

Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting
of the Seniors Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 22 November 1989

Present were: in the Chair, the Skipper, G N Watson, 42 members and as a guest Mr Paul Pumfrey, Chairman of the Club General Committee

1. The Chairman welcomed Paul P8umfrey and said our guest would be re-assured by the presence of so many who have taken part in the management of the Club over the years and hoped that our proceedings would demonstrate to him the happy and amicable relations that persist. Seniors play their art in all Club activities and offer their full support and assistance towards the preparations for a successful Centenary Year. Apologies for absence were received from: A Davey, P Brown, D Walker, J Neesham and J A Paragreen who had telephoned from Scotland.

2. The Minutes of the last Annual General meeting were read by the Secretary and were amended to show the correct initials of Mr S F Barrell. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by J E F Mitchell, seconded by Ernest Tomlinson and approved unanimously. They were then signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. Arising from the Minutes the Skipper expressed gratitude to Stan Hunt for generously providing discs engraved with the names of all former Skippers and these had been attached to the Skippers' Lindum Club Putter. Additionally, a special medallion had been attached to commemorate the pioneer work of Maurice Featherstone, Convenor of the Section in 1979. The question of displaying the insignia over or on the Seniors' Notice Board had been discussed informally and a formal letter would now be sent to the General Committee.

4. The Treasurer's report of Income and Expenditure to 22 November 1989:

| Income | £ | Expenditure | £ |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Balance in hand | 76.78 | Gratuity to Greenkeepers | 30.00 |
| Members subs | 76.00 | Donation to Mencap | 20.00 |
| | | Stationery | 0.33 |
| | | Secretary Post/Phone | 8.00 |
| | | Engraving Trophies | 17.21 |
| | | Flowers | <u>10.00</u> |
| | | | 85.54 |
| | | Balance in hand | 67.24 |
| | 152.78 | | 152.78 |

The proposed donations to charity and to the Greenkeepers were the same as last year. The Skipper's choice was "The Talking Newspaper" – a worthy cause supported by the Lady Captain, Mrs Joan Maltby. The Treasure wished especially to express appreciation for the generous and unfailing cooperation of Ted Thimbleby who, year and year, arranged the typing and production of membership lists etc without cost to the Section. John Quilter was thanked by the Skipper for his continued sterling work and succinct report showing a stable balance. Adoption of the report and the endorsement of the donations was proposed by J E F Mitchell, seconded by E Tomlinson and carried unanimously.

5. Skipper's report 1988 to 1989.

We have enjoyed a year of wonderful weather with hardly an event spoiled. Our membership remains about the same at 76 – and no fewer than 46 played in the matches in which we share places fairly rather than pick the strongest team. This is reflected in the results where we won 5, halved 3 and lost 8. I am sure you will agree with me that whilst we like to win and try to do so the result is unimportant compared with meeting old friends and making new ones. This is particularly true when we play the Ladies, 56 took part in each match, both of which were thoroughly enjoyed; we lost the first 6 ½ to 7 ½ and halved the second.

Our trophies were reasonably shared amongst the members

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| Adams Tankard | J Betts |
| Foursomes | J Harland/W Morwood |
| Seniors Cup | R Adams |
| Thimbleby Trophy | A Beedham |
| Pip's Pot | E Thimbleby |
| Mitch's Mug | W Morwood |
| Jackson Trophy | A Beedham |
| Wednesday Stableford Winners | |
| December 1988 | J Harland |
| January 1989 | E Thimbleby |
| February 1989 | W Morwood |
| March 1989 | R Douse |

The competitions were quite well supported, with the best entry of 33 and an average of 26.

The annual social evening was held in October, perhaps a little too early as some regulars were on holiday, nevertheless about 48 members and their ladies attended, all enjoying a very pleasant evening.

I have enjoyed the opportunity of serving the section and thus repaying some of the pleasure I have had since joining in 1982. I have had wonderful support from all the committee, particularly the vice-Skipper, Ben Dockray, who has proved a tower of strength. Bill Morwood and John Mitchell will be retiring from the committee and on your behalf I thank them for all their work during the year past. The Section's thanks are also due to Douglas Boag for his help, to Derek Blades and his staff who keep the course in such a marvellous condition and to Ashley Carter, our club professional, finally to Mrs Johnson and the house staff for catering so well to our needs.

6. **Election of Skipper for 1989.** On a proposal by Mr Roy Douse and seconded by Mr Ron Howsam, Ben Dockray was unanimously elected as Skipper for the next twelve months. He assumed office and said he was proud to be the first Skipper to receive an insignia of office, the Skipper's Lindum Club Putter. After a few nostalgic remarks on the loss to golf of the titles of wooden clubs, he complied with a request to read out the names of previous Skippers from the medallions attached to the insignia. More formally he thanked the members for electing him, expressed his pleasure in being a member of the Section and would try to live up to the high standards set by his predecessors and previous Skippers.

7. **Election of Officers for 1989.** There being only one nomination for each office, the Skipper declared the following elected and introduced each individually:

| Post | Name | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vice-Skipper | E S Foster | B N Dockray | G N Watson |
| Hon Secretary | E S Foster | B N Dockray | G N Watson |
| Match Secretary | J Harland | B N Dockray | G N Watson |

Hon Treasurer
Club Liaison

John Quilter
R Douse

B N Dockray
J E F Mitchell

G N Watson
W S Morwood

8. Proposal: Conditions for membership. Introducing the subject the Chairman related the events following the decision taken at the last AGM to exclude non-retired applicants from the Section. An application from a respected Club member had to be refused because of this decision and this alone – causing great embarrassment to both the Skipper and the applicant. During subsequent discussion the committee concluded that a complete embargo on entry before retirement was unreasonable, but that entry at 65 years should be considered – a proposal to this effect was drafted and displayed on the notice board. Some members felt that this did not go far enough, drafted a further proposal and this was also displayed and for convenience is repeated here:

It is proposed that any member of the Club, aged 60 or over, shall be eligible to join the Seniors' Section whether or not they have retired from business or full-time employment. Exceptionally, the Skipper and Committee be authorised to consider applications from Club members who have taken early retirement. Proposed by M Featherstone, seconded by E Tomlinson.

The Chairman said this proposal would be taken first and if passed would result in the withdrawal of the Committee proposal.

Mr Featherstone in support of his proposal said that from the outset in 1979 the sole qualification for entry had been age and it had never been the intent to exclude Club members who had not retired. Indeed there had been members who had not retired when they first joined, some of whom were present today. He strongly urged members to "Throw Out" the decision to exclude non-retired people and instanced an individual who did not expect to ever retire from his business. Mr Tomlinson in seconding the proposal thought that the decision of last year was both unfair and unreasonable. At the request of Mr J Brown, the proposal was read out again. No one spoke against the proposal and on the vote an overwhelming number of members were for the proposal which was declared carried. The proposal for entry at 65 years was withdrawn.

Proposal No 2. Competition Entry Fee

Proposed by J Quilter for the Committee, seconded by J Harland.

It is proposed that the entrance fee for competitions be increased to 50p for 1990 and thereafter to a sum to be decided from time to time by the Skipper and Seniors' Section Committee.

John Quilter said that the competition entry fee had not been reviewed for some time and an increase to 50p would be more in keeping with today's monetary value. If passed, the Committee intended to consider presentation of golf balls rather than cash and also to pay for the engraving of trophies from the proceeds. J Harland formally seconded.

E Foster suggested that, if possible, a more generous charity donation could be considered.

When put to the vote, the proposal was carried without dissent.

9. Eclectic Competition. Laurie Cresswell announced that once again, probably for the third or fourth time, Ted Thimbleby was the winner of the Eclectic Competition – a truly excellent record. John Harland was for the third year running, unfortunate to be runner-up; he had tied for first place last year and missed out doing so again by half a

stroke. On behalf of the members, the Chairman thanked Laurie for his work in compiling the statistics and presented the trophy to the winner.

10. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Paul Pumfrey expressed his pleasure for the invitation to attend the Seniors' AGM. He had been most impressed and if the occasion arose we could count on him for support.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 3.42 pm