

Elsham Golf Club Seniors Section

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at EGC on Wed 26th February 2020 at 1.00pm.

Present : Captain Graham Evison, Vice Captain Russell Orr, Manager John Waudby , Robin Peak, Richard Curtis, Bob Dasey, Brian Nazer, Chris Chapleo and 43 members.

Apologies : Colin Gibson, Colin Mee, Eric Stockdale, Peter Thompson, Ernie Ferrier, Mike Hole, David Goose, David Marshall..

Minutes of the last meeting held on Wed 27th February 2019 were read by Richard Curtis and were proposed by Graham Evison and seconded by Russell Orr. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Manager John Waudby's Address

John has recently taken over as Manager and was looking forward to doing the job. He said his main objectives were to run the club as more efficiently, controlling costs, breaking even this year and reduce the debts.

John Thanked Colin Hopper and the green staff for outstanding work on the course and looked forward to a great season this year. He talked a little about the sale of Tunnel Road which was originally purchased as a residence for the Head Green Keeper. It is no longer used as that and is rented out. He felt that now was the time to sell it and use the funds to improve the Clubhouse and immediate environment.

John also talked about the plans for the practice ground. The club was looking for advanced payments from members to buy a ball collection machine and a small wooden hut to put the ball dispenser in. The plan was well supported and could be an asset to the club.

John remarked that the Seniors Section was a valued section of the club. It was well managed and provided a good range of activities for the Seniors. He thanked Graham for his help and support.

Retiring Captain's Report.

Graham thanked the members for another successful year and for their support and encouragement and advice throughout the year. Graham reported that the seniors had played 25 fixtures with seven wins, two draws and 16 lost. 10 halfway houses were provided and Graham thanked his wife Jane and Ernie Ferrier for their support in providing these.

We had a number of very successful away days – the exchange day with Sleaford GC and two very well supported Texas Scramble matches, one at Cottingham and one at Skidby. These represented tremendous value for money and we have already booked the two again this year.

Graham thanked Robin Peak (Treasurer) and Richard Curtis (Match Secretary) for all their hard work in organising the Senior Section. Graham also thanked the Vice-Captain Russell Orr for his help and support during the year.

Graham was delighted with the total charitable contributions this year of £1,384 being distributed to Breast Cancer Research, Prostate Cancer Research and Children's Cancer Research.

Bob Chapman Trophy

The Bob Chapman Trophy for the best aggregate score of 3 of the Seniors Winter Stablefords was presented to Peter Boulby with Bob Dasey as runner up.

Secretary's Annual Report

Richard reported that the membership for 2019/20 was 98 which is a very healthy number.

Richard reported that we played 25 matches with other clubs and 50 members took part in at least one match. The results were :

Won 7, Halved 2, lost 16. We also played the Ladies twice with a win in March but a loss in September.

We had a fixture with Cave Castle for the first time which was very successful.

Richard thanked all those who took part and particularly those who had come into the team at short notice.

In the Summer the Club hosted one leg of the Golf England English Men's Senior Championship and the Seniors were prominent in providing 'ball spotting', car park organisation and general help. Also in the summer Bob Dasey and Paul Farley represented the Seniors at the 125th Anniversary Competition at Cleethorpes.

The Winter Stablefords were very successful with 48 members taking part in at least one match. Peter Boulby was the winner of the Bob Chapman Trophy with a best 3 score of 115. Bob Dasey was runner up with 114.

Richard ran through the results of all the internal and Club matches of the season.

Richard reported that we had an excellent exchange day at Sleaford GC and the welcome and hospitality was second to none. The Margrave Cup was awarded to Mike Cooke.

Many thanks to Paul Farley for organising Texas Scramble competitions at Cottingham and Skidby.

The Secretary's report was proposed by Russell Orr and seconded by Paul Farley. The meeting accepted the report.

Treasurer's Report

Robin presented the annual accounts for Income and Expenditure for 2019. He reported a good financial position with a closing balance of £1,104.20. We currently have 98 members which is 4 more than the previous year.

Charitable donations made totalled £1,384.47 paid to Breast Cancer Research, Prostate Cancer Research and Children's Cancer Research. Main items of expenditure were on halfway houses for matches, competition prizes, and donations. The Seniors hosted a Christmas lunch for 90 people and had number of away/exchange days.

Robin recommended that internal matches remain at £3.00 including 2s and £2.50 for each of the summer knockout competitions. He also recommended Seniors fees remain at £5.00.

Robin thanked in particular David McNicholas the professional for group lessons which he has provided for the seniors. These are well attended and represent very good value for money. Robin also thanked Colin Mee for auditing the accounts this year and for his help and guidance.

The Treasurer's report was proposed by Jim Cousins and Paul Farley seconded it. The meeting accepted the report.

Additional Position in the Seniors Committee.

Robin introduced this item by telling the meeting that the Seniors now had a website which had been set up by Ian Carr. The future communications with the members would increasingly be on the website and, to be effective, we need an officer whose responsibility was to keep the website up to date with match information, teams, and results. It also needs to be topical and interesting. Robin proposed that for a trial period the members appoint a Website Co-ordinator with a review of the need for this post during the year to establish if it should be permanent.

This was proposed by Robin Peak and Seconded by Mick Hempstock. The meeting accepted the proposal by show of hands. Ian Carr was then proposed to the meeting by Robin Peak and seconded by Mick Hempstock. The meeting appointed Ian unopposed.

Election of Officers

Robin Peak was re-elected as Treasurer unopposed and Richard Curtis was re-elected Secretary unopposed.

Election of Captain and Vice-Captain.

Russell Orr was proposed as Captain by Graham Evison and Seconded by Richard Curtis He was elected as Captain.

Chris Chapleo was proposed as Vice- Captain by Russell Orr and seconded by Ian Carr. He was elected as Vice Captain.

New Captain's Address.

The new Captain, Russell Orr, thanked Graham Evison for leading the Seniors in the last year. He thanked the members for supporting him and he looked forward to a great year of golf in 2020. He said we have a full fixture list, away days, Texas scrambles and trophy competitions to look forward to during the year.

Russell said his charity this year will be the Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Russell had picked this charity as a local organisation which provided much needed support for local people. He wanted to exceed the total paid to charities this year but he recognised this would be difficult as we had done so well in 2019/20.

Russell thanked Robin and Richard for their continuing work in organisation of the Senior Section. He also thanked Chris Chapleo for accepting the Vice Captain's role and he very much looked forward to working with him.

AOB.

1. Paul Farley confirmed that there would be Texas Scramble home matches on 9th March and 11th May. We have also booked away matches at Cottingham in September and Skidby in October. He also confirmed the exchange day to Wheatley in Doncaster would be on 21st May.
2. Robin informed the meeting that the Nottinghamshire Building Society had written to say that they were no longer supporting community groups with accounts. We were advised that the account we have would be closed by September. There was a debate on this matter and possible alternatives.
3. Bryan Mace asked if some of the Senior's funds could be used to increase the amount of paths on the course for people who use buggies. Robin to discuss with John Waudby.
4. David Morton, the former Captain of Immingham Seniors, spoke very warmly about the welcome the Immingham Seniors had been given by Elsham and the excellent range of activities which are being organised for the Seniors at Elsham.

Robin Peak.
Treasurer.