

**Seniors Committee Minutes**

**Minutes of the Meeting 24th May 2021 – @ 9.00 am**

Present:

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| Captain | Richard Mills | **RM** |
| Vice-Captain | Richard Pawson | **Apologies** |
| Treasurer | Paul Wootton | **Apologies** |
| Secretary | Andrew McDougall | **AM** |
| Away Day Organiser | Pete Dunford | **PD** |
| Competition Secretary | Robert Hardy | **RH** |
| Avalon Seniors Captain | Mike Low | **ML** |

**Apologies**

PD & RP

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 20th April 2021 Committee Meeting accepted**.**

**Action Points/Matters Arising from the meeting of 20th April**

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| Alan Frith Resignation – Consideration of an appropriate gift for his 15 years committee service – Lady Captain to be approached for ideasJoan Stone & Pam Frith had been approached for ideas – Joan Stone would be attending the Main Committee meeting on Tuesday. | RM | Ongoing |
|  AM to contact CST, Cannington and Vivary Park Golf Clubs regarding the forthcoming Snrs friendly fixtures in May. | AM | Completed. |
| Email to be sent again to Snr members asking for those interested in playing for the Snrs Friendly Teams this season  | RM | Completed. |

**Captain's Report (Richard Mills)**

Wheathill Seniors have now played two Friendly matches, the first on the 18th May at Cricket St. Thomas was played under very wet conditions and we lost 4 – 2. However, two matches were very close and could have gone either way.

The second was a home match on 20th May when we entertained Cannington G. C. This was played under appalling weather conditions ( both high winds and vert heavy rain) and a 3 – 3 draw seemed the fairest result for all the stoicism from both teams.

We have been invited to play in the Cricket St. Thomas Senior Captain’s Charity Golf Competition on Tuesday 24th August.

**Vice-Captain Report (Richard Pawson)**

Nothing to report

**Treasurers Report (Paul Wotton**

At last just a little action this month.

With the second stage of the Eclectic being cancelled Rob Hardy was able to confirm that the outstanding balance of £40.00 from Oct/Nov/Dec stage could be credited to the Seniors Account.

The first competition of 2021, the 3 Club Trophy, produced a £50.00 profit for the section.

As the Petty Cash was now nearing £200, I transferred £36,00 to the Charity Bank Account and £134.00 to the Seniors Bank Account.

Cheques for the Entry Fees for the Quantock Stag and Jurassic Coast Challenge Competitions were requested, details of which will appear in next month's report..

Summary of the Seniors Section Accounts.

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|   |  | **APRIL 2021** |  | **MARCH 2021** |  | **APRIL 2020** |
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| Seniors Petty Cash |  |  **£ 63.75** |  | **£ 107.75** |  | **£ 62.75**  |
| Seniors Bank |  |  **£ 1,671.38** |  | **£ 1,537.38** |  | **£ 967.38** |
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| **Seniors Total** |  |  **£ 1,735.13** |  | **£ 1,645.13** |  | **£ 1,030.63** |
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| Charity Cash |  |  **£ 0.00** |  | **£ 36.00** |  | **£ 0.00** |
| Charity Bank |  |  **£ 36.00** |  | **£ 0.00** |  | **£ 145.61** |
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| *Grand Total* |  |  ***£ 1,771.13*** |  | ***£ 1,681.13*** |  | ***£ 1,175.74*** |



**Competition Secretary Report (Robert Hardy)**.

Seniors Competition Secretary report May 2021

Admiral Thring and Philpott Pairs are on schedule with only a few small adjustments.

Seniors Club Championship Draw has been distributed with around 60 entries slightly down on last year.

Codgers Cup Invitation has been sent out, just 12 entries so far.

No further competitions for me to administer until September.

Competition Rules and Conditions have been updated. There are 5 competitions where we need to make a decision to bring everything up to date.

Qualifiers are stretched at the moment with many seniors shielding and not entering whole club Stablefords or entering casual rounds due to unfamiliarity with WHS. I don’t think Immediately is the time to impose a qualifier requirement but we do need to set a number and impose that at a sensible date possibly not until the 2022 season?

With regard to the situation with Richard Pawson I have checked my diary and can cover all bar two Stablefords or Medals until October if another volunteer cannot be found

It has now been decided that, until further notice, entry to all monthly Seniors Medal & Stableford competitions will require players to book their own tee times, pay on the day in the Pro Shop and submit their cards (only marker’s signature required) in the box by the shop entrance as soon as possible after the completion of the round, and certainly that same day.

**Away Day Organiser Report (Peter Dunford)**

Nothing to report

**Avalon League Captain Report (Mike Low)**

A trial session was held on Thursday 20th May on a very windy and occasionally wet day!

There were 16 participants with the pairs results ranging from 32 to 42 points, and individually ranging from 21 to 36 points

I have now named the teams for the Somerset Bowl match at Oake Manor on Thursday of this week, and also our first Avalon Seniors match on 1st June.

**Correspondence/Fixtures Secretary**

**Fixtures update:**

Following the home match with Cannington A date for the cancelled away fixture had been agreed for the 20th September.

Emails had been sent to Charminster & Wincanton regarding the fixtures on the 24th June (H) and 29th June (A) respectrively.

Wincanton had replied stating that they are still awaiting conformation and details from the Jockey Club

If they are able to proceed.

A.O.B

1. Richard Pawson email – see Below

About a year ago, I volunteered to help the government/NHS in any way I could to stop/prevent/support etc. the Covid 19 work. I heard however, at about 1400 hours today (while on the wet golf course), that I have been hired by Remote Medical International and am required to start on Monday (provisionally). I will therefore miss the Committee meeting but will forward my comments separately. The job is scheduled for 6 months, working 8 days on and 4 days off, driving a 4x4 with trailer to remote areas of the UK (based at Gatwick) taking Covid testing (and possibly vaccinating) to these areas. My co-driver and I go to wherever and set everything up - and then act as stewards, before taking it down in the evening. The experts arrive once we are ready and administer the tests etc., so low tech for us but it is an essential part of the Government's drive to test and vaccinate all and, having once volunteered, I do not feel it right to back out when needed.

I do appreciate that I will be letting people down within the Golf Club (and my family and Mother) but am writing to formally withdraw from all future club matches, competitions etc., including the club championship and various team events (Sean will seek an alternative to play with - less Philpott Trophy as we have already played one round) up to and including Mid October 2021.  I am also ready to pay my entry fees as normal, but would ask that you let me know how much I owe so I can pay it all in one this weekend. With this in mind, I will, on my days off make contact and help where I can, but am happy to continue in my role as Vice-Captain, preparatory to taking over late in 2021 at a date to be confirmed nearer the time. I will provide a draft JD for the Job before Monday and will complete and issue the results for the Wednesday Medal May Seniors Monthly Medal! Of course, should the committee decide they want to appoint someone else as Vice-Captain, then I will abide their decision, but I will not extend my task with RMI beyond the autumn (they told me it was for 6 months before we started), so - depending on my Australia trip - will be ready to take over as agreed before.

Iwill not know when the days are off, - but judging by their (Remote Medical International) organisation so far, I doubt they know much about it themselves either, so it will not be easy to identify any days of freedom in the short term, but do please let me know by email if you wish me to do anything in the meantime.

No don't worry!, at the Seniors committee meeting this morning both Rob Hardy and Andy McGougall volunteered to take on the extra workload that the monthly Medals and Stablefords generate, in the short term at least.

In the longer term, we did feel that we needed to have a Vice Captain available to help out and take on the role of Handicap Secretary in due course.  Dave Gregory has agreed to fill the void and will progress to the Senior's captaincy next year.

I hope you don't mind, it will at least save you the worry of golf matters for the next few months and enable you to concentrate on the very important work in fighting Covid.

I would like to thank you for arranging all our Zoom meetings and for all the other duties you have carried out over the last 18 months or so. I am sure that once all these distractions are out of the way, your time will come agaim.

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 **There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 am**

**The date of the next meeting is to be held on 28th June 2021**