

**Seniors Committee Minutes**

**Minutes of the Meeting 28th June 2021 – @ 9.00 am**

Present:

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| Captain | Richard Mills | **RM** |
| Vice-Captain | Dave Gregory | **DG** |
| 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**

DG & PW

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 24th May 2021 Committee Meeting accepted**.**

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

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| **Subject** | **Action By:** | **Comment** | **Status** |
| RM to raise the Snrs Committee concerns of the lack of information /profile of the new handicap system being provided to members.  Issue to be brought to the Main Committee meeting due on Tuesday 25th May. | RM | See PD Report below attaching a response from Darren Martin, Club Handicap Secretary. | Completed |
| Alan Frith Resignation – Consideration of an appropriate gift for his 15 years committee service – Lady Captain to be approached for ideas  Joan Stone & Pam Frith had been approached for ideas – Joan Stone would be attending the Main Committee meeting on Tuesday. | RM | Feedback received that Alan  That it was not his wish to receive a gift etc.  The recognition of his service to the Club would be  acknowledged at the AGM. | Completed. |
| 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 four Friendly matches and the results are:-

18th May – away to Cricket St. Thomas, LOST 4 - 2

20th May – Home to Cannington Draw 3 - 3

27th May – AWAY to Vivary Park Lost 4 - 2

24th June – HOME to Charminster WON 4 ½ - 1 ½

The next match is tomorrow away to Wincanton.

I have written to Cricket St. Thomas declining their invitation to take part in their Senior Captains Charity Golf Day on Tuesday 24th August.

After the meeting of 24th May I wrote to Richard Pawson outlining the Senior Committee’s view that we needed a VC in place and that DG has agreed to fill the void and progress to the captaincy next year.

I attach a copy of my correspondence to RP and a copy of his reply and make no further comment.

**To RP dated 24th May 2021**

Richard

No don't worry!, at the Seniors committee meeting this morning both Rob Hardy and Andy McDougall 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 again.

Best Wishes

Richard Mills

Seniors Captain

**Received from RP dated 29th May 2021**

Dear Richard

Thank you for this. I make no apology for the delay in replying as I always think time spent considering matters is time well spent. It seems to me that the fundamental issue is whatever is to be done should be for the benefit of the members. I will not dispute this Palace Coup - the speed of it, and especially the production of an instant replacement, lends credence to the fact that this had been planned from some time before, so I trust all the members are OK with that. I did wonder what happened to my involvement over the last 19 months or why I was not informed of the plan in advance, but then I would have been able to explain my actual commitment to fighting the Pandemic - and so give an accurate prognosis of my times away. However, it is now water under the bridge.

Let me conclude by quoting a recent email. I had planned to do a Masters Degree in History this Autumn but this Covid work interfered and this comment was made to me by the Professor in charge:

 "Although I regret the loss of a likely recruit, what you are engaged in is of course for the greater public good and you are surely right to be following that course.  I wish you well with it."

I leave it to you all to consider the pertinence and even clarity of this comment, but I do think that the membership should at least be informed as a matter of course, since a number of members have approached me on issues prior to this. Looking forward I wish the club every success in the future. The course seemed in good shape though rather empty, when playing yesterday. I hope people can take advantage of that.

Richard

**Vice-Captain Report (Dave Gregory)**

Hi all, sorry to miss the meeting, it couldn’t be helped just to say i am pleased to be made men’s senior vice captain and i look forward to a good 15 months or so with you.

I will be on hand to help Richard on his captain’s day if necessary and available thereafter if required.

NOTE: DG joined the Committee meeting at later stage.

**Treasurers Report (Paul Wotton**

Summary of the Seniors Section Accounts.

Cheques for the Entry Fees to the Quantock Stag Competition at Enmore Park for £320 and to the Jurassic Classic at Lyme Regis again for £ 320 were passed on to Mike Low and Richard Mills respectively.

The May Stableford achieved a credit of £40.50 and the May Medal a £31.00 credit to the Seniors Account.

Summary of the Seniors Section Accounts.

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|  |  | **MAY 2021** |  | **APRIL 2021** |  | **MAY 2020** |
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| Seniors Petty Cash |  | **£ 135.25** |  | **£ 63.75** |  | **£ 87.75** |
| Seniors Bank |  | **£ 1,031.38** |  | **£ 1,671.38** |  | **£ 1,287.38** |
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| **Seniors Total** |  | **£ 1,166.63** |  | **£ 1,735.13** |  | **£ 1,375.13** |
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| Charity Cash |  | **£ 0.00** |  | **£ 0.00** |  | **£ 0.00** |
| Charity Bank |  | **£ 36.00** |  | **£ 36.00** |  | **£ 145.61** |
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| *Grand Total* |  | ***£ 1,202.63*** |  | ***£ 1,771.13*** |  | **£ 1,520.74** |

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

Admiral Thring and Philpott Pairs are on schedule with one anomaly now resolved within the time frame.

Seniors Championship won by Chris Hyldon, Nett by Peter Stiling full results have been published.

The June Stableford and Medal have been completed, full results have been published and the Finance Sheets completed and sent to the Pro Shop and Paul.

I circulated the Codgers Cup draw to all Seniors. This generated 8 more entries of Seniors who claimed to have asked to enter but I had not received any communication from them. Pete Dunford has kindly agreed to handle the competition on the day with Mike Low assisting by starting the first 10 groups. I have supplied a Tee Time List, a briefing sheet and I will email Pete the Finance Sheet. The Pro Shop will also offer an optional Two Spot (£1.50).

All competition Rules and Conditions have been updated.

I am sitting down with Andrew after this meeting to do a handover of the Stablefords and Medals.

Not yet heard from the Ladies whether they want the Rose Bowl to include a meal afterwards.

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

**Report below from Darren Martin with reference to the WHS presented at the main committee meeting:-**

Handicap Report:

* Casual rounds are effectively the same as a competition, you must state your intent to play a casual round by signing in on app or psi prior to play, have your card marked and verified by another member and enter your score and submit your card (same as supplementary).
* Score differential explained.
  + Handicap index makes no difference to score differential.
  + The score differential creates your handicap index.
  + The par of our men’s course is 69 but the course rating off the whites is 66.4.
  + The score differential is the difference between gross score and course rating.
  + If someone scored a gross 69 they are 2.6 over par (score differential 2.6).
  + If someone scored a gross 73 they are 6.6 over par.
  + The handicap index is created by averaging the best 8 of the last 20 score differentials.
  + But the playing conditions can slightly change score differential as it used to with CSS once at least 8 cards have been submitted for the day.

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

Since our last meeting the Avalon Seniors enjoyed a tremendous victory in the Seniors Somerset Bowl, first round, beating Oake Manor 4-1 at Oake Manor.

We meet Cricket St. Thomas in the next round, to be played here on Tuesday 13th July.

We have also now played 3 home matches in the Avalon Seniors League losing 3-2 to Long Sutton, and beating both Cricket St.Thomas and Cannington 3-2.

I will shortly have to submit names to Enmore, in respect of the Enmore Stag Competition, and would like your views on how the team should be selected.

There is an age requirement to be met in that players should be 60 years of age on or before the 13th August

I’m happy to select a team from the Avalon Seniors squad but wonder if any of the committee that meet the age requirement would like the opportunity to participate?

**Correspondence/Fixtures Secretary**

Reminder that there are forthcoming matches with Long Sutton and Vivary on the 21st & 26th July respectively.

As mentioned In RM report AM & RH would take on the management of the Stableford & Medal competitions.

**Action Points/Matters Arising from the meeting of 28th June 2021**

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| The finance summary of the 31st May medal to clarified with PW as it appears that the competition made a loss not a profit as reported. | DG | Ongoing |
| Following the passing of John Boothman as card to be sent on behalf of the Seniors membership. An engraved plaque to organised for John to be placed on the Seniors memorial bench. | AM | Ongoing |

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 am**

**The date of the next meeting is to be held at the Club house on 26th July 21.**

**At 9..00 am**