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MINUTES OF THE CHINA FLEET MEN'S GOLF SECTION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
On Tuesday 3RD April 2018 at 1900

There were 15 members present together with the Committee and a representative from Golf Management.

1. Introduction and welcome Peter Church

On behalf of the Committee I would like to welcome everyone to the China Fleet Men's Golf Section Annual General meeting 2018.

We are not able to produce minutes for last year's AGM the then incumbent Secretary didn't pass them on and subsequently has not been able to produce them, please accept my apologise.

It is gratifying to have so many people attend, so often despite the Committee's best efforts the only feedback we get is somewhat negative.

This is the first AGM that I have been involved in that there have been questions posed, which shows that the membership is taking an active interest, which is very much welcomed,

2. Election of Golf Captain 2018/2019

Mr Ian Hudson proposed Mr Gary Pavey be elected as Captain of the China Fleet Golf section.

Seconded by Mr Peter Church.

Gary responded by thanking Ian for the nomination and told the meeting that was looking to celebrate the history of the club and involving members in the decision-making process and looked forward to representing the club in the forthcoming year.

**3. Past Captain's report and review of the year.
Billing**

Darren

**COMPETITION SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

As I'm sure you all know, the weather has put paid to a few competitions during the winter months but thankfully we still managed to play all the important competitions during last summer. As in previous years, the golfing season begins in April with the Captain's Drive-In, where a field of over 90 members participated in the Texas Scramble event.

Moving into May, we had the club's first "major" of the year, the Anniversary Plate. Success in last year's competition was by a player who would be having his name engraved on the trophy for a 2nd time. Well done to Jimmy Foy, whose winning score of nett 67 was enough to beat John Callaghan into 2nd place by one shot.

The Dragon's Trophy in June was a time for redemption after their disqualification in 2016. Jack Rendle and Kevin Cotton taking the course apart with a winning score of 51 points. Beating the 2nd place pairing of Andrew Hatch and Lee Jamieson by 3 points.

The most anticipated event of the year is the Club Championship and the 2017 version didn't disappoint, with big favourite and county player, Tom Fox, being forced to birdie the final hole in order to defeat the holder and current member of Cornwall's senior's team, Colin Kitt, by one stroke. Well done to Tom on becoming the scratch champion for a 6th time. There were a couple of new names on the handicap trophies for last year, with Simon Harper winning the low handicap with a nett 141 over the two days and George Davies finishing with a nett 144 to take the high handicap section.

The Men's Open went ahead in August and although the field was not as full as in previous years or with the weather not what you expect in the middle of summer, a good day was still had by all. Can I say a big thank you to Gary Pavey and Wayne Woolaway who helped out throughout the day and congratulations to St. Mellion pairing Pete Floyd and Tom Williams with their winning score of 48 points.

The final individual event of the year, is The Captain's Trophy, which was formally the monthly stableford for September.

Last year's winner was Paul Greenly-Jones with a score of 44 points, beating his nearest challenger by 4.

The Captain's Trophy event is also the final one in which scoring can count towards the Order of Merit. Last year's winner of The Hudson Shield was another member having his name on a trophy for the 2nd time, Paul Marshall achieving that feat after all the various scores had been totalled up. I was hoping to find a discrepancy in Paul's scores over the summer but sadly nothing was found and yours truly had to settle for 2nd place.

During the summer months we had over 100 members playing in the summer knock-outs. Tom Fox put his name on the scratch trophy again but there were a few new names on the other silverware. Lee (hot pants) Kingdom won the low handicap and Alex Turner was triumphant in the high handicap. The 4BBB final was won by Colin Kitt and Jamie Mitchell with Kevin Cotton and Jack Rendle completing a successful year by winning the green-somes. I must also give a mention to James Stroud, who not only managed to reach 3 knockout finals, he also managed to finish on the wrong end in all 3 of them. *I do believe he is now spending more time on the driving range, in an attempt to improve his golf rather than spending a penny in the flower beds at Newquay.*

Before I finish I would like to mention some new competitions which have been brought in for 2018. On the first Saturday in August this year, instead of the normal monthly stableford, there will be a China Fleet Trophy Day with 3 new trophies available for the divisional winners. These trophies are the Kelly Salver, Hickman Shield and the Elliot Bowl.

There is also to be a new trophy for the scratch club champion and I'm sure it won't be long before Tom Fox's name appears on the Grayburn Cup.

Also in October there will be a new four-somes event replacing the Daily Mail qualifier. The Hawtree Cup, named after our course designer will be presented to the winners at prize giving, with the winning pair representing China Fleet in the Daily Mail matchplay for 2019.

I'm sure had enough of listening to my voice but can I just say a massive thank you to all those who have supported and assisted me with the competitions over the past 12 months and look forward to a successful golfing summer, especially the PAL.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Plymouth Area League

There was a bit of a mixed bag in the PAL last year, with some great results at home offset by some heavy defeats on our travels.

1. The 2017 campaign started with two away trips, firstly at local rivals St. Mellion in late April, followed with a match at Trethorne in early May. Unfortunately for us and although many of the matches went all the way to the 18th, both games resulted in 4-1 victories to the home clubs.
2. Our first home match of the season was against the current holders of the competition, Whitsand Bay in what can only be described as a very good display of golf, China Fleet achieved their first victory with yet another 4-1 score line.
3. The next match was another away from home, this time at Looe, but it seems that although playing some great golf at times, the results are just not happening for us, again ending up on the wrong side of a 4-1 result.
4. We played against Trethorne at home on 9th June and won 3 – 2 in a closely fought match. It was a good result for us and one which we hoped would give us some momentum going into the 2nd half of the season, especially with 3 more home matches to come. Sadly though, this wasn't the case, with our next home match being played against Looe, we were only able to achieve a draw at 2 ½ points apiece. Not really the result needed if we were going to stand any chance of winning the league. At this point, China Fleet were lying in equal 5th place with Lanhydrock on 15 points, 6 points behind the leaders, Whitsand Bay, with 4 matches to go.
5. Our first away win was on a course where we've always done well in the past, this year coming away from Lanhydrock with a 3 – 2 win. Even after sending our first player out on his own for a few holes!!! That win seemed to encourage the team and we followed that victory with another hard fought win at home to St. Mellion, again with a 3-2 scoreline.
6. Whitsand Bay were the host's for our penultimate match where we sadly lost again 4 - 1. Unfortunately after that result, the leaders were too far in front for us to catch them but the hope was we could finish on a high and keep our unbeaten form at home. This was the case in the final match of the season with an emphatic 5-0 win over Lanhydrock at China Fleet. Hopefully we can take this result into the new season for 2018 and put China Fleet back on top of the PAL table.

A & B Team

The A & B Teams qualifiers took place at the end of April, with the China Fleet's "A" team unfortunately drawn to play against a strong Perranporth team on their own patch. It was always going to be a tough match against a home team, especially one with that amount of quality but our boys more than held their own, eventually going down to a 3-0 defeat.

The "B" Team managed to fair a little better last year. Following a 2-1 victory over Newquay in the qualifier, they were drawn against Launceston in their quarter-final match on the Friday of county week.

After some great golf from all 3 pairings, the team booked their place in Saturday's semi-final, with a closely fought 2-1 win. The opponents for the semi-final were one of Cornwall golf's big 6, Trevoze, who must have felt they had a slight advantage with the match being played on a links course. Unfortunately for them, the pairings from China Fleet were quick out of the blocks and were never in the mood to relinquish their leads, finishing the match with a comfortable looking 3-0 victory.

The final on Saturday afternoon was played against another of East Cornwall golf's premier clubs, in the form of Looe. with all 3 closely fought matches going the distance. Looe to be fair to them, played well and it's a testament to our club that we pushed them all the way considering their team consisted of two players currently playing at county level.

Royal Cornwall Goblets

At the beginning of county week, China Fleet sent 5 pairings down to Perranporth for the Royal Cornwall Goblets. The best showing coming from the pairing of Kevin Cotton & Jack Rendle. A great effort was made by all players and a big thanks to Gary Pavey for going down there to see the players off on the captain's behalf.

Maxam

St. Austell was the host venue for the Maxam Cup in August with the China Fleet team of Matt Fox, Lee Spiers, Colin Kitt, Andy Sullivan, Scott Summerfield and Lewis Woolaway finishing 13th and with that result, the club will be invited back to play at Mullion for 2018.

Lord Lieutenants Trophy

Kev Cotton & Jack Rendle along with Simon Harper & Val Mitchell were the club's representatives in this year's Lord Lieutenant's at Carlyon Bay.

Both pairings finishing the day with a respectable 38pts each, 6pts behind the winners from Whitsand Bay.

Frank Wills Salver & President's Trophy

Unfortunately it was not our year in either the Frank Will's or the President's Trophy. Richard Keith's Will's team losing in the first round at The Point of Polzeath, to the might of Praa Sands, 3-2 and Gary Pavey's President's team travelling to St. Austell to face Mullion in the preliminary round, going down 5.5 – 3.5 in the process.

Cornish Bowl

Thankfully the Cornish Bowl side progressed a little further with Dave Callaghan's team despatching Cape Cornwall and Budock Vean, 3-2 and 5-0 to reach the QF's of the event. This brought the team a fixture at Bude against Perranporth, on a cold January morning. After close matches throughout the day, two of them going down the 19th hole, Dave's team eventually losing the match 3-2.

On behalf of Gary Sweet and the committee, can I say thank you to all of those who have represented China Fleet over the past 12 months and look forward to having a bit of success for the following season under the new captaincy.

4. Election of Committee Members

There being no other nominees the position of Secretary remains as Peter Church

Competition secretary Darren Billing

Treasurer Andrew Sullivan (No longer serving as a committee member but undertaking Treasurers role)

New members were proposed by Gary Pavey - Tony Lock Seconded by Dave Couch and

Steve Weeks seconded by Mark Fox.

Financial Statement.

This was presented by Andrew Sullivan and is attached.

Andrew was thanked for his efforts and his commitment and it was understood that with a young growing family he would not be able to meet as a committee member. GP

MF asked whether the issue of Pin sheet programme had been finalised, AS stated that the cost for such a programme was £250 per year agreed to proceed following consultation with Nathan.

5. Attendance at CGU Dinner

Mark Fox asked the meeting to consider supporting members of the Committee to attend this function. After some discussion the proposition put to the meeting was that a sum of £100 be allocated for members of the committee to attend such function.

Vote – Carried unanimously

6. Comments Book

Ian Frazer proposed that a comment book be placed in the Sports Bar in order for members and visitor to write appropriate comment which would then be actioned by either the committee or the club management.

This was discussed and seconded by Andrew Sullivan

Cameron Kenworthy stated that the club system was comments cards and would ensure there are copies in the Sports bar for people to complete.

7. Use of trollies in winter conditions

Daniel Beer was not in attendance to discuss this issue and it was felt that members would be supported if seeing any miss use , but the issue is essentially for the club management.

8. Investigation work 14th/15th

Daniel Beer was not in attendance but the meeting was assured that this had been actioned by the Green Keeping Staff

9. Reciprocal golf course arrangements

Ian Burgess raised this issue using Borringdon Park as an example whose members could book a four ball at a number of clubs, playing them for free. This is under auspices of St Austell Brewery.

Following lengthy discussion, the matter will be followed by GP and Management.

10. Email notification competition booking

Andrew Ashford was not present to discuss this matter and CK stated that this was possible but involved issues of data protection as the club would be sharing personal information on another system, it was feasible but would require all members to sign up for it and there would be a potential for sharing information. Further discussion took place and a vote was taken the item was rejected.

11. Committee attendance at Competitions

Andrew Ashford was not present and the matter was discussed it was felt that it was not necessary for a committee member to be present at the commencement of all competitions, but as already happens at all the club's major events members of the committee are in attendance. A member of the shop staff raised the issue of rules for the day as he had not been made aware causing difficulties on the day.

It was made clear and accepted by CK that all winter competitions off the forward tees and mats would be through the green.

12. Winter Competitions

Andrew Ashford was not present but it is already a matter for discussion in committee that the competitions for next winter will change to more fun team events.

13. Senior Section Report

As a section we now have 80+ members, not all of whom are retired, but are active within the section in some capacity.

The year to Christmas (2017) was mostly a success. Of the friendly matches played 5 were lost out of a total of 24.

The "Duck Trophy" was retained against St.Mellion.

The seniors "Captains Day" was successful, as was the Turkey Trot held in December.

In 2018 we have introduced a new competition called the "Dinosaur Trophy" to be played between the "Seniors" and the "Super Seniors".

This event to be played in March and I am happy to say the first happening seemed to be a success.

The first of this year's friendlies are due to start in April, so we are hoping for a good summer of golf.

Mike Partridge

Seniors Captain

P Church

Honorary Secretary