

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting
of the Seniors Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 26 November 1997

44 members attended and apologies were received from Mike Bosnell, Jim Brown, Ralph Daubney and Bert Sadler.

The Skipper then asked members to stand in silence in memory and respect for Ted Hayes, Dennis Walker and Ropy Douse who sadly died during the year. He also sent the Section's good wishes to those members who were in poor health.

Prior to the formal proceedings the Skipper, Rod Dudley, presented the Eclectic Trophy to Wally Holt and the Pickering Trophy to Wally Holt and Alan Kingston.

The Minutes of the last AGM had been displayed on the notice board for 3 weeks and copies circulated today – they were passed unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sam Mercer, presented his accounts. He said our finances were in good order and asked for questions. Ben Dockray commented that we had quite a large balance in credit. Sam replied that in the context of the finances it was useful to have a reasonable balance in case of any financial problems. Geoff Watson proposed and Ernest Tomlinson seconded adoption of the accounts and thanks to the Treasurer. The proposition was carried unanimously.

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Section
Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October 1997

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd		Skipper's Charity	50.00
Cash in hand	84.80	Gratuity Greenkeepers	50.00
Subscriptions	166.00	Trophy	45.00
Abbey National	301.54	Other payments	44.80
Competitions			
Entry fees	196.00	Prizes	118.00
		Engraving	20.00
		Winter League Prizes	32.00
Bank Interest	7.81	Cash in hand	87.00
		Abbey National	309.35
Total	756.15	Total	756.15

The Secretary, John Packard, reported that the year had gone very smoothly thanks to the keenness and efficiency of Skipper Rod and the support of the members. Rod had had such a wonderful year. John reported that the fixture list would be much as in previous years but not all the other Clubs had confirmed the fixtures at the date of the meeting.

John announced the winners of the internal competitions as follows:

Centenary Cup

Wally Holt

Adams Trophy
 Barrell Foursomes
 Seniors Trophy
 Thimbleby Trophy
 Pip's Pot
 Mitch's Mug
 Eclectic
 RNLI Trophy
 Winter League
 Pickering Trophy
 Jackson Tankard

Ernest Tomlinson
 Peter Allen & Alan Froggatt
 Dave Trafford
 Wally Holt
 Eric Cowpe
 Bert Sadler
 Wally Holt
 Pete Walton
 Walter Evans
 Wally Holt & Alan Kingston
 Colin Hotchkin

Rod began his report by mentioning that his year had got off to an unfortunate start due to Dennis' illness which led to his tragic death later in the year. He said that apart from this he had enjoyed the year to the full and thanked everyone for their support.

His thanks went to John Packard for all the hard and excellent work he had put in, looking after the fixtures, forewarning and giving notice of competitions and generally helping the section run smoothly. Rod thanked Sam Mercer for the amount of work he had put in as Treasurer and for the excellent way he has of keeping the accounts and balancing the books. Rod said we were very lucky to have Sam looking after the accounts and also the scores for the Winter League.

Coming on to the golf matches and fixtures, we were lucky with the weather and only the Thimbleby Trophy had to be postponed. Rod said that he hoped the 3-club competition would become a permanent fixture. The match results had been very good, of the 20 played, we won 13, lost 5 and halved 2. Rod made the point that it was nice to win but it is the enjoyment and comradeship which emanates from and with the members of the other clubs which really counts. Altogether, 53 members participated in the 20 matches but only one person played in them all, guess who? Rod said he had tried to be fair in the team selection and hoped not too many were disappointed.

Rod thanked the catering staff for the excellent meals and snacks during the year and presented a bouquet to Mrs Margaret Johnson. He also thanked the greens staff for their hard work in the regular maintenance and the improvements to the course.

Match	Home	Away
Sleaford	Won 7-1	Won 5-3
Doncaster	Won 6-2	Half 4-4
Newark	Won 6-2	Won 5-3
Market Rasen	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½
Belton Park	Lost 5-3	Lost 6 ½ - 3 ½
Belton Woods	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Half 4 ½ - 4 ½
Holme Hall	Lost 5 ½ - 3 ½	Won 6 ½ - 3 ½
Canwick Park	Lost 6-4	Won 5-3
Gainsborough	Won 7 ½ - 2 ½	Won 6-2
Ladies Spring	Lost 5 ½ - 4 ½	
Ladies Autumn	Won 7 ½ - 3 ½	

Rod announced that his donation of £50 to charity from the Section would go to the Ambucopter Appeal. He felt that this was something from which we could all benefit if the need arose. Ernest Tomlinson proposed that £75 be given this year to the greens staff for their efforts on our behalf. Geoff Watson seconded the proposition which was carried.

The meeting then moved on to the election of officers. There being only one person nominated in each case, the following were elected.

Skipper	John Paragreen
Vice-Skipper	Walter Evans
Secretary	John Packard
Treasurer	Sam Mercer
Eclectic Secretary	Rod Dudley
Liaison	Bernard Wood

John then took over from Rod. Rod welcomed John as Skipper saying that the members were all aware of his enthusiasm and that he was sure to be a great Skipper.

John on taking over said he was looking forward to his year and that he would do his very best to maintain the high standards of the section. John said he had a few points to make. He was of the opinion (a) that to help the Treasurer, no senior should play in our matches or competitions until their subscription was paid. (b) Members would, if appropriate, be expected to play in home matches before being selected for away matches. (c) He wondered if the members would like another social evening. (d) He hoped during his year to try to bridge the gap which seemed to exist between the Section and a minority of the Club General Committee. He wondered if a Seniors v the Club match would be of interest as one idea. (e) He asked members to obey the white lines on the course and (f) he said that we still hoped at some time to be allowed an increase in the numbers allowed in home matches so that we could repay the hospitality extended by some of the other clubs.

Under any other business, Bruce Minnitt suggested that seniors might put themselves forward for election to the General Committee as they had a lot of experience of golf and business.

Peter Brown said that we had many privileges as members and we should be thankful. We should accept General Committee decisions as in the best interests of the club as a whole and concentrate on enjoying our golf.

There being no further business, John thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.