

Elsham Golf Club Senior Section

Committee Meeting 26/8/20 Minutes

Present : Russell Orr, Chris Chapleo, Ian Carr, Richard Curtis, Robin Peak.

1. Halfway Houses for Visiting Teams.

A proposal was made by RP that in future we do not provide any halfway houses for visiting teams. The proposal was put forward as RP felt it was outdated to expect the spouse/partner of the Captain to provide the halfway houses, it delays the matches and it is unnecessary. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the Committee would support the proposal. The visiting teams for next year will be notified. The Committee voted unanimously. Halfway houses will continue with the two Captain's charity matches in May and November.

2. Exchange Day 2021.

RP informed the Committee that Paul Farley has decided he does not want to continue with organisation and management of Exchange Days in the future. The Committee thanked Paul for all his work in past years doing these events. It was agreed that Richard Curtis would now take over the responsibility for organising and managing an Exchange Day for 2021. RP informed the Committee that we do have a booking at Mansfield GC for an Exchange day in 2022.

The decision by Paul Farley also included Texas Scramble competitions at Elsham and elsewhere. We normally have 2 at Elsham and Two at an away destination. A discussion took place and it was decided that Richard Curtis will take over responsibility for the organisation and management of all Texas Scramble competitions in the future including the one at Cottingham on 4th September and the Skidby Event on 21st October.

3. Fixtures for Next Year.

The Committee discussed the need for a submission of proposed dates for internal and interclub matches for next year to the Manager as soon as possible. RC presented the current position with respect to interclub matches. Most fixture dates are agreed with the other clubs, a few still need to be finalised. Most of the internal Elsham Seniors matches can be the same dates as this year.

RC agreed to produce a final version of the fixtures list for submission to the Manager by 1st September.

4. Communication within the Committee.

The Covid crisis has transformed the nature of communications for everyone and Elsham Seniors have been forced to rely much more heavily on electronic communications during

the lockdown and since then matches and events have continued to be organised on the internet.

The older means of communication eg noticeboards, telephone, post are now not the methods most people now use. The transition to internet for booking matches, organising events and paying money and generally keeping up to date has been difficult for many of the Seniors, particularly using HOWDIDIDO, but in the main members have coped well.

A discussion took place in the meeting around the importance of the Committee making full use of the Internet to communicate with each other. The Seniors website has become a critical means of communication, particularly the 'chat' system, to keep up to date. Russell emphasises that members do expect to get information much more quickly on matches, teams and start times etc. The Committee must decide all match details in plenty of time and post the decisions on the Website in a timely manner.

It was resolved that the Committee members must look at their e-mails daily and respond quickly to members. Also we should look at the 'chat' system to respond quickly to the members if issues are being raised.

5. Seniors Constitution.

Some older members are aware of a Constitution which was done by Brian Nazer in the 90's but it has been difficult to find copy of it. The only place left to look is in the papers which Richard Curtis received when he took over his current role. RC agreed to bring the papers into the club to enable the Committee members to go through them to find the Constitution. If it cannot be found it was agreed that we would have to have a new one approved at the next AGM.

RP informed the Committee that we would need a constitution in order to open a bank account.

6. Banking Arrangements.

RP informed the Committee that earlier in the year he was notified by the Nottinghamshire BS that they would no longer support accounts for clubs and societies and we were required to close the account we have by September. Robin has closed the account already and we do not have a bank account at present. Approaches have been made to Lloyds Bank to be informed that they are not opening new accounts at the moment. RP stated that, whilst unsatisfactory in the long term, he would continue using his own bank for the Seniors. The COVID 19 crisis has made electronic transactions essential so has had no choice in this for the moment.

7. Handicap Review

RP stated that we may need to convene a handicap review committee as Senior Members have had very few matches this year which were qualifiers for handicap. He felt that some members' handicaps were well out of line with their current performance and may well

need an adjustment. In October the Club Handicap Committee normally asks for contributions from the various club sections to adjust handicaps on observation of their members performance.

RO stated that it would be reasonable for the recommendations to be discussed with the member individually before they are put to the Club committee. It was agreed that we should convene a Handicaps Review Committee in early October.