swallow shot a one over par 73 to win the Junior Open in very difficult conditions. He also entered the McGregor Trophy, a prestigious under 16 event with a handicap entry requirement of scratch, played at the West Essex course and attracting an international field. On the first day he shot one over par to finish 17th which was a hugely creditable result and although his 2nd day round was not of the same standard it underlies his genuine potential for the future.

Lastly, PK was thanked for his initiative in raising money for the Juniors by asking members to donate unwanted clubs for re-sale. This has been well very supported by members with a total of over £1,500 raised for Junior Funds to date.

With regard to the changes to the 10th hole on the Blyth course KPB raised the issue of balls entering the adjacent pond when rolling off the newly turfed area when all the work has been completed and the drop zones not in operation. He wondered if a local rule might be needed as

there would seem to be a problem with where relief would now be taken due to the proximity of the 1st tee.

A final decision on club manager is yet to be decided.

Ladies' Competition Report (Sara Higgins)

June Combined medal

DV 1

1st	Barbara Dennis(17)		73
2nd	Rita Fossey(10)	76	
3rd	Viv Leech(15)	76	

DV 2

1st	Sue Millard(28)	74	
2nd	Sue Hellman(27)		76
3rd	Ged Moreton(28)		79

July Combined Medal

DV 1

1st	Rita Fossey (11)		
2nd	Mandy Wickison(23)	72	
3rd	Judith Bedwell(16)		76

DV 2

1st	Lin Markham(28)		68
2nd	Joanne Calver(28)		70
3rd	Alison Dudeney(35)	73	

June Combined stableford

DV 1

1st	Viv Leech(15)	35	
2nd	Susanne Wilson(24)		35
3rd	Judith Bedwell(16)		31

DV 2

1st	Karol Perley(45)	42	
2nd	Jean Berry(30)	37	
3rd	Sally Watson(31)		36

July Combined stableford – played alongside Past and Present Captains

Past & Present Captains results – (stand alone)

1 st	Sara Higgins (8)		36 OCB
2 nd	Rita Fossey (10)		36
3 rd	Sue Hellman (28)	34	

DV 1

1st	Clare Woods(19)		38
2nd	Sian Tutak(18)	37	
3rd	Barbara Dennis(17)		37

DV 2

1st	Lin Markham(27)		41
2nd	Ged Moreton(28)		34
3rd	Sue Hellman(28)		34

Medal of Medals– Our yearly trophy open to ladies in the bronze and silver division that have won a Medal between July 2023 through to June 2024. 10 ladies took part which was unfortunately a very slow game, taking 5.5 hours to complete playing after a very busy field of 51 pairs of men playing in a two ball Texas scramble. Great scores ladies under the circumstances and good to see handicap reductions out there.

1 ST Susanne Wilson (24)	65
2 nd Sally Catt (29)	70
3 rd Barbara Dennis (16)	71

External Competitions

Ping 4BBB held in July

1st	Sara Higgins (8) & Barbara Dennis (15)	43
(hopefully will get through to regional finals in September!)		
2nd	Hilary Jeffrey (24) & Karol Perley (39)	42
3rd	Lesley King (13) & Anne Legg (21)	41

Coronation Foursomes – Le Blond Trophies 2024

This year held at Ufford Park Golf Club on 4th JULY 2024

REPORT & RESULTS by Caroline Emeny

A competitive field of 24 pairs took part this year, slightly down on last year's record entry of 27 pairs, but still a very good turnout. It was a bright but breezy day with the course looking wonderful after all the rain we've experienced over the last few months which has helped every course to look its best.

The Coronation Foursomes is held over 27 holes, medal format, for entrants with a combined handicap index not greater than 38.9.

Ufford Park pulled out all the stops on the day and were an enormous help during the entire event, and our thanks to both golf shop manager, Dominic Rosser, and the events catering team. Lady Captain Amanda Little and her team of helpers were magnificent providing meet and greet, ball spotters, and a competition starter by way of Club Captain Simon. We are very grateful for all their help as these events would not run successfully or efficiently without their able assistance.

The winners of the Le Blond Trophies consisting of silver salvers and jugs were newcomers to the competition, **Cathy Chandler and Viv Leech, both from Halesworth Golf Club.** Runners-Up were Christie Reid and Helen O'Connell, both from Bury St Edmunds Golf Club. 3rd place Judy Taylor & *Ali Wallace* (ex-Halesworth) and in 4th place **Sara Higgins (Halesworth) & Rachael Goldsmith** (Ex Halesworth) The prizes were presented by S.L.C.G.A. President, Vicki Hunt.

Stearn Trophy

This year as defending Stearn Champions, myself as Captain took our squad of 7 ladies to Rushmere to play Haverhill in our foursomes (2nd round) competition. Whilst a demanding course was put to us with an equally demanding opposition, the entire team did what they are best at and came in at lunch with two matches safely in the bag. We only needed to win one and half a match in the afternoon, and we did! Big thanks to all the team, Barbara & Judith, Cathy C & Rita, Viv & Sian and reserve Lesley who kept my nerves at bay the entire day. Next round is August 5th at Gorleston v Ipswich. Tough but manageable.

Suffolk Seniors Jubilee Shield

The quarter finals round was played at Flempton v Ipswich on July 17th.

Caroline and her squad of ladies knew this would be a tough match but after winning 3 matches the 4th match was called in for a half. Well done Caroline and her squad of players. Next stop August 14th at Fynn Valley v Woodbridge. You can do it ladies!

SLPPGS – (Suffolk Ladies Past and Present Golfing Society) Held at Seckford this year playing against Hunts & Cambs. It was lovely to be part of the team and catch up with past Captains and meet new past Captains from out of our area. An enjoyable day only enhanced by beautiful weather and the social banter enjoyed by all. We ended up winning against Hunts & Cambs but all very close matches. Please sign up any Past Captain as we do have some lovely golf matches held throughout the year. If any ladies wish to find out more about joining please let me know.

Senior Ladies Matchplay

The Senior ladies match play championships this year was held at Purdis Heath and we had Barbara, Rita and Viv enter from Halesworth. A match play competition held over 3 days if making the cut. Well done to Viv for winning 1st stroke play place with a net 70, great score which took Viv into the match play round but was unfortunately defeated on day 2. It was a pleasure to caddy for Viv and witness some solid golf. Well done to Rita as well for shooting a gross 84 and coming second on day one, also taking her into the match play round. Nice reductions for you both and well played.

Ladies Open

Our yearly Halesworth ladies open saw 119 ladies enter and play with tee times starting from 9am with last ones teeing off just after 2pm. It's a pleasure to see yet again Halesworth come up trumps with a full field, happy smiling faces (weather helped) bellies full, half way house plentiful, hampers and raffle tickets flowing and atmosphere oozing all over the place. We had all 119 fed, watered and golfed out by the time they left, and the only thing they took back with them was a grin from ear to ear. Nothing but compliments to all our sections for the efficient (as always) organisation, streamlined timings and a golf course to play on in impeccable condition. A HUGE thanks to all sections involved, FOH, management, greenkeepers, pro-shop and Barbara for pulling us altogether. Really well done as we are all volunteers at the end of the day.

Weston Plate

We continue our Weston matches ably Captained by Viv, our latest win at home v Fynn Valley taking 4 matches to 1 – so with that our wins so far. Thorpeness 3-2, Gorleston 3-2 and FV 4-1 – a healthy 10 points. Two more matches remain being Rookery Park and Diss but we are hanging in there under great guidance from Captain Viv. Will look forward to updating as and when these are completed.

There are still many matches to complete and rounds of golf to play in. Over the next few weeks I will be cloning the diary for 2025, again looks to be yet another busy golfing year ahead!

Ladies' Handicap report : (Lesley King)

Handicap Secretary report

July 2024

The weather is finally good enough for some decent scores and handicap cuts (not mine unfortunately). Here are this month's cuts

◆ Position	◆ Player	◆ Starting Age	◆ Ending Age	◆ Starting Handicap	◆ Ending Handicap	◆ Strokes Difference	◆ Percentage Difference	◆ Improvement Factor
1	Julia Hill			35.9	32.8	3.1	8.64%	1.069
2	Julie Cooper			29.5	26.6	2.9	9.83%	1.075
3	Karol Perley			42.3	40.7	1.6	3.78%	1.030
4	Lin Markham			26.7	25.7	1.0	3.75%	1.027
5	Janice Sausman			52.7	51.9	0.8	1.52%	1.013
6	Rita Fossey			10.8	10.0	0.8	7.41%	1.036
7	Barbara Dennis			16.3	15.7	0.6	3.68%	1.022
8	Jean Berry			28.6	28.0	0.6	2.10%	1.015
9	Mandy Wickison			22.7	22.1	0.6	2.64%	1.018
10	Clare Woods			18.4	18.0	0.4	2.17%	1.013
11	Angela Middleton			34.6	34.2	0.4	1.16%	1.009
12	Nicky McQueen			33.0	32.6	0.4	1.21%	1.009
13	Sara Higgins			7.5	7.3	0.2	2.67%	1.010
14	Sally Catt			27.9	27.7	0.2	0.72%	1.005

It is quite exciting to watch the Eclectics progress this summer. A magnificent array of blue numbers (birdies) from Sara who has 8, all on different holes of course, which is what makes it so good to watch.

Ladies' Treasurer's Report: (Viv Leech)

Well, I think we have finally had some summer and it was nice to play in some sunshine...for a few days, at least.

We managed to play every week of the month (without rain interrupting play) collecting £338.50 in fees and after paying out prize monies we retained £148.50.

A final figure had been agreed with the men's section as a contribution for the engraving of last years trophies and this has also been paid this month.

On the Charity front Sara and Cathy Chandler completed a grueling 55 holes (walking approximately 15 miles) in a day on the 24th of the month (ably supported by Rita and myself !!) raising £404.55 which I will add to with the upcoming Ladies Open raffle before forwarding to Bobby Moore Foundation. I will give a final figure in the July's report.

I think over the two challenges nearly £2500 will have been raised. A great amount, and all involved, not least those who kindly donated, should be applauded.

This month we have also received £400 from Halesworth GC being the previous Lady Captains pro rata subscription contribution. Going forward we will need to discuss the best use of these funds in order to benefit the Ladies section.

Finally, with the County Competitions in full flow and our continued success in them, our funds will be reducing but I still feel that the Ladies section is well set to cover all our expenditures.

Club Captain's Report: Since the June Committee meeting on 19.06.24 –

1. I have now played with **61*** different members since being appointed captain and will continue to seek feedback about the club generally and the course. The surgery I had on 21st May has inhibited my playing, but I have started the slow process of returning to playing 18 holes. My aim remains to be back playing regularly in time for the Club Championship on 10th August (**updated and amended*)
2. I have continued to retain a presence at the club by –

- **15.06.24** I greeted most 'past captains' who were attending the **Captains Brassie** (before leaving for Tolly practice at Thorpeness). PB as vice-captain kindly took my place on the day. Feedback was that despite the awful weather, those attending enjoyed themselves. Event won by 2021/22 past Captain Rob Sherington.
 - **20.06.24** Supported **Stan & the Parks Team**.
 - **21.06.24** All day / evening at the club as I supported Gary & his teams' efforts on the **Air Ambulance Day**
 - **23.06.24** I Captained the **Tolly team** at Thorpeness for the third-round match (and held two separate practice rounds on **8th & 15th June**)
 - **06.07.24** I assisted Jeremy Jenkins and Ali Hall as we hosted the **Juniors Open**.
 - **07.07.24** I hosted the **Gents Invitational Day** – feedback was excellent.
 - **11.07.24** I met with Stan & DW to plan the **Parks match v Seckford** on 18.07.24 in Stans absence (at The Open)
 - **11.07.24** I joined others who supported the **Ladies Open** by acting as starter in the afternoon
 - **12.07.24** I met with PB to discuss plans for his Captaincy next year and priorities for early action as Captain (e.g., match confirmations, comp dates review)
- 3. HG Junior Open** – A strong turnout in poor weather conditions. The start was delayed by 30 minutes to allow the worst of the rain to move on however most competitors played in rain. A great result for GEORGE SWALLOW with a magnificent Gross 73 score, winning by some margin. Despite the weather it was a great day with lots of parents/grandparents supporting the players, especially around the Valley course.
- 4. Competition Boards** – it is good to see the two new boards are now in place (The Judd/Jennings and Ransby Trophy). I just wonder if the whole board configuration needs attention as they do appear slightly randomly placed. It would be good to have the Men & Ladies County Competition successes on a board, as my example shared previously.
- 5. New Valley Competitions** – thanks to RS for organising these as well as the Eric Felgate Trophy (27 players in morning & 18 in the afternoon). With 29 (up from 18 on 3rd June) playing in the 11th June comp there appears a growing interest in these competitions. It may have taken a while to get these going but it's a great addition to the calendar, I think.
- 6. GENTS MATCHES** –

I am extremely grateful to all the ex-captains who have stepped forward to offer support in captaining these matches in my continued absence from play following surgery on my hand. It is appreciated. I have continued to do the admin related to the matches and welcome the visitors to our home matches wherever possible.

Results to date –

05.06.24 H v Southwold – 4/2 Win	(IS Captained)
12.06.24 H v St. Clements – 5.5/0.4 Win	(RS Captained)
26.06.24 A v Southwold – 4-2 Loss	(IS Captained)
10.07.24 A v Eaton - 1/0 Win	(JC Captained)
13.07.24 A v St Clements – 5.5 / 0.5 Loss	(RS Captained)

Forthcoming matches –

31.07.24 H v Eaton –	(JC captaining)
07.08.24 H v Police –	(IS captaining)
09.08.24 A v Apollo –	(RS captaining)
14.08.24 H v Staff –	
24.08.24 H v Stowmarket	(DK captaining)
04.09.24 H v Apollo	(RS captaining)

21.09.24 Gents ‘away day’ to Eaton GC - sign up online. We currently have 14 of the 32 places booked up, offering a first come, first served booking system. Eaton will be bringing 32 players here on the same day.

7. **The Golf course** is in great condition and players and guests alike are all offering positive feedback. The continued rain mixed with sunshine has allowed the fairways to remain lush and green, which contributes to the overall feeling of the condition of the course. It is good to see work beginning on the 10th to remove the right-hand greenside bunker.

8. **County Matches update** –

- We played our 3rd round **Tolly** match away at Thorpeness (where we lost our 2nd round match last year) on the 23rd June and struggled in the morning session, losing heavily in two matches, but losing all four (18 down). A better afternoon performance saw us only lose the session 1 down, but the damage had already been done. As, arguably, the hardest format in golf, there is a sense that as a club we now know six really strong pairs, who intend to continue to play together.
- On the same day our **Hambro Team** (managed by Mark & Paul Coby) lost their third-round match 10 down at Bury St. Edmunds. Mark confirmed all our players did well but Bury St Edmunds used their home advantage well.
- **The Parks Team** continued their defence of the Parks trophy on the 20.06.24 with a 2nd round home match against Flempton which they ran out victorious again being 11 up. They now play Seckford at home on 18.07.24

9. **Captains Summer Ball** – it is disappointing but understandable that due to numbers, this year’s ball has been cancelled. Asking around the clubhouse the views shared range from – attended last year but wouldn’t every year, it’s too pricey, not my thing, it comes hot on the heels of Air Ambulance where money was spent, enjoy it had tickets and was looking forward to it, would have come but we are away.

10. **The Juniors Fund** – My appeal, (in order to raise funds for the junior section), has taken off remarkably well, thanks to the generosity of our members. I am making regular trips to the club to collect donated clubs & bags (as well as empty boxes from previous deliveries) taking them home, selling online, packing and taking to collection points in Halesworth. To date the club has raised over **£1500.00**. Ali is designing some posters to go up around club as the appeal will run ‘continuously’.

11. **Matters raised with me**, by members, since my election as Captain continue to be contained within this report

- A. The **lighting in the Gents** has been reported by some as not suitable for members to easily read scorecards, when entering scores into the monitor. I passed this on to staff.
 - B. Email re. Ben's departure was heavily criticised by several members who felt its brevity devalued what Ben had achieved in his time at the club. There were some very strong views given. I reassured members that the committee had given Ben a good send off and that he will be back playing golf at the course. I passed on the feedback to staff.
12. **Suffolk Golf Union Centenary** celebrations were held at Woodbridge on 02.07.24. My thanks to KPB & JM who represented HG at this event.
13. **Suffolk Golf AGM** – held at Newton Green on 22.03.24. Still no minutes available on website as yet.

Captains Diary July / Aug 2024

18.07.24 Supporting Parks match with DW. Completing necessary admin associated.
31.07.24 Admin for H match v Eaton
31.07.24 Junior Club Championship
02.08.24 Seniors Charity Shield Day
07.08.24 Admin for H match v Police
10/11th Aug Gents Club Championship
14.08.24 Gents v Staff Match
15.08.24 Ladies Club Championship
15.08.24 Parks Trophy Semi Final
19.08.24 U18 Anglian League Final

At the meeting in response to the criticism from some members about the inadequacy of the statement in appreciation of Ben Townsend, EA stated that it was sent in an email by the owners who she knew were in appreciation of Ben's contribution as Club Manager and that in recognition of this he had been given lifetime membership. Ben has stated that he wants to start playing again so there is every prospect of seeing him on the course at Halesworth in the future.

Seniors' Captain's Report: Golf and Matches

The Seniors Eddie Metcalfe Rose Bowl was held on 12th July and won by Adrian Heard and Steve Popple on countback with a score of 41pts. A remarkable round of 14pts on the front 9 and 27 on the back 9.

The July Medal was won by Peter Adams with a nett 70, playing off 20.

Following a fine 3-1 second round win at home to Flempton on 20th June, the Parks team have their quarter final match at home to Seckford on Thursday 18th July.

The Seniors friendly matches continue coming thick and fast. In the last month, we have won at home to Thorpeness, had two draws away at Southwold and Ufford Park but narrowly lost away at Rushmere. Unfortunately, the away match at Rookery Park was cancelled by them because of availability issues with several other comps on the same day.

So far, we have played 17, won 7, drawn 4 and lost 6.

A Seniors v Juniors match was played on Saturday 13th July at Halesworth and resulted in a narrow win for the Seniors and only then because of Hambro scoring. Thanks to those in the Seniors team who put themselves forward to help out with taking part in this event.

Winter League

Paul Kent is taking over the running of the Winter League for the county, so the HGC Winter League team for 2024 will be captained by Larry Gazzard.

New members

We have not been notified of any new senior members as from 1st July.

Committee

The next Seniors Committee meeting is on Tues 13th August 2024.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting, **the following competitions have been completed.**

Sunday June 23rd- Gents Additional BetterBall – 54 Entrants

Winners Soren Cable & Jason King 46 Pts

2nd Tony Shaw & Kevin Ramsbottom 44 Pts

3rd Sherwyn Godbold & Sean Harber 44 Pts

Sunday June 30th – JULY Medal (Road to Aldeburgh) - 68 Entrants

Winner Dan Blowers Net 68

2nd Bob Judd Net 69 OCB

3rd Brett Lockwood Net 69

SUMMER SERIES 2 VALLEY COURSE Wednesday 17th July – 11 Entrants (18 last time!)

To be confirmed on the day

Sunday July 14th Captain ERNIE Challenge – 75 Entrants

Winners Wayne Jacques, Matt McGinn & Stephen Boothby 79 Pts

2nd Paul Sherwood, Neil Coby & Brett Lockwood 78 Pts

3rd Paul Coby, Mark Coby & Tony Good 77 Pts

Sunday July 7th – GENTS INVITATION DAY – 42 Entrants

Winners Daniel Thomas & Adam Chilcott (Ufford) 45 Pts

2nd Gary Slaymaker & Daryl Hill (Southwold) 42 Pts

3rd Gerald Jackson & Adrian Wicks 41 Pts

Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - Clear current **Leader is Danny Smith 72 Pts**, 2nd Michael Fulton 62 Pts and 3rd Jack Payne 58 Pts

Gents Summer Eclectic – Current Leader Dennis Higgins Net 59, 2nd Rob Sherington Net 60, 3rd Lots of players Net 61

Summer Singles knockout – Now reached Quarter Final Stage

Summer Betterball pairs – Now reached Quarter Final Stage

Next Competitions due as follows: -

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| 1. Sunday July 21 st | Gents 2 Ball Texas Scramble 92 Entrants at the moment!! |
| 2. Sunday July 28 th | Gents HANDLEY CUP |
| 3. Sunday August 4 th | Steve Ford Memorial Trophy (Stableford) |
| 4. Monday August 5 th | SUMMER SERIES 3 VALLEY COURSE |
| 5. Saturday August 10 th | Rd 1 GENTS CHAMPIONSHIP (57 Entrants at the moment) |
| 6. Sunday August 11 th | Rd 2 GENTS CHAMPIONSHIP |
| 7. Sunday August 18 th | To be confirmed – Hambro / Tolly Final course may be used |

At the meeting SH mentioned tee-ties for the ladies at the weekend. RS had previously agreed to offer more open competitions on Sundays and to trial some competitions on Saturday where the long established gent's swindle times would need to be taken into account. For ladies playing on Sunday, it was asked that the earliest tee-times should come forward to 10.00 when it was agreed that ladies and gents could also play together. With the relatively small number of ladies wanting to play competition golf on Sunday this was not expected to cause difficulties and would be a compromise to fairness for all members who pay the same annual subscription for their golf and a progression on a journey to equality for all members.

RD said that he would like to know the dates for major competitions and matches for 2025 from each of the three sections as soon as possible and RS agreed to sit down with PB to review the competition dates to try to establish a better balance throughout the year.

Ben Townsend Award

Suggested Criteria

1. A member who has provided a service to the benefit of all members over an extended period (at least 5 years) as recognition of how they have fulfilled the role.

And / or

2. A member who has suffered difficult circumstances (health / personal) as recognition of how they have used their golf membership as a drive to overcome and move forward in such a positive manner

Potential names this year (note this is just initial thoughts using criteria above and I am sure there may be other names the committee may suggest):

- Charles Hamilton McGinty
- Matt McGinn
- Linda Baldry
- Paul Sherwood
- Ben Townsend
- Don Wellman
- Gary Slaymaker
- Carol Aldred

Nominations each year to be made by members of the club committee in consultation with the entire golf club membership by the end of September.

Final recipient each year to be chosen using criteria above by a small group of 3 long standing members of the committee with a knowledge of the club history over an extended period of time I would suggest initially this would be Don, Ken and Rob

Award to be presented at our Annual Presentation Evening in December.

Handicap Secretary's Report: Nothing to report this month but all that is necessary is being attended to.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance at Bank £ 11,375.67

This includes £ 5,535.60 due to the Juniors
£ 292.80 for 100 Club
£ 20.00 for Captain's Charities.

Our professionals have been paid for the Juniors coaching for June

Competition money for June has been received

Payments for County competitions total to date £ 1,857.81 of which £ 429.03 relates to the Parks and Beaumont competitions.

I propose that a transfer be made to a deposit account with immediate access of £8,000.

At the meeting it was agreed that the proposed transfer to a deposit account was in order and that Captain's jumpers for each of the three sections would be paid for from club funds with each section responsible for contributing to this. JM said he would take this proposal to the next Seniors' Committee Meeting on 13th August.

KPB said that he was concerned about the excess of funds for the Juniors. RD replied by saying that he would look at the structure of coaching for next year and adapt as finds permitted. With a rapidly growing Junior section he felt that the funds raised for the Juniors could be spent effectively in support of the coaching that he and Alistair were providing. It was agreed that having sufficient funding due to the generosity of the management and members could only be of benefit to the club in the long-term.

Matters for Discussion:

- (1) The proposal for a County Team Honours Board from PK and PB was briefly discussed with an example of such a board from another Suffolk club having been circulated beforehand. It was generally accepted as an idea that we should pursue and EA said she would talk to Lois Hunt about this as the general layout of the public areas was ultimately a management decision.
- (2) The question of the criteria by which the recipient of the Ben Trophy award would be decided was to taken up at the next meeting. RS had offered some suggestions for this which had been circulated to Committee members but in his absence from the meeting it was decided to postpone the decision until then.

Health & Safety: Nothing to report

Any Other Business: PB had asked that we should look at the number of charities which the membership is currently supporting. He felt that we were in danger of an overload and would be better to concentrate our efforts on a smaller number. GS was in agreement with this and JM suggested that we should concentrate our efforts on the main charity days that already exist. It was however recognised that it is very difficult to say no to a member who wants to raise money for a particular charity that means something to them and that it was widely acknowledged how generous members were in supporting the range of charities that they do.

It was agreed that we needed to be mindful of the proliferation of charities supported and that some difficult decisions would need to be made.

100 Club Draw:

- 1) S. Slaymaker
- 2) J. Jennings
- 3) A. Jennings

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Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21st August, 2024 at 7.00pm