

**Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club Seniors held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the Clubhouse.**

1. Thirty-three members attended the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Clive Charlton, Peter Chapman, Eric Cowpe, Bill Crone, Tim Kelsey, Geoff Maslin, John May, John Packard, Alan Turner and Tony Young.

The meeting began with the presentation of the trophies by the Skipper, Wally Holt. (See Appendix One for a summary of the match results and trophy winners.)

Following a resolution by the committee, the secretary proposed that the meeting elect a chairman of the section, who would chair the meetings and also act as liaison secretary. He presented the committee's rationale for this proposal, suggesting that this would avoid the hiatus of changing the chairman during the meeting, and that it would lead to greater continuity from year to year if the section had its own elected chairman. During the following discussion, some members felt that this could antagonise the main club, while others felt that insufficient notice had been given. It was later agreed in principle that a section chairman might be acceptable to members, but that a decision should be deferred, pending further discussion and consultation. It was also pointed out that the committee could elect its own chairman for any of its meetings.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2007**

The minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 22nd November 2007 were adopted, following a proposal by Bob Tompkins, seconded by Geoff Savill.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Alan Froggatt, presented the accounts and balance sheet for the year 2007-8. He reported a slight increase in the balance, and elaborated on the details on the balance sheet (see Appendix 2). He also reported a healthy balance of £509, and suggested that we consider ways of reducing it.

Bob Tompkins suggested that we increase the gratuity to the greens staff to £150, and later during the meeting this was proposed by Dave Hutchison, seconded by Bob himself, and agreed.

A proposal by Wally Holt, and seconded by Gordon Reedman to abolish the £3:00 subscription to the seniors was agreed by a sizable majority.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

The secretary, Peter Harrod, reported that it had been a challenging, but enjoyable year, and he thanked everyone for their support, tolerance and good humour. A particular tribute was paid to Mike Wood for his help and support during the transition period, and during the year as a whole. He was particularly appreciative of the pro formas which had been passed on from John Packard and Mike himself, and which made his task so much easier. He also thanked Mike for taking over the duties of secretary during his absences on holiday.

He reported that he had enjoyed a good working relationship with the skipper, and thanked Wally for his co-operation, and for his organisation of extra competitions on Wednesdays, which had been favourably received.

He then mentioned each member of the committee in turn, and thanked them for their support, and for the work that they did on behalf of the Section. Thanks were also due to Rod Dudley for his continuing commitment to the engraving of the trophies.

The secretary also thanked the club manager, Derek Linton, for his advice, co-operation and wise counsel during the year, and reported that the club professional, Ashley Carter, had spoken very warmly to him about the seniors, and how they went about their business.

He mentioned that several new members had joined the section during the year, and extended a very warm welcome to them, on behalf of members.

Mention was then made of the innovatory email communication channel, which although not the official method of communication of the section, had facilitated the circulation of information, and in particular early notice of team selection. The seniors' notice board remained the prime mode of communication, and all the substantive details contained in the emails were replicated on the board. Despite the 'teething' problems, he reported that 42 members had signed up for the system. In admitting mistakes that had been made, he concluded that he would make every effort next year to avoid them, and thanked Gordon Reedman for recommending emailing, and Kelvin Bray for his most helpful technical advice.

Finally, mention was made of the excellent catering service, and enthusiastic support was given by members for a letter to Lee and his staff, thanking them for their efforts on our behalf.

#### **4. Skipper's Report**

Skipper Wally Holt thanked the committee members for their help and support during the year. Warm applause greeted his appreciation of Lee and the rest of the catering staff.

In summarising his year in office, he mentioned the example set by the dress code and smart appearance of members during matches, and congratulated those who had been awarded club ties for their performances over the season.

He reported that the results of matches had been the best for some time, and singled out the away win at Stoke Rochford, who had not been beaten at home for 4 years. He also mentioned the 'double over Holme Hall.

In conclusion, Wally reported that the sum of £50 would be donated to his choice of charity, the Salvation Army's work in Tanzania.

## **6. Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected by a show of hands:

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

Wally then welcomed the newly elected Skipper, Geoff Savill, and invited him to take the Chair.

Geoff thanked Wally for the energy and enthusiasm with which he had carried out his duties as skipper, and then proceeded to share his own 'footprint' with the meeting. The main principles that would guide his year as skipper would be as follows;

- 'togetherness' and a cohesive approach to his role
- re-introduction of the 'unwritten' section rules of not starting before 8:00 am, and forming four-balls on a roll-up basis
- presentation of monies to the winners of competitions on the day
- attention to slow play, and reparation of pitch marks
- consistent and rigorous attention to the rules of golf, including fairway placements, and consultation with partners in case of uncertainty

He also announced that he would return to the practice of including partners on the team selection sheets, two weeks prior to the matches. To humour and approbation, he reported that each set of partners would be given a number between 1 and 18, and that they would be expected to win that hole, under the penalty of 50p in the 'frog'!

## **7. Any other business**

### **Item (a)**

The secretary, Peter Harrod, presented a proposal from the committee that a set of rules, procedures and conventions be adopted by the section. In presenting the rationale for this proposal, he pointed out that most other seniors' sections do possess a set of guiding principles, and that clarity in such matters as the election of a vice-skipper was necessary. He told members that the procedures had been drawn up as a result of scrutinising past minutes, and following wide consultation with long-serving members of the section, and circulation of the draft proposal to all members, with an invitation for comments and suggestions.

It was proposed by Alan Froggatt, seconded by Ian Extance, and carried, that such a set of procedures be adopted in principle, subject to the elimination of the word 'rules', and further discussion of the position of chairman, referred to earlier in the minutes. The secretary would draw up an amended list, and post it on the notice board.

### **Item (b)**

A proposal from Chris Pickering to arrange matches against the main club (supported by the captain-elect, Peter Bentley), was seconded by Ian Extance, and agreed.

A further proposal from Chris that we arrange a match against the junior section was seconded by Peter Harrod, and agreed.

### **Item (c)**

A proposal from skipper Geoff Savill that we play in threes on days when there are club competitions, to avoid potential hold-ups on the course, was seconded by Bob Tompkins, and carried.

### **Item (d)**

A proposal from retiring skipper Wally Holt that we hold two separate 10-week winter league competitions, in addition to an overall 20-week competition, was seconded by Bob Tompkins, and carried.

### **Item (e)**

A proposal from Alan Froggatt that we discontinue the fixture with Canwick Park in view of the declining facilities at the club generated considerable discussion, with members expressing views for and against. Finally the motion was seconded by Jim Pointer, and carried by a small majority.

Skipper Geoff Savill then announced that we had received an enquiry from Elsham. Following discussion on this and other possible alternatives including

attempting to resurrect the fixture with Gainsborough, it was proposed by Geoff Savill that we take steps to replace Canwick Park with Elsham. The motion was seconded by Laurie Lowthorpe, and carried.

#### Item (f)

A proposal from Peter Allen that the proceeds from the winter league raffle be out towards the costs of the vice-skipper's 'away day' was seconded by Mike Wood, and carried.

#### Item (g)

A proposal from Peter Harrod that proceeds from the Wally Evans Trophy be donated to the Poppy Appeal was seconded by Ian Extance, and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3:05 pm.

### Appendix One

## Lincoln Golf Club Seniors

### Match Results & Trophy Winners 2008

VENUE	MATCH		RESULT	
HOME	DONCASTER	WON	5-3	
AWAY	BELTON WOODS	LOST	2-6	
HOME	NEWARK	WON	6-2	
AWAY	SLEAFORD	LOST	3½-4½	
HOME	STOKE ROCHFORD	WON	4½-3½	
AWAY	MARKET RASEN	HALVED	4½-4½	
HOME	WALTHAM WINDMILL	WON	5-3	
HOME	MARKET RASEN	WON	6-2	
AWAY	NEWARK	LOST	3½-4½	
AWAY	DONCASTER	LOST	2½-5½	
HOME	BELTON PARK	LOST	3-5	
AWAY	WALTHAM WINDMILL	LOST	½-7½	
HOME	HOLME HALL	WON	6½-1½	
AWAY	BELTON PARK	LOST	4-6	
AWAY	CANWICK	LOST	1-7	
HOME	SLEAFORD	WON	5-3	
AWAY	HOLME HALL	WON	6-4	
HOME	BELTON WOODS	WON	6-2	
AWAY	WOODHALL SPA	LOST	3-5	
HOME	CANWICK	HALVED	4-4	
HOME	WOODHALL SPA	WON	5½-2½	
AWAY	STOKE ROCHFORD	WON	6½-1½	
HOME	LINCOLN LADIES	WON	338-335*	

MATCH RESULTS YTD 20/11/2008

WON: 12  
HALVED: 2  
LOST: 9

\*Cumulative Stableford scores

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
LGC	WINTER LEAGUE	D. LILL
LGC	LAVERACK TROPHY	W. HOLT/ P. CHAPMAN/ P. HARROD
LGC	PIP'S POT	D. LILL
LGC	SENIORS TROPHY	J. POINTER
LGC	BARRELL FOURSOMES	D. FROGGATT/ R. INGRAM
LGC	ADAMS TANKARD	D. FROGGATT
LGC	GORDON WALKER CUP	G. CARMAN
LGC	JACKSON TANKARD	C. PEARSON
LGC	THIMBLEBY TROPHY	E. CLARKE
LGC	MITCH'S MUG	G. CARMAN
LGC	CENTENARY CUP	C. PEARSON
LGC	WALLY EVANS TROPHY	I. GRIERSON
LGC	3 CLUB	A. TURNER
ASHBY DECOY G C	VICE SKIPPER'S AWAYDAY	R. SADLER
	ECLECTIC	D. FROGGATT
	ORDER OF MERIT	G. CARMAN
LGC	PICKERING TROPHY	I. GRIERSON/ G. REEDMAN

## Appendix Two