

Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting
of the Seniors Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 24 November 1999

41 members attended and apologies were received from Jack Brown, John Paragreen, Mike Bosnell, Neville Hill, Eric Cowpe, Kelvin Bray, Brian Matthews and Rob Walkinton.

Before the meeting proper, the Club President, Mr Bruce Minnitt, was permitted to address the meeting. He informed the meeting that two very important matters had arisen which would entail Extraordinary General meetings of the whole club. The first matter concerned the prevention of the ownership of the club passing into the hands of a small group of members against the wishes of the majority and the second matter concerned the payment of VAT unless the club was constituted legally as a non profit making organisation. He asked the Seniors to support these meetings.

The Skipper, Mr Walter Evans, then opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. The Minutes of the last AGM held on 26 November 1998 had been displayed on the notice board for 3 weeks and copies circulated before the meeting were accepted on a proposal by R Ashford, seconded by R Dudley.

2. The Treasurer, Sam Mercer, presented his accounts. He explained various points of interest to do with the Seniors Open Day profits. He thanked personally Colin Hotchkin, Rod Dudley, Joyce Dudley and Chris Walton who had rendered assistance on the open day. He said that we were in a strong position to provide a millennium gift to the club. Sam reported that Alan Froggatt had agreed to become Assistant Treasurer. Bert Sadler proposed that the accounts be accepted with grateful thanks to the Treasurer for his work in general and his assistance with the open day. Seconded by Ben Dockray and carried with acclamation.

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Section
Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October 1999

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd		Skipper's Charity	50.00
Cash in hand	104.50	Gratuity Greenkeepers	75.00
Subscriptions	158.00	Gratuities	73.98
Abbey National	366.50	Other payments	21.00
		Donation to ATC	80.00
Competitions			
Entry fees	211.00	Prizes	109.00
Profit on Raffle	161.00	Engraving	36.00
Open Day Share	124.92	Winter League Prizes	37.00
		Cash in hand	121.56
Bank Interest	17.30	Abbey National	539.68
Total	1143.22	Total	1143.22

The Secretary, John Packard, reported that the he had had a splendid year working with Walter. A new match had been arranged against Waltham Windmill and the meeting agreed that it had been a great success. A club millennium day on June 26th next year

was on offer to us and on the agenda later for discussion. Because of this proposed event the match against Doncaster had been moved to a new date. The Vice-Skipper's Away Day would be at Elsham on May 10th when the course was closed for the RAF.

The Skipper, Walter, than made his report. he thanked the members for their support during the year and said how proud he had been to lead the seniors through the year. He thanked the club, the catering staff and the greens staff and everyone else who had contributed to the success of the year. Walter presented a cheque to Mrs Breen and proposed that £75 be given to the Green Staff. He proposed that his charity donation of £50 be sent to the Ambuicopter Appeal. Walter than presented the trophies to the 1999 winners:

Centenary Cup	G Watson
Adams Trophy	C Charlton
Barrell Foursomes	D Johnson & A Froggatt
Seniors Trophy	B Dockray
Thimbleby Trophy	R Tompkins
Pip's Pot	P Chapman
3 Club Competition	N Hill
Mitch's Mug	B Dockray
Eclectic	B Dockray
RNLI Trophy	P Allen
Winter League	R Tompkins
Pickering Trophy	C Hotchkin & E Clarke
Jackson Tankard	S Mercer
Laverack Trophy	W Holt

The match results were as follows:

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

10 wins, 6 losses, 3 halved and one abandoned. 46 took part, 6 played in one match, 25 played in a number.

4. After discussion, it was proposed by John Packard and seconded by Rod Dudley that to mark the Millennium and give something back to the club, the seniors donate 4 ball washers for the course. They would be inscribed to indicate their origin. This was carried (this would use up most of the accumulated funds from past years and include a small amount from the open day). To repair the funds, the Treasurer proposed that the subscription be increased to £3 for one year only. This was seconded and carried.

5. In connection with the proposed Seniors Open Day 2000, it was proposed by John Packard that the event be organised again and the sub-committee of S Mercer and joint secretaries Colin Hotchkin and Rod Dudley for Wednesday July 12th 2000. Seconded by Ernest Tomlinson and carried.

6. Considerable discussion then took place on a proposal by the Club to allocate June 26th to the Seniors for the Millennium Day. It was decided that:

- a. The event be open to all male members of the club over 60 years. Proposed by J Packard and seconded by P Hinchcliffe. An amendment that the age be 55 was defeated.
- b. A proposal by Ben Dockray that the Seniors invite the Skippers of the other club we play matches was seconded by Rod Dudley but was defeated.
- c. A proposal by R Tompkins that personal male guests be allowed was seconded by Wally Holt and amended by Ben Dockray to one guest per member. This was carried.

The general running of the day would be in the hands of the executive committee of the Seniors.

7. A discussion of the way in which teams for matches are selected was then undertaken. Bob Tompkins had prepared an excellent points system to enable players to qualify for matches but it was generally thought to be too cumbersome to operate. At the end of the day, it was unanimously agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Skipper. However, Ron White made the point that he had not been selected for away matches at all although he had only hoped to play in those where he would have been able to cope with the away course. Derek Johnson pointed out that some players were openly joining the Seniors to get cheap (£2) green fees. It was far cheaper than a County Card. Peter Walton pointed out that if members played for the Seniors they would have less chance of playing in club matches.

8. Election of Officers

Skipper	Bob Ashford
Vice-Skipper	John Packard
Secretary	John Packard
Asst Secretary	Wally Holt
Treasurer	Sam Mercer
Asst Treasurer	Alan Froggatt
Eclectic Secretary	Colin Hotchkin
Liaison	Peter Walton

Walter announced that no vote was required, therefore all the above were declared elected. He then handed over the chair to Bob and wished him health and happiness to enjoy his year as Skipper.

Bob took over as Skipper and thanked and congratulated Walter on a most successful year in charge of the Seniors. Bob said that he was looking forward to his year as Skipper and he added that he was sure that he would receive the support of the members. Bob introduced a splendid wooden golfer to the meeting which had been made by a member of Sherwood Forest Golf Club. He gave it to John Packard who took over as vice-Skipper to be presented as the trophy for the Away Day (next year at Elsham). He said that he was disappointed that the General Committee had turned down the request for a seniors' tie but hope that the decision might be re-considered. He asked the members to thank their wives for generously allowing us time to play golf.

9. Any other business.

Bob Tompkins proposed that the entry fee for the seniors trophies be increased to £1 and that prizes other than golf balls be introduced. Seconded by Wally Holt and carried.

Rod Dudley pointed out that he had donated the trophy for the 3-club competition to be played as a 9-hole competition so that the more elderly members would take part. It was agreed to revert to 9 holes (1-9).

Ray Pollitt asked the committee to make the Millennium competition something special.

There being no further business, Bob declared the meeting closed.