



Lincoln Golf Club Seniors

Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club Seniors held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 in the Clubhouse

42 members attended the meeting. Apologies were received from Brian West, Phil Pearson, David Hadfield, Cameron Prichard, Nigel Harrison, Dave Lill, Don Leonard, Roger Sadler and Derek Yelland.

The meeting began at 1.25 pm

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016

The minutes of the 38th AGM held on Wednesday 17th November 2016 were adopted following a proposal by Gordon Reedman, seconded by Bob Tompkins. The membership agreed that the Minutes reflected a true record of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report a stable financial position and healthy balance sheet at the end of 2017. At the close of the year, our reserves (£398) are almost the same as last year with just a small surplus on the year.

Your Committee decided to make a donation to the Club, a contribution towards replacing some of the logoed china which is looking very tired. The effect of our annual donations to LGC projects, since 2013, has been to keep the scale of the surplus and year end reserve to sensible proportions. You will remember that a proposal to reduce income significantly was made both last year and the one before but overwhelmingly rejected. In view of the mandate it has been given, your Committee considers project spend for the benefit of seniors exclusively but when surpluses occur will continue to support the future of Lincoln Golf Club plus ensure the healthy balance sheet we now enjoy.

The Seniors Section always makes great contributions to local charity, this year being no exception: nearly £600 has been raised and donated to the charities of the Captain's choice, The Nomad Trust and The Children's Society.





During 2017, the Committee decided to end the distribution of cash prizes and give Pro Shop voucher prizes, as do all the other Clubs against which we play. The average competition entry was 33.9 (up from 33) and both receipts and prize monies are higher than last year. In 2015, I made a proposal to the AGM for defined competition prizes which was unanimously agreed. I committed to reviewing prize amounts in the event that competition entry income rose and 50% was not distributed. In the last 5 years, distribution has been 49%, 51%, 50%, 50% and 48%. Separately I am making a proposal to increase voucher prize levels for cup competitions in the coming year which will address this issue

Unfortunately, three members passed away in the past 12 months and donations have been sent to the charities of their choice.

Thank you to Andrew Wallis for checking and approving the accounts.

David Lendon
Treasurer, LGC Seniors Section
November 2017

Proposed by David Lendon and seconded by Alan Turner that the balance sheet be accepted as a true record of our financial situation. Carried by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Proposal 1

Proposal – that charitable donations, gifts, the Secretary's honorarium, web site fees and Annual Dinner guests are dealt with as last year.

Seconded by Chris Pickering. Carried by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Proposal 2

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Proposal – that, for 2018, voucher prizes for first, second and third placings in our cup competitions (all except Winter League and knock-outs) are raised by £1. If applied this year, 51.5% would have been distributed.





Derek Johnson's Proposal

I would like to see a simplification of our sections finances, that makes them more transparent to how we generate our funds. I also want to ensure that every member of the section pays exactly the same into the section.

The annual individual members fees of £5, (100 members) will easily cover the cost of the sections yearly normal running costs, and makes for a straightforward yearly balance sheet.

This allows for the competition entry fee £2 (or sweep to allow cash payments), to be reduced to £1, and then to be all paid out as prizes on the day. Also, all other fee-paying competitions and knockouts, to be self-financing with 100% entry/sweep money being paid out in prizes. Thereby not featuring in the accounts. It also stops the questionable practice of skimming off money from one cause to another, without the members choice.

Rest assured that if the membership wants to collect, and contribute to any good causes, then I will in my role of secretary (if selected) ensure that ample opportunities will be made for members to voluntarily donate.

The actual charity causes we generate money for, by existing practices would not change, with the exception of a small prize (ie golf balls) being awarded to the winner of the Wally Evans competition.

Outcome

Both proposers put forward their cases succinctly and took questions afterwards. I cannot recall everything that was said suffice to say that all question posed were answered honestly and calmly.

A vote was then taken on both proposals; the results being as follows:

David Lendon's Proposal 32 for, 7 against and 3 abstentions

Derek Johnson's Proposal 5 for, 19 against, 18 abstentions.

David Lendon's proposal, seconded by Alan Turner was carried.

Secretary's Report

This season has been just like all the others. Everything (nearly) ran on rails, with only minor problems which needed to be solved. Over the past 6 years I have thoroughly enjoyed working with successive captains and fellow committee members. Without exception, they have all given their best efforts to maintain the ethos and spirit of our band of athletes as well as maintaining a structure and organisation to enable us to enjoy our hobby. I wish my





successor good fortune for his time in office. I will, however, retain responsibility for maintaining the Seniors' website.

Seniors' Captain's Report

I begin this report by thanking the gentlemen of the Seniors section for allowing me the privilege of being captain for this past season. I have enjoyed my year very much indeed. There have inevitably been difficult moments but those were weathered without undue stress or distress. Dealing with a large group of senior gentlemen can sometimes be rather akin to herding cats. Many members of the section who play more widely in the club than I do myself have told me that our section is the best grouping in Lincoln Golf Club. Who am I to dispute that?

If this is indeed the case then I believe it to be so for three reasons.

First because we are a section where newcomers find a ready and friendly welcome as I did myself when I arrived eight years ago.

Second because this is a section which upholds what I believe to be standards which should not be lost. Our dress code for matches, on and off the fairways, together with a standard of grace and manners make LGC Seniors ambassadors for the club as a whole.

Third, because the standard of our hospitality, both at the half way house and in the restaurant, together with the standard of the course are the envy of all our visitors. Our match rivals told me many times that they never have difficulty finding teams to visit Lincoln.

This season we performed reasonably well in matches, winning 14, losing 9 and halving 1. 56 members played in matches. There were some problems finding players, especially toward the end of the season. Many signed up to play in very few matches and some chose not to play in matches at all. It should be noted that every effort was made to ensure that gentlemen played home as well as away matches. It is only right that those who wish to play in the sunshine at Waltham should also play in the rain at Torksey!

Competitions are popular among the Seniors and some have expressed anxiety over the potentially large numbers that might turn up to play. In fact, there is no evidence of this to date. This year we had only one occasion when an unusually large number turned up and in point of fact the numbers playing in competitions has increased by only a very little over the past few years. A total of 56 individuals have played in competitions. Never did they all turn up on the same occasion. 55 members played in the 2016 - 17 Winter League.

Roll ups each Monday, Wednesday and Friday have continued to be popular. Here again whilst the membership may be just over 100 there has never been a day when a number in excess of the mid-twenties appeared for a roll up. I have tried to keep a balance on Fridays between 4-ball and 3-ball formats. We all need to be aware that some prefer one and some the other.





Finally, my thanks to those without whom LGC Seniors would not be what it is. John May who has given time and energy to this section way beyond what most would regard as reasonable. As he hands over this year he does so with the gratitude of us all. The same is true of David Lendon. Managing the finances is always an unseen and thankless task and David does it with a gentle efficiency which we must appreciate.

Thanks to a number of others too. Adie and the course staff, always cheery and helpful.

David in the pro shop, ever the Seniors friend. Lee and Sam, Debbie and Chloe together with all who feed and water us week in and week out.

To Ian for being alongside me, always with the same cheery bedside manner. Always blunt but never offensive. I wish him well as he becomes cat herder in chief and hope that he enjoys his year as much as I have enjoyed mine.

Election of Officers

The following officers were proposed and seconded by those shown below then duly elected by a show of hands (with one exception** – see below)

Appointment	Name	Proposer	Seconder
Captain	Ian Paterson	Richard Howgate	John Edlington
Vice-Captain	Peter Miller	Alan Turner	Dave Lill
Treasurer	David Lendon	Stuart Smith	Ray Collins
Competitions	Bob Tompkins	Peter Stern	David Lendon
Secretary	Derek Johnson**	Peter Miller	Bob Sansom

As his proposal on finances had not been agreed, Derek Johnson stated that he did not feel that he could work as part of a committee with whom he could not agree in principle; consequently, he wished to withdraw his nomination for the post of Secretary.

The current incumbent agreed to remain in post until another successor could be found

Any Other Business

Proposal by Derek Johnson

To introduce a limit for membership of the Seniors Section, to namely the number we have at the date of the AGM, with consideration given to reducing the maximum number by natural reduction reasons to a realistic manageable number.

The reasons being the possible number of players turning up to play on competition days, and therefore causing issues with blocking the first tee for other club members, for an unreasonable length of time.





Also, we are losing some of the ethos of the seniors, that of staying behind after playing and socialising, this in the main caused by the length of time players are having to wait after finishing, for the remainder of the field to finish. This can take in excess of 1 and 1/2 hours.

Derek Johnson stated that he wished to withdraw this proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

John May
Secretary
15 Nov 17





Matches

Venue	Opponents	Result
Away	Newark	Won 5 to 3
Home	Radcliffe on Trent	Lost 5 to 3
Away	Sleaford	Lost 4 ½ to 3 ½
Away	Market Rasen	Lost 7 to 2
Away	Elsham	Won 6 ½ to 1 ½
Home	Waltham Windmill	Won 7 to 1
Away	Newark	Lost 6 to 2
Home	Sleaford	Won 6 ½ to 1 ½
Home	Belton Park	Won 4 ½ to 3 ½
Away	Waltham Windmill	Won 7 ½ to 1 ½
Home	Holme Hall	Won 4 ½ to 3 ½
Home	Spalding	Lost 5 ½ to 2 ½
Away	Belton Park	Won 5 to 3
Home	Stoke Rochford	Half
Home	Elsham	Won 6 ½ to 1 ½
Away	Spalding	Lost 5 ½ to 2 ½
Home	Radcliffe	Won 7 to 1
Away	Woodhall Spa	Lost 7 to 1
Home	Woodhall Spa	Won 4 ½ to 3 ½
Away	Stoke Rochford	Lost 4 ½ to 3 ½
Home	Lincoln Golf Club	Lost 5 to 3
Away	Holme Hall	Won 5 to 3
Home	Market Rasen	Won 5 ½ to 2 ½
Home	Lincoln Ladies	Won 8 ½ to 1 ½
Won 14 - Lost 9 - Halved 1		





Competitions

Competition	Winner
Winter League 'A'	Derek Johnson
Winter League 'B'	Trevor Horwood
Winter League Overall	Ray Collins
Laverack Trophy	Mike Hook
Barrell Foursomes	Kevin Hardy/Phil Pearson
Seniors Cup (QC)	Phil Freeman
Adams Tankard (QC)	Kevin Hardy
Mike Wood Trophy (QC)	Derek Yelland
Pip's Pot (QC)	John May
Vice-Captain's Away Day	Phil Pearson
Gordon Walker Cup (QC)	Ieuan White
Centenary Cup (QC)	Ray Collins
Mitch's Mug (QC)	John Edlington
Derek Croucher Cup (QC)	Phil Tutty
Thimbleby Trophy (QC)	John Shaw
Jackson Tankard (QC)	Charlie Ip
Wally Evans Cup (QC)	Not Awarded
Eclectic	Ray Collins
Order of Merit	Stuart Holborn
Savill Rose Bowl	Kevin Hardy
Pickering Cup	Peter Miller/Ray Collins
3-Club Competition	Phil Danby

