

**Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club Seniors held on  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in the Clubhouse**

Forty-five members attended the meeting. Apologies were received from Geoff Arrand, Nick Cook, Jeff Kemp, Jim McPherson, Roger Sadler, Bob Tompkins, Ron White and Tony Young.

The meeting began at 1:40 pm

**1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2010**

The minutes of the 32nd AGM held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were adopted following a proposal by Ian Extance, seconded by Dave Lill.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Alan Froggatt, presented the accounts and balance sheet for the year 2010-2011. Announcing that it would be his eleventh and final report Alan presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011, which he hoped would be self-explanatory. He summarised the accounts by declaring that the Section had some money in hand, but not quite as much as he had hoped for. He went on to explain the reason for this by reminding the meeting that our income is derived solely from competition fees, with 50 per cent paid back in prize money. Although the gross income this year was lower than last year, this was counterbalanced by the fact that we did not have to pay a levy to the main club this year.

He added that most items of expenditure were in line with previous years, with the exception of the cost of engraving the trophies which had been unexpectedly high, due mostly to a price hike imposed by the engraver without prior notification. He also informed members that he had a residual supply of team clothing which he would be handing on to the new Treasurer at bargain prices. In future it was hoped that the clothing would be supplied directly by the Pro's shop.

It was agreed on a show of hands that the perennial items of expenditure for the greens staff, secretary's honorarium, annual dinner guests and Captain's donation would be paid as usual.

Alan finished his report by thanking members for their support over the years, and he wished the newly nominated officers an enjoyable and successful year.

**3. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary, Peter Harrod, began his report by confirming that he would be retiring after four years in post. He said that it had been a most enjoyable experience, and a steep learning curve. He believed he had been lucky to have been well served by three excellent

Skippers, Wally Holt, Geoff Savill and Mike Wood, and the first Senior Captain, Gordon Reedman. He paid tribute to each one, and included their wives who had been in effect unpaid secretaries. He also thanked the Committee for all their support, and mentioned in particular his mentor, Bob Tompkins, and Alan Froggatt who had done so much over the years to serve the Section not only as Treasurer but also in helping to run many of the competitions. He went on to thank all the members for their support, tolerance and good humour.

He then singled out John May for his sterling work as Webmaster, and told the meeting how much he had learned from him. The main reason for his retirement as Secretary was that there was so much overlap between the two roles that it seemed sensible to rationalise.

Turning to Captain Gordon Reedman, he paid tribute to almost two years of stellar captaincy, stating that Gordon had been the epitome of fairness, understanding and attention to detail. In particular he had shown sensitivity and humour in all aspects of his leadership, and had represented the Section in an accomplished manner. He also wished to thank Vice-Captain Chris Pickering for his support, and for reminding him from time to time not to take it all too seriously!

He went on to say that the four years had been tinged with sadness on losing two stalwart members of the Section, Mike Wood and Peter Allen. He thought that it was also an appropriate time to think of those members who had recently had hospital treatment, or who were about to be admitted.

As a retiring gesture the Secretary wished to recommend to the new Committee that they consider easing the burden of the administration of the Section by inviting members to take on discrete tasks under the overall supervision of the new Secretary. This process had already begun with Hugh Nicholson looking after the engraving of the Trophies, John Edlington assuming responsibility for organising and managing the Winter League, and Jim McPherson having a similar role with the Laverack Trophy. Alan Turner was also considering offering to organise and manage the other competitions. Other possibilities might include the organisation of the hospitality at the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, the Seniors' dinners and other possible social events, and purchasing and distributing the Section's match sweaters and shirts.

The retiring Secretary concluded by looking back with some pride on the achievements of the team over the four years, and wished the new Captain Chris Pickering, the new Secretary John May, and the new Committee all the very best for the coming year.

#### **4. Senior Captain's Report**

Captain Gordon Reedman began his report by telling members that the end of another season was a time for reflection and optimism. He reported that we had increased our membership to over 80, and that relationships with the main club and other sections within it were most satisfactory. He reminded us that four members of our Section held posts at Club level, support for the dinners remains good, and the Vice-Captain's and other away days had been well attended.

He congratulated the winners of all the competitions, and pointed out that both knock-out competitions had been completed within the parameters laid down. He thanked Dave Trafford for his generous donation of a fine trophy in memory of Mike Wood, and also paid tribute to Peter Allen who was Skipper in 2006, and a great ambassador for the Section at all times.

The Captain went on to inform members that the playing season had been the best for more than 20 years. We had played in 24 matches, 13 of which had been won, 9 lost and 2 halved. A total of 52 members had played for the teams and the ratio of availability to selection had risen to over 70 per cent.

He then wished to convey his sincere thanks to the two retiring officers, Alan Froggatt and Peter Harrod for their dedication and contribution to the work of the Section. Alan had been Treasurer for ten years, and Peter Secretary for four. He commented that they had been the 'engine-room' of the Section, and that he had learned to realise the demands involved. At this stage he invited the Captain elect, Chris Pickering, to present a small gift as a token of the gratitude of the Section for the work they had done.

In expressing his pleasure that John Edlington had volunteered to take on the running of the Winter League, and that Jim McPherson had agreed to run the Laverack Competition, Gordon hoped that it would be an example to all members to share responsibilities, and to take pressure off the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. He also thanked Hugh Nicholson for doing such a good job in ensuring that the trophies were appropriately engraved.

In pursuing the theme of 'example', Gordon paid tribute to the 'Elderly Gentlemen Golfers', who continue to set an example to us all by turning up in all weathers to follow the more youthful participants. He expressed his thanks to our webmaster, John May, whose website has had over 20,000 'hits', and for his video coaching manual showing the elegant swings of members of the Section (editor's poetic licence here!).

The Captain concluded by wishing Geoff Maslin, who had been a great supporter of the Section over several years, every success on his move to Blankney Golf Club. He then told members that he had enjoyed the experience of being Senior Captain, thanked all the members for their support and understanding over the past two years, and wished the new Captain Chris Pickering and Vice-Captain Dave Lill a very enjoyable and successful season.

## **5. Election of Officers**

The following officers were proposed by Dave Hutchison, seconded by Geoff Savill and duly elected by a show of hands:

Captain:	Chris Pickering
Vice-Captain:	Dave Lill
Secretary:	John May
Treasurer:	David Lendon

Committee Liaison/  
Eclectic Secretary

Bob Tompkins

Following his election as Seniors' Captain, Chris Pickering paid a warm tribute to his predecessor, Gordon Reedman, and confessed that it would be a hard act to follow. Since the Section ran very well he was adopting a policy of, 'If it aint broke don't fix it!'

## 6. Any Other Business

- (a) The newly elected Captain, Chris Pickering, proposed that as a matter of course the retiring Captain should remain on the Committee for a further year so that the Section might gain from his experience. This was seconded by Peter Harrod and agreed unanimously.
- (b) In Bob Tompkins' absence the Chairman presented Bob's appeal to members of the Section to consider playing more often in main Club competitions especially when these occurred on Seniors' normal playing days. He pointed out that this would be beneficial to the Section and to its relationship with the Club.
- (c) John Packard raised for debate the issue of course closures, and the impact on members whose right to play was sometimes restricted. He understood that the Club needed to raise money, but felt that it was not appropriate for visitors to play before an agreed time in the morning. Following discussion, the members of the Club Committee who are also members of the Section were asked to remain vigilant about this matter and to represent the Section's interests where appropriate.
- (d) Notice had been given by Chris Pickering of a proposal to avoid the problem of a 'singleton' playing in the Winter League. Wally Holt suggested an amendment to the proposal and, after discussion, the Chairman offered 4 possible solutions which were put to the vote in turn. By a majority decision Wally Holt's proposal was adopted, as follows:

*Where there is an odd number in the Winter League draw, the 'singleton' shall be drawn first and, for the purposes of scoring, shall partner the first drawn of the pair. The other two will play as a pair for the purposes of scoring. All three will play to ¾ handicap.*
- (e) Dave Hutchison raised the issue of the number of Seniors' trophies and expressed the belief that we should resist any temptation to increase the numbers of competitions. Following discussion, in which differing views were expressed, it was agreed that we should leave it to the Committee to make decisions as the need arises.
- (f) Chris Pickering reminded members that the Club had agreed that the Seniors could hold an MND Charity Golf Day in aid of funds for the charity. He told the meeting that he would be forming a sub-committee to help to organise and manage the event, and invited members to volunteer to participate.
- (g) The meeting agreed that Peter Harrod could amend the Procedures and Conventions in the light of the decision made in AOB Item (a) above.

- (h) Chris Pickering informed the meeting that the match with the Juniors had been re-arranged for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December. He asked members to indicate their probable availability to ascertain that there would be sufficient interest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:35 pm.

**Peter Harrod**  
**Secretary**  
**18.11.11**