Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club Seniors held on Wednesday 21st November 2007 at the Clubhouse.

1. Twenty-five members attended the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Kelvin Bray, Eric Cowpe, Dave Hutchison, Tim Kelsey, Geoff Maslin and Bob Tompkins.

The Skipper, Bill Crone, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2006

The minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 22nd November 2006 were agreed following a proposal by Rod Dudley, seconded by Laurie Lowthorpe.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Allan Froggatt, presented the accounts for 2006, issued copies to all members attending, and stated that the details were self-explanatory. Alan reported a 'slight loss' over the year (see attached balance sheet for details). It was proposed by Wally Holt and seconded by Mike Wood that a gratuity of £120 be given to the greens staff, and £50 to Bill Crone's charity.

The Treasurer also gave a resume of the main items of expenditure and contributions from the Seniors to various charities.

It was proposed by Wally Holt, and seconded by Bill Crone that the accounts be accepted, and this was agreed unanimously.

4. Secretary's Report

The fixtures list for 2008 was circulated by the secretary, Mike Wood. He pointed out that there were two changes to match dates, but that the Sleaford fixture would be held in October for one year only. There were also changes to two competition dates because of Club commitments.

The secretary reported on a meeting of the Main Club Committee on 10th August 2007, attended by Bill Crone and himself. He was pleased to announce that the seniors had been well received and were well respected. There were only two issues affecting the seniors; one of slow play in a single match, which was accepted and would be addressed. The other concern of the Committee was that hospitality at the 10th might hold up play to some extent, but it was recognised that other competitions and Saturday morning matches were also affected, and the matter was resolved.

In tendering his resignation from the post of secretary, Mike told the meeting how much he had enjoyed the role. He thanked everyone for their support, with particular mention of the Club Manager, Mr Derek Linton.

5. Skipper's Report

The skipper, Bill Crone, reported that he had had a most enjoyable year. He thanked his vice-skipper, Wally Holt, and also Peter Allen, Alan Froggatt, Rod Dudley for arranging the engraving of the trophies, and all the members for their support during the year. He mentioned how successful the 'halfway house' had been, and how well it had been received by visitors. He thanked those members who had helped with hospitality, and he singled out Peter Mawer, who had provided mid-round refreshment for one match on his own, including the provision of a particularly delicious cake, which he had made himself.

In concluding his report, Bill gave generous thanks to Mike Wood, whom he had persuaded to stay on as secretary during his captaincy. He reminded the meeting that Mike had given loyal service to the seniors in a highly efficient manner for eight years.

A presentation was made to Mike on behalf of the seniors' section, followed by a generous round of applause in acknowledgement and warm appreciation of Mike's contribution to the life and work of the seniors' section.

The trophies were then presented by Bill Crone, preceded by a celebration of the three holes-in-one achieved by Bill Crone, Laurie Lowthorpe and Geoff Watson.

Winter League	Wally Holt
Barrell Foursomes	Bill Crone/Jim Pointer
Adams Tankard	Chris Pickering
Thimbleby Trophy	Wally Holt
Mitch's Mug	Peter Harrod
Pip's Pot	Bob Tomkins
Centenary Cup	Tim Kelsey
Gordon Walker Cup	Chris Pickering
Wally Evans Trophy	Geoff Carman
Three Club Competition	Wally Holt
Vice Skipper's Away Day	Geoff Savill
Eclectic Trophy	Gordon Reedman
Order of Merit	Jim Pointer

Match Results

Match	Home	,	Away		
Lincoln Ladies	Lost	6-3	N/A		
Sleaford	Won	4≈-3≈		Won	4≈-3≈
Newark	Won	5 <i>□</i> -2 <i>□</i>		Lost	7-1
Stoke Rochford	Won	4≈-3≈		Lost	8-0
Waltham Windmills	Won	6-2	Lost	6-2	
Market Rasen	Lost	5-3	Halved	1 4-4	
Belton Park	Lost	4 <i>□</i> -3 <i>□</i>		Lost	6≈-3≈

Belton Woods Won 6-2 Lost 5 ≈ -2 ≈ Doncaster Won 4 ⋈ -3 ⋈ Lost 4~-3~ 6~-1~ Holme Hall Lost Lost Canwick Park Halved 4-4 6≈-1≈ Lost Woodhall 5≈-2≈ Won 6-2 Lost

Match summary: Won 8

Halved 2 Lost 13

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by a show of hands:

Skipper: Wally Holt
Vice-Skipper: Geoff Savill
Treasurer: Alan Froggatt
Committee Liaison: Bob Tompkins
Eclectic Secretary: Bob Tompkins
Secretary: Peter Harrod

Bill Crone then welcomed the incoming Skipper, Wally Holt, and invited him to take the Chair.

The new Skipper, Wally Holt, thanked Bill and wished him well. He also thanked members for inviting him to be skipper, and felt proud and honoured to be elected. He announced that his preferred charities would be St Barnabas Hospice and The Salvation Army. He would continue the practice of asking members to donate 50p to the charity fund for failing to make the green with their tee shots on the 12th.

Wally then outlined his ambitions for the year. He expressed the hope that members playing in matches would wear the regulation blue tee shirts and maroon sweatshirts, with matching dark trousers. He also appealed to members to observe the rules and etiquette of golf, and to ask their playing partners if they were in any doubt about a rule.

7. Any other business

It was proposed by Wally Holt and seconded by Alan Frogatt that all members of the Lincoln Golf Club who had reached the age of 55, and who had retired from full-time work, be automatically enrolled as members of the seniors' section. As a consequence of this, the £3:00 annual seniors' subscription would be abolished.

There followed a discussion of this proposal, with members expressing views for and against, after which it was put to the vote.

The proposal was defeated by 16 votes to 7.

There was also a brief discussion on whether or not seniors' competitions should be open all day, and this was also defeated by a show of hands.

Dave Trafford raised the issue of the compliance of golf clubs to the changing rules and conditions of the Ancient and Royal. He asked for clarification by the Lincoln Golf Club of the current and proposed changes. The secretary was asked to investigate and to post a notice on the board.

Bill Crone reported that the two Club Captains had accepted their invitations to the seniors' dinner with great pleasure, and he proposed that an invitation be issued automatically each year. This was agreed enthusiastically and unanimously.

Following discussion on the status of the Laverack Trophy, raised by Alan Froggatt, it was agreed that there would be no change for the following year, but that the skipper would introduce variety into the weekly fare, by including more frequent and varied competitions. Wally Holt agreed to consult the Club Manager about the status of 'Texas scrambles', which had earlier been prohibited by the Club Committee.

There was a brief discussion about the seniors' dress code for matches, and the possibility of having a separate seniors' section tie. Views were exchanged, but there were no resolutions, and the skipper brought the meeting to a close at 3:10 pm.

Peter Harrod Secretary 22 November 2007