



# Lincoln Golf Club Seniors

## Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club Seniors held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the Clubhouse

45 members attended the meeting. Apologies were received from John Goldsbrough, Nigel Harrison, Pete Stevens, Roger Sadler, Kevin Hardy, Ian McLure and Gary Cheshire.

The meeting began at 1.35 pm

### **1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014**

The minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were adopted following a proposal by Alan Turner, seconded by Bob Sansom.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

I am pleased to report a strong financial position and healthy balance sheet at the end of 2015.

For the fourth consecutive year, my objective of achieving a year-end reserve of a minimum of £250 has been met, so that commitments at the beginning of the year can be covered. Members may remember that I inherited a difficult situation following a £180 loss and £80 in the bank account. That has all been turned round and the year-end surplus has averaged £90 over the last 4 years. Consequently, our end of year bank balance has risen year on year. There is no virtue in continuing this trend unless, say, we make further charitable donations.

After a drop in competition entries in 2014, more players competed this year in spite of indifferent summer weather. Traditionally, the Senior Section makes great contributions to local charity, this year being no exception: £340 was donated to Lincoln Macmillan Cancer Research (the Captain's Charity) and the total given to all charities was £473 - more than ever before. The Committee decided to make a donation to the Club for new furniture on the 12<sup>th</sup> tee, crediting the Seniors and our charitable giving: this hole was most appropriate in view of its association with the Frog.

In view of the above year on year rise in our bank balance described, I am proposing changes which will give a roughly neutral budget and lead to a fairer, more consistent outcome for competition entrants and prize winners with improved visibility. There will be a small rise in total prize money relative to 2014/15.





- 1) A reduction in the Winter League entry fee to £2
- 2) The prizes in all our cup competitions to be identical, with higher amounts for the Winter League and our most prestigious knock out competitions. Figures would be:

	All Cup Competitions except WL & KOs	Winter League			Knock Out Competitions	Total
		A	B	Over'l		
Winner(s)	£15	£15	£15	£20	£30	
Second	£8	£8	£8	£12	£10	
Third	£5	£5	£5	£8		
	X 18				X 3	
Total	£504	£28	£28	£40	£120	£720

David proposed that his report and figures be accepted as a true record; this was seconded by Ian Extance and unanimously agreed by the membership.

Derek Johnson, whose proposals on finance would be raised during Any Other Business questioned the reduction in the entry fee for the Winter League from £5 to £2. He proposed that it remain at £5; this was seconded by Bob Sansom. Derek added that the £5 should be used to increase prize money for this competition. 22 voted in favour and 19 were against.

**(Secretary's note: There is some confusion on whether or not Derek stated that the figure of £5 should be used to increase prize money; I personally did not hear it. Similarly, many others did not but Derek states that he did).**

David further proposed that gratuities and honoraria as outlined in previous years should be implemented this year. This was seconded by Chris Pickering and agreed by the membership.

### **3. Secretary's Report**

I have nothing significant to add to last year's report. The Section continues to tick along without any major problems being encountered.

The Away Day held at Laceby Manor appears to have been a success and I would like to thank everyone who took part.

I would like to thank Ian Paterson for once again taking away from me the onerous task of collecting and arranging engraving and presentation of our trophies.





Finally, I would like to formally record my admiration for the way our vice-Captain has performed this season. He has been an inspiration to me.

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

It has been a great honour and a pleasure to captain the section this year. My job has been made much easier than I thought, thanks to the help and support of the members. The spirit and camaraderie is the sections strength and long may it continue.

There are a number of people I would like to thank for their help and efforts during the last year. First of all a great deal of gratitude goes to John May, who tirelessly continues to carry out his secretary and website duties to their usual high standard, as well as offering tremendous support as vice-captain, including organising an excellent away day at Laceby Manor.

To Derek Johnson and Kevin Hardy for their continued support in running the competitions, winter league, away days and Friday roll ups.

To David Lendon for his dedication, as treasurer, in ensuring the finances of the section are kept in order and are fully auditable.

To Bob Tompkins for carrying out final checks and formally closing the competitions on the computer.

Competitions have been generally well supported this year and the trophies have been well shared out. However a special mention must go to Peter Miller for winning 4 competitions over the season, to Barry Bagnall for winning 3 consecutive qualifiers in the summer and to Bob Sansom, as the winter expert, winning 2 winter league trophies and the Laverack. These winners highlight the standard of players we have in the section, which now includes 7 players with single figure handicaps.

We have been competitive in matches again this year winning 14, halving 2 and losing 8. We have used 52 different players during the season. Thanks also to Chris Pickering for stepping in to captain the team against the ladies.

This year has seen us welcome many new members, a number of who have become active playing in competitions and matches.

On the down side it was sad to see the passing of seniors stalwart and gentleman Geoff Watson.





A number of players have had long illnesses and injuries and I wish them all speedy recoveries. This year also saw the retirement from playing for Geoff (Zorro) Carman, but I understand he is still honing his poker skills.

I also must compliment Adie Kitchinson and his team for the condition of the course this year. In my opinion the course is in the best it has been in the 10 years I have been a member. I am also grateful to David Middleton who has provided a number of group coaching sessions this year. Lee and Sam have continued to provide a high standard of catering and we are still the envy of all the clubs who visited this year.

I am sure there are other people I should have mentioned for their help and support throughout the year, so I must thank everyone again for being so cooperative and helpful during the year.

Finally I wish John May every success as captain next year, and I hope he enjoys it as much as I have.

#### **5. Election of Officers**

The following officers were proposed and seconded by those shown below then duly elected by a show of hands:

Appointment	Name	Proposer	Seconded
Captain	John May	John Edlington	Neil Kirk
Vice-Captain	Geoff Arrand	Richard Howgate	Derek Johnson
Treasurer	David Lendon	Chris Pickering	Bob Tompkins
Competitions	Bob Tompkins	Peter Stern	Steve Rogers
Secretary	John May	Phil Freeman	Bob Tompkins

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Derek Johnson put forward 4 proposals which were all seconded by Bob Sansom; details are enclosed at Annex to this document.

Much discussion followed and, in the end, Derek made two proposals, both seconded by Bob Sansom:

Proposal 1 – that the entry fee for competitions be reduced to £1 and all entry fees to be paid in prizes. This was voted down by 13 votes to 27.

Proposal 2 – the annual subscription be raised to £8 and all competition entry fees to be paid as prizes. This was voted down by 12 voted to 24.





The meeting closed at 2.50 pm

*John May*

**John May  
Secretary  
18 Nov 15**





### Matches

Venue	Opponents	Result
Away	Radcliffe	Won 7 - 1
Home	Newark	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Away	Sleaford	Won 5 - 3
Home	Doncaster	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½
Away	Market Rasen	Half
Away	Elsham	Won 7 - 3
Home	Waltham Windmill	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½
Away	Newark	Won 7 - 3
Home	Market Rasen	Won 7 ½ - ½
Home	Sleaford	Lost 5 - 3
Away	Doncaster	Lost 6 ½ - 1 ½
Home	Belton Park	Won 5 - 3
Away	Waltham Windmill	Lost 5 - 4
Home	Holme Hall	Won 5 - 3
Away	Belton Park	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½
Home	Stoke Rochford	Lost 5 - 3
Home	Elsham	Won 7 - 1
Home	Radcliffe	Won 6 ½ - 1 ½
Away	Woodhall Spa	Lost 5 ½ - 2 ½
Home	Woodhall Spa	Lost 5 ½ - 2 ½
Away	Stoke Rochford	Lost 6 - 2
Away	Holme Hall	Half
Home	Lincoln Ladies	Won 6 - 4

### Competitions

Competition	Winner
Winter League 'A'	Bob Sansom
Winter League 'B'	Trevor Horwood
Winter League Overall	Bob Sansom
Laverack Trophy	Bob Sansom
Barrell Foursomes	Dave Lill & Peter Miller
Seniors Cup (QC)	Brian West
Adams Tankard (QC)	Phil Freeman
Mike Wood Trophy (QC)	Rob Wyatt
Pip's Pot (QC)	Peter Miller
Vice-Captain's Away Day	Peter Miller
Gordon Walker Cup (QC)	Tony Eastwood
Centenary Cup (QC)	Peter Stern
Mitch's Mug (QC)	Barry Bagnall
Derek Croucher Cup (QC)	Barry Bagnall
Thimbleby Trophy (QC)	Barry Bagnall
Jackson Tankard (QC)	John Downs
Wally Evans Cup (QC)	Phil Mason
Eclectic	Barry Bagnall
Order of Merit	Peter Miller
Savill Rose Bowl	Kevin Hardy
Pickering Cup	John Haycox & Steve Bradbury
3-Club Competition	Alan Turner





## **Annex**

The following items were proposed by Derek Johnson and seconded by Bob Sansom.

### **Proposal 1**

All members to be treated as equal with regard to what subscriptions they pay into our section, with a one off payment at the start of the year, or when a new member joins. The fee being set to cover the normal annual running costs of the section.

This year we have had some members paying over £20 subscriptions, and some as little as £7, this shows that we need make our payment system fairer.

### **Proposal 2**

All competitions should be self-financing by the players taking part, and not out of subscriptions, this saving work for the treasurer, and again being fairer.

The entry fee (sweep money) to all our competitions to be exactly that, and not have 50% taxed off as an additional subscription fee. I would suggest £1 and keep the prize ratio the same, thus saving the members money even after paying the increased subscription fee.

### **Proposal 3**

The Winter league entry fee of £5 to be again exactly that and used in its entirety for winter league prizes, and not have 80% taken away for another subscription fee. There are rightly 9 prizes to be paid out for this competition, and last year saw the situation of some prize winners not even getting their money back!, after battling against the elements all winter.

### **Proposal 4**

With the reduced amount of money going into the subscription pot, if the committee feel the need to raise an additional sum of money, for a project or a good cause, then they can come back to the members, and rightly give them the option to choose, if and how much they want to contribute to that cause.





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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	402	370
Competition Entries	1414	1297
Charity Collections		
Frog	290	216
Christmas	61	55
Wally Evans	72	36
	<u>423</u>	<u>307</u>
	<u><b>2239</b></u>	<u><b>1974</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Greenkeepers' gratuity	150	150
Secretary's honorarium	50	50
Halfway house supplies	11	13
Captains sweater	65	60
Guests (Annual dinner)	80	102
Bereavement donations	60	
Website fees	59	48
Charity donations		
Frog (Cancer Research UK)	290	216
Christmas (Deaf/hearing support)	61	55
Captain's Charity (Cancer Research UK)	50	50
Evans (Macmillan Trust)	72	36
	<u>473</u>	<u>357</u>
Prize money	583	563
Golf ball/voucher prizes	180	305
Sponsorship of 12th Tee - new furniture	400	
Annual dinner subsidy		228
Miscellaneous	30	42
	<u>2142</u>	<u>1918</u>
<b>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>	<u><b>97</b></u>	<u><b>56</b></u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
Balance brought forward	333	277
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>97</u>	<u>56</u>
<b>Cash at bank carried forward</b>	<u><b>430</b></u>	<u><b>333</b></u>

DG Lendon - Treasurer

In my opinion the above accounts are in accordance with the books and records presented to me.

A L Wallis FCA

