



## Men's Section Committee Minutes

Date	Time	Venue
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	19:00	Zoom

Attendees Name	Role	Attendees Name	Role
Paul Taylor (PT)	Captain	Richard Deeks (RD)	Vice-Captain (Chair)
Steve McMullen (SM)	Treasurer	Les Ward (LW)	Competition Secretary
Steve Hunt (SH)	Midweek Competitions	Matt L'Affineur (MLA)	Handicap & Rules & Foxes Team Captain
Dave Watson (DW)	50+	Steve Batchelor (SB)	18-49
Ian Braithwaite (IB)	Charity & Fundraising	Jasper Timmins (JT)	Handicap Team Captain
Richard Reid (RR)	Secretary	Andy Ward (AW)	Communications

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> PC, RA	
2.	<p><b>Captain's Update</b></p> <p><b>Forthcoming changes</b>            PT commenced the meeting by thanking LW for all his hard work on behalf of all the Sections. He then proceeded to give the Committee an update on all of the upcoming changes being made by the Club following meetings between PT/RD and Barry and the Club Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourball bookings to be allowed from 7am on Saturdays and Sundays</li> <li>• No non-members to be allowed before 11am on Saturday and Sunday</li> <li>• From 27<sup>th</sup> July:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 day booking window for members;</li> <li>- 8 day booking window for competitions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PT has asked Barry for an evening deadline for bookings which Barry is discussing with the Club Company.</li> <li>• From 1<sup>st</sup> August, every competition in the diary has been reinstated with block bookings available to allow for drawn tee-times.</li> <li>• Steve Batchelor Trophy arranged for last Saturday in July.</li> <li>• John Hemingway is returning 4 days a week to rake bunkers.</li> <li>• Marshalls returning from 27<sup>th</sup> July – mornings only.</li> <li>• Golf members to be added back to gym communications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Diary</b>            PT went through and agreed with the Committee the revised diary, which accommodates all Major's. iG now reflects all of the upcoming competitions.</p>	

	<p><b>Qualifiers</b> Given the lack of opportunity to play qualifiers, the Committee agreed to temporarily reduce the required number of Qualifiers for Major competitions to 3. It was agreed that a temporary amendment to the Section's Competition Rules would need to be made.</p> <p>It was also agreed that, from Round 3, 50+ and Club 18-49 rounds would count as Qualifiers.</p> <p><b>Ryder Cup</b> PT informed the Committee that there would be no selection criteria for the Ryder Cup. Instead, PT will select a team of his choice.</p> <p><b>New member process</b> PT informed the Committee that 40 new members had joined since the easing of lockdown. He requested that a Sub-Committee should be formed to discuss how best to induct new members into the Men's Section. AW agreed to lead this sub-committee with LW, MLA, SM and IB volunteering their support. Ideas floated during the Committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome letter and pack;</li> <li>• Adding an electronic form to the website;</li> <li>• New members open day (play with a Committee member followed by a ham, egg and chips lunch).</li> </ul> <p><b>Men's Section website</b> AW updated the Committee on developments with the website including the inclusion of a 'subscribe to' button.</p> <p><b>Constitution</b> PT reminded the Committee of the changes to the Constitution which, due to the Lockdown, were not able to be ratified at an EGM. The Committee agreed for the changes to be communicated to members by email. Formal ratification will take place at the next AGM but, importantly, the Section captaincy will now run for the calendar year.</p> <p><b>Course walk</b> PT reminded the Committee of the hard work being done by the greenkeepers and forthcoming improvements. In particular, 240 tonnes of sand would be used to improve the bunkers over the coming weeks.</p> <p>In the meantime, a course walk was planned for Barry, the Club Captain, Section Captains and Lee, Head Greenkeeper, to walk the course and, in particular, identify areas which should be marked as GUR. RD would deputise for PT in his absence.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>AW, LW, SM, IB, MLA</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters raised under AOB have been reported in the main body of the minutes.</li> </ul>	

Meeting concluded at 8pm.  
12 little things

- Men's section towels on ball washers
- Water in huts for summer competitions
- Nearest the pin measuring device
- Duck house on 3<sup>rd</sup> (idea supported by Barry and other sections)
- Fixing the bell on 13<sup>th</sup>
- Supporting proposal for steps on 18<sup>th</sup> (instead of a bell)
- Sand & Mix on Par 3 tee boxes
- Better delineation of the course (particularly fairways)
- Engraving of replica trophies
- The running of a 'Twos' competition
- Taking steps to ensure that the winners of 'Major' competitions gain entry to national competitions.
- Broken-tee 'pots' on tee-boxes