

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting
of the Seniors Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 28 November 1998

40 members attended and apologies were received from G Walker, P Chapman, A Froggatt, N Hill, P Hinchcliffe, B Wood and C Charlton.

The Skipper then asked members to stand in silence in memory and respect for Alan Kingston who sadly died during the year. He also sent the Section's good wishes to those members who were in poor health and sympathy to those Seniors who had lost their wives.

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 and the Senior might wish to have a special project for the millenium. Rod Dudley proposed and Dave Hutchison 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 1998

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd		Skipper's Charity	50.00
Cash in hand	87.00	Gratuity Greenkeepers	75.00
Subscriptions	162.00	Trophy	
Abbey National	309.35	Other payments	30.00
Competitions			
Entry fees	196.50	Prizes	104.00
Profit on Raffle	26.00	Engraving	28.00
		Winter League Prizes	30.00
Bank Interest	7.15	Cash in hand	154.50
		Abbey National	316.50
Total	788.00	Total	788.00

The Secretary, John Packard, reported that the year had gone very smoothly thanks to the keenness and efficiency of Skipper John and the support of the members. The Skipper had had a good year. John reported that the fixture list would be much as in previous years except that the Club had been approached by Waltham Windmill Golf Club near Grimsby for a fixture. With the sanction of the Club Secretary/Manager a home and away match had been arranged. A few of the other clubs had not confirmed the fixtures at the date of the meeting. John reported that the Club had agreed to the Seniors having an Open Day next season, mainly for the benefit of our golfing friends from away. It should also be financially rewarding for the Club in general. The Seniors

Committee would under A.O.B. be asking for permission to appoint a sub-committee to run the event.

John echoed the sentiment of the Treasurer regarding the millennium and asked for ideas from the members about a suitable project.

John announced the winners of the internal competitions as follows:

Centenary Cup	Colin Hotchkin
Adams Trophy	Colin Hotchkin
Barrell Foursomes	Stan Ashley & Roy Green
Seniors Trophy	Dave Hutchison
Thimbleby Trophy	Walter Evans
Pip's Pot	Peter Chapman
Mitch's Mug	Colin Hotchkin
Eclectic	Wally Holt
RNLI Trophy	Peter Chapman
Winter League	Walter Evans
Pickering Trophy	Wally Holt & Geoff Watson
Jackson Tankard	Ben Dockray
Laverack Trophy	Nev Hill

John then presented the Eclectic and Pickering Trophies. The Laverack Trophy would be presented to Neville on some future occasion.

John began his report by saying how much he had enjoyed the year as Skipper. He mentioned that the weather had been kind and only the first match against the Club ladies had had to be postponed.

His thanks went to John Packard for his hard work as Secretary, and Sam Mercer the Treasurer for his methodical and accurate work in keeping us solvent, also for keeping us supplied with prizes and a reasonable price (which could not be matched by Ashley).

Although some of the matches were played in rain, the results were very satisfactory with 11 wins, 7 losses and 2 halved.

Match	Home	Away
Sleaford	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Doncaster	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Newark	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Halved 4-4
Market Rasen	Won 7-1	Lost 5 ½ - 2 ½
Belton Park	Lost 5-3	Halved 5-5
Belton Woods	Won 8-0	Lost 5 ½ - 3 ½
Holme Hall	Won 6-2	Lost 5 ½ - 4 ½
Canwick Park	Won 6-2	Won 6-4
Gainsborough	Won 5-3	Lost 5 ½ - 4 ½
Ladies Spring	Won 6 ½ - 3 ½	
Ladies Autumn	Won 7-5	

John said that the best result was the 8-0 win against Belton Woods. We played 175 individual matches, winning 100 and 38 members had taken part. One or two members had been out of action due to illness and injury.

He thanked Colin Hotchkin who was now on the Club Committee for sorting out the Seniors handicaps which were now on the computer.

John closed his address by thanking Mrs Johnson for her help and catering throughout the year and presented her with a cheque. Mrs Johnson thanked the meeting and said she would let us know what she had bought with the money.

John also thanked the greens staff and all those who had helped with the improvements to the course.

John announced that his donation of £50 to charity from the Seniors would go to the RNLI due his time in the Navy and £75 to the greens staff on our behalf.

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

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

Walter then took over from John. John welcomed Walter as Skipper saying that the members were all aware of his enthusiasm and that he was sure he would have a great year.

Walter 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.

Walter said he had only one point to make at this stage regarding slow play, about which we had had complaints from other Club members. He said that he hoped members would do their best to keep moving whilst out on the course.

Any other business.

John Packard proposed that a sub-committee of two plus the Seniors Treasurer as Chairman be formed to run the Seniors Open Day. This was seconded by Walter Evans and carried.

Geoff Watson proposed and Ron White seconded that a letter be sent to the Club expressing our thanks and congratulations for the now impressive condition of the course. This was carried.

Sam Mercer proposed that the spring, summer and autumn competitions be officially accepted by the Seniors for handicap purposes and designated qualifying competitions. Excluding the winter competitions when the tees, greens, etc were often in temporary places. Seconded by Roy Green and carried. In consequence of this, the committee might need to decide on which competitions the Eclectic Trophy would apply.

It was proposed by Bob Tompkins and seconded by Rod Dudley that so members did not have to stay late on competition days, the cups would in future be presented at the AGM. The prizes (eg golf balls) to be presented at the time or as soon after as possible. This was carried.

Geoff Samways proposed that consideration be given to changing the Clubs against whom we play matches. This was seconded by Dave Hutchison but was defeated on a vote.

Wally Holt raised the question of a Seniors day out.

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