

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club Seniors held on Wednesday 18th November 2009 at the Clubhouse.

1. Forty-one members attended the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Extance, Dave Froggatt, Wally Holt, Dave Hutchison, Dave Lill, Geoff Maslin, Peter Mawer, Geoff Watson, Nick Cook and Eric Cowpe.

The Meeting began at 1:20 pm.

2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2008**

The minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 19th November 2008 were adopted, following a proposal by Mike Wood, and seconded by Bob Tompkins.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Alan Froggatt, presented the accounts and balance sheet for the year 2008-9. He reported that, despite the intention to reduce the cash balance, it had in fact increased slightly from £509 to £598, largely due to the receipts from the 'Frog'. He suggested that the 'Frog' money might contribute towards the 'away day', now that the uncertainty about club levies had been resolved. He also reported that the increased competition entry fees reflected the additional numbers entering our competitions. He went on to explain the details of income and expenditure, which may be seen on the balance sheet already circulated (also available on the notice board as Appendix 2), and he concluded by reporting a healthy cash surplus of £598.09.

There were no questions arising from the report, which was adopted following a proposal by Hugh Nicholson, seconded by David Lendon.

4. **Secretary's Report**

The secretary, Peter Harrod, thanked all members of the Seniors for their support, co-operation, tolerance, and good humour. He reported that it had been a successful year from his point of view, and that all the matches and competitions had proceeded without a hitch.

He told the meeting that it had been a pleasure working with Skipper Geoff, and thanked each member of the committee in turn for their help and support. He also thanked Debbie Savill for her secretarial skills, and Rod Dudley for ensuring that the trophies were engraved in time for the AGM.

He explained that there had been some difficulties in arranging the fixtures for 2010, due largely to the problems of slotting in the new clubs, but that these had now largely been resolved. The list remained provisional until confirmed by our own, and other clubs' managers.

He went on to welcome the new members to the Section, including a former Club Captain, Dennis Worrell.

In mentioning the innovation of the Seniors' website, he paid a warm tribute to the Webmaster, John May, and congratulated him on his energy, enthusiasm and expertise, pointing out that our website had already become the envy of many other clubs. It had made his own job easier, and provided a vehicle for the dissemination of information to members, and a permanent record of the club's recent and past history.

He reminded members of the fact that the Seniors were celebrating 30 years as a section of Lincoln Golf Club, and paid tribute to Geoff Watson, Peter Chapman and John Packard for their long and loyal service over many years.

He concluded by mentioning the improved relations with the main club, and by thanking Lee, Sam and the rest of the catering staff for the maintenance of such consistently high standards during the course of the year.

5. **Skipper's Report**

The retiring Skipper, Geoff Savill, thanked every member of the Seniors for their co-operation and understanding, and gave particular thanks to the Secretary for his hard work, and to his Vice-Skipper, Mike Wood, who had been very helpful and supportive on many occasions during the year.

He went on to congratulate several members for their achievements in the main Club Competitions, as follows:

Geoff felt that the success of the Seniors in Club Competitions helped to elevate the standing of the Seniors within the Club. He also felt honoured to be invited by the Club President, John Day, to be his guest at the President's Dinner. He was also invited by the Club Captain, Peter Bentley, to play at Seacroft Golf Club as the Seniors' representative in the Club Committee team. It was clear to Geoff that both the President and the Captain have great respect for the Seniors, and he expressed the hope that this would continue.

Looking to the future, Geoff expressed the hope that the Seniors would continue to avoid the accusation of slow play, and to retain the element of sociability in addition to a healthy competitive spirit.

Referring to the resurrected fixtures with the main Club and the Juniors, he gave high praise to Rob Wilson for his positive approach to the match with the Juniors, and to Peter Bentley for his part in enabling 'membership bonding' through the match with his team, and the positive comments he made at the Annual Dinner.

The Skipper concluded by echoing the Secretary's congratulations to John May for his work in setting up and managing the excellent website, envied by other sections of the Club.

He repeated his thanks to all the members, and wished them good health and enjoyable golfing in the future.

The following proposals for gifts and charities were carried unanimously:

Greens staff: £150 Christmas donation

Retiring Skipper's Charity (Retford Parkinson's Disease Fund): £50

Secretary's Honorarium: £25

There was discussion about whether the 'Frog' money should be donated to charity, or used to embellish the away day funds. It was proposed by Peter Chapman, seconded by Chris Pickering and overwhelmingly carried that it should be donated to charity, as has been the tradition. Skipper Geoff once again selected the Retford Parkinson's Disease Fund as his nominated charity.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by a show of hands:

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

Geoff then welcomed the newly elected Skipper, Mike Wood, and invited him to take the Chair. Mike thanked Geoff and the members for electing him as Skipper, told the meeting that he was looking forward to working with a good deputy in Gordon Reedman, and informed us that change would not be on the agenda for the coming season.

Mike appealed to members to continue to support the dress code practice tradition for matches, and expressed his intention to support local charities during his year in office. He also hoped that members would consider using some of the income to subsidise events such as the Vice-Skipper's away day.

7. Any other business

Item (a)

Alan Froggatt placed three proposals on the table;

1. An additional levy of £1.00 on all Seniors' nine Qualifying Competitions, which he calculated would generate about £270 towards the Club funds.

(Seconded by Jim Pointer, and carried)

2. The award of a prize of a 'sleeve' of golf balls to those achieving '2's on the par 3s.

(Seconded by Stuart McPhail, and carried)

3. The allocation of £100 to boost the away day funds.

(Seconded by Dave Trafford, and carried)

Item (b)

The Secretary presented the updated 'Procedures and Conventions' document, and explained the rationale behind the amendments since the last AGM. The adoption of the document was proposed by Geoff Savill, seconded by Bob Tompkins, and carried unanimously.

Item (c)

Bob Tompkins pointed out that the only way we could improve as golfers was to include more 'Medals' among our competitions, and proposed that we change two of the 'Stableford' competitions to the 'Medal' format.

Following discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. The proposal was defeated, with 15 votes in favour, 21 against, and 5 abstentions.

Item (d)

A proposal by Geoff Savill that we should include a singles knockout competition in our summer programme was seconded by Jim Pointer, and carried by a large majority. Geoff presented a Rose Bowl for the winner of the competition, which was later named by the Committee as the 'Savill Rose Bowl'.

Item (e)

Gordon Reedman proposed that the Winter League draw time be brought forward to 8:00 am. Following discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal, in which problems of dark mornings, travel time for members living in distant locations, and the added organisational burden were raised, 13 votes were cast in favour, 18 voted against, and there were several abstentions. The proposal was therefore defeated, and the draw time will remain at 8:15 am.

Bill Crone pointed out that this is a perennial discussion at the AGM, and expressed the hope that the draw time of 8:15 would remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Item (f)

A proposal from Rod Dudley that we should adopt the Friday 'balls in the hat' procedure in place of our 'roll-ups' on Monday and Thursdays was defeated, following Mike Wood's cautionary note that the increasingly large groups on Mondays and Wednesdays would block the tees for a long time, with the consequent effect on other course users.

Item (g)

Peter Harrod proposed that, from the 2010 AGM, the retiring Skipper should act as Chairman for the entire meeting, to avoid the current practice of changing part way through the meeting.

This was seconded by Bill Crone, and carried unanimously.

Appendix One

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors

Match Results & Trophy Winners 2009

VENUE	MATCH	RESULT	
Away	Elsham	Lost	2½-7½
Home	Doncaster	Lost	3½-4½
Away	Belton Woods	Lost	3-5
Home	Newark	Won	7½-½
Away	Sleaford	Halved	4-4
Home	Stoke Rochford	Won	5½-2½
Away	Market Rasen	Lost	4-5
Home	Waltham Windmill	Won	5-3
Home	Market Rasen	Won	6-2
Away	Newark	Won	5½-2½
Away	Doncaster	Won	4½-3½
Home	Belton Park	Won	6-2
Away	Waltham Windmill	Lost	3½-5½
Home	Holme Hall	Won	5-3
Away	Belton Park	Lost	2-8
Home	Lincoln Juniors	Won	5-3
Home	Sleaford	Lost	3-5
Away	Holme Hall	Lost	2½-7½
Home	Belton Woods	Won	7-1
Away	Woodhall Spa	Lost	2½-5½
Home	Elsham	Won	6½-1½
Home	Woodhall Spa	Halved	4-4
Away	Stoke Rochford	Lost	3½-4½
Home	Lincoln Golf Club	Lost	1-7
Home	Lincoln Ladies	Lost	4-5

Match Results	Won	11
	Lost	12
	Halved	2

Competitions

VENUE	COMPETITION	NAME
LGC	Winter League 'A'	Peter Allen
LGC	Winter League 'B'	Jim Pointer
LGC	Winter League Overall	Peter Allen
LGC	Laverack Trophy	Peter Allen
LGC	Pip's Pot	Rod Dudley
LGC	Seniors Trophy	Alan Froggatt
LGC	Barrell Foursomes	Geoff Savill & John Squire
LGC	Adams Tankard	Ian Extance
LGC	Gordon Walker Cup	Jim Pointer
LGC	Jackson Tankard	John Squire
LGC	Thimbleby Trophy	Dave Hayer
LGC	Mitch's Mug	Ian Extance
LGC	Centenary Cup	Geoff Maslin
LGC	Wally Evans Trophy	Chris Pearson
LGC	3 Club	
Radcliffe	Vice Skipper's Away Day	Roger Sadler
	Eclectic	John May
	Order Of Merit	Ian Extance
LGC	Pickering Trophy	Ian Extance & Rod Dudley

Appendix Two

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Statement of Accounts - Year Ending 18 November 2009

	2009	2008
Cash in Hand	£133.17	£7
Cash at Bank	£376.12	£382
	£509.29	£389
Annual Contributions	-	£138
The Frog	£165.05	-
Competitions - Nett of Prize Money	£408	£337
Total Income	£573.05	£475
Income and Cash Brought Forward	£1082.34	£864
Greenkeepers' Xmas Gratuity	£150	£120
Secretary Honorarium	£25	£25
Halfway House Supplies	£47.80	£19
Trophy Engraving	£62	£64
Annual Dinner Guests	£43.50	£54
B Sadler - Bereavement	£25	-
Website Fee	£59	-
Sundries	-	£8
Shirts - Cost	£420.95	£217
Shirts - Sales	£420 (.95)	-£210 (7)
Charity Competitions	-£120	-£242
Evans (St Barnabas/Air Ambulance)	£75	£50
Skip's (Salvation Army/Candles)	£50	£50
Xmas (St Barnabas/Air Ambulance)	£75	£50
Frog (St Barnabas/Air Ambulance)	-£80	£150 (58)
Total Expense	£484.25	£355
Cash in Hand	£81.87	£133
Cash at Bank	£516.22	£376
	£598.09	£509
Expenditure and Cash Carried Forward	£1082.34	£864