

Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Senior Golf Section held at Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 23rd November 1983

Present were Skipper, Maurice Featherstone and member to a total of 40.

Before the meeting commenced, the Skipper referred to the loss that the Section and Lincoln Golf Club had sustained by the deaths during the year of Geoff Parkin and Jack Bayram and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

1. Apologies were received from Laurie Cresswell.
2. Minutes of the last AGM were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Section's accounts were presented by the Treasurer who reported that after donations of £10 to the Staff Christmas Fund and £20 to the Cathedral Fabric fund there was a balance of £41.74. These accounts were approved by the members who also agree to the Committee recommendation that £20 should be donated to the Greenkeeper and his staff and £20 to a fund of the Skipper's choice.
4. In making his report on the past year the Skipper referred to the way the Section had grown from the 17 people who attended the inaugural meeting in March 1979 to 60 members today. There had been quite an intake this year and he welcomed all these new members.

He was very grateful for all the support from the Committee and indeed from the Club General Committee to whom he has written, thanking them for their help and understanding.

The Section Vice-Skipper had been especially helpful, particularly on Match and Competition days, all of which had been well supported by members.

He also thanked the Treasurer, Walter Heaton, for his work on behalf of the section and Pip Newlove for his help and guidance during the year.

The Convenor then gave the results of the section competitions which were as follows:

Pip's Pot	Frank Warhurst
Thimbleby Trophy	Jeff Betts
Mitch's Mug	Bob Ponsford
Bert Jackson Tankard	Tome Pole
Eclectic	1 st Maurice Featherstone – 64 ½ pts
	2 nd Don Lill – 65 pts

Referring to today's Stableford played over 15 holes, Tom March and Derek Barton had both returned scores of 29 points but Tom March was declared the winner after a count-back.

During the year the section had played 16 matches of which 8 had been won, 6 were lost and 2 halved. All of these had been most enjoyable and he was sure that all agreed that taking part was the important thing – not the result.

The Skipper thanked all those who had played in the matches particularly for contacting the reserves when they were not able to play themselves. The same arrangements would apply for matches in 1984 and every effort would be made to give everyone a fair share of matches.

The social evening for members and their ladies had been a success – about 60 attending – and the committee were considering making this an annual event.

5. The retiring Skipper then proposed that the vice-Skipper, Ernest Tomlinson, should be Skipper for 1984 and this was agreed unanimously. The newly elected Skipper in accepting office thanked the past Skipper for all his hard work during the past year including acting as Convenor and he promised that he would do his best to maintain the high standards set by past Skippers.

It was then proposed by Wilson Millington and seconded by Len Green that Ron Adams be elected as vice-Skipper – this was carried unanimously.

The composition of the Committee would therefore be Skipper, vice-Skipper, Convenor, treasurer, past Skipper and Pip Newlove as liaison with the Club General Committee.

6. The Skipper emphasised that this season's arrangements with regard to match lists and selection would be continued to give everyone a share of matches and looked forward to the cooperation of all members.

On competition days, the committee would like all cards to be handed in by 2 pm so that the presentation of the trophy is not delayed.

Two new trophies had been kindly donated by members – a cup by Maurice Featherstone – the type of competition to be decided later and a golfing sculpture by the Hackthorn members who would like this to be awarded to the winners of the Ladies v Seniors matches.

The Skipper reported that the Golf Club General Committee had ruled that in future the Senior teams must be limited to 16 players and on the match lists would be indicated the tee at which each match would start. It was important that these be adhered to. A fixture list would be posted on the notice board and members should enter the dates in their diaries. The Hornsea fixture would be announced later.

Finally the Skipper thanked the Convenor and Treasurer for continuing in office and also expressed the pleasure felt by all members in having Club President, Tony Brogden, and the Club Captain, Bruce Minnit, at our meeting.

7. Following a discussion about trophies on competition days it was decided to leave it to the Committee to decide whether they should be presented at the AGM or on the day of the competition.

Stan Barrell proposed and Mick Mitchell seconded that at least one competition a year should be a foursome. This was agreed by the meeting and the committee asked to arrange it.

In thanking the members for electing him as vice-Skipper, Ron Adams suggested that in future a notice should be posted on the board so that members could nominate for the various officers. After some discussion it was agreed to leave this to be decided by the Committee.

The request by the Committee for the cards to be handed in by 2 pm on competition days was discussed and after Ted Thimbleby had pointed out that this need only apply to the Trophy competitions, the meeting decided by a majority that the time should be 2.15 pm on Trophy Days.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at approximately 3.55 pm.