

## THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS

**Minutes of a Committee meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Henley G.C**

**Present:** T Nunneley, R Sillence, S Sinclair, C Spearing, G Lockett, C Whittle & B Maddison

**Apologies:** A O'Connor, M Sibley, A Wainman, M Lewis, I Allison, & P Upton

### **1. Minutes**

The committee approved the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 as a correct record and the Chairman signed them as such.

### **2. Matters Arising**

None

### **3. Treasurer's Report and Budget 2016**

The Committee accepted the Treasurer's report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **4. Membership**

New members

Paul Woollard Badgemore Park 2016 Hcp 7

Charles Eveson Burford 2016 Hcp 13

In view of the fact that all but one Bicester captains had now left the club and the recent captains had not joined OGC, the Bicester Secretary was to be approached to ask if she could be the OGC Club representative. Hopefully, this year's captain could be persuaded to join.

B Maddison had produced a newer, more concise edition of the Membership Directory using the information given by the match Secretary and the Secretary. Its format was welcomed by the Committee. The new one would solely be for the Committee's use to avoid data protection issues.

The captains of Wychwood, Drayton Park, Oxford City & the Oxfordshire had been identified and a letter of invitation to join had been sent out.

### **5. Match Secretary's Report**

R Sillence stated that all the 2017 home venues had now been confirmed. As always, he was still awaiting several of the away venues.

The Cornish trip has been well supported with 35 members going. The Belgian tour was not so well supported by only 15 members. A costing for the Mercure Hotel in Troon was to be investigated as it was very popular last year. This greatly due in part to the good deal negotiated by I Forbes, which may not be possible again.

### **6. Saunton Salver**

The invitation to this event has been received. It will be on 5/6<sup>th</sup> October. The format has been improved so that both day's results are used and also, one pair's score to be dropped. The competition and hotel costs remained the same.

It was agreed that those who went last year should have first choice. Any unfilled places would be offered to the Captain and then on a first come, first served basis.

## **7. AOB**

The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that it will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. Financial provision would have to be made to help with the cost of this. This should be an agenda item for fuller discussion.

Since we had not received an invitation to Somerset's dinner, the Secretary recommended that we do not invite them to Founders Day. This was agreed, none more enthusiastically than by the Treasurer. This may also be the case with Hampshire. The Secretary would clarify the situation.

The remaining counties should have a preliminary invitation for our Founders day and also the date in 2017. Hopefully, it will prevent a clash of dates as is the case of the Wiltshire event on our Spring meeting.

It was noted that a new recommendation for match play handicapping was to be 9/10ths difference. It would be up to the Captains to agree on the day whether to adhere to this or remain at 3/4.

R Sillence had received communication from Paul Upton effectively resigning from the Committee. This was due to Paul's continuing convalescence which meant that he was unable to drive or play golf. This was reluctantly accepted by the Committee and R Sillence was asked to convey our best wishes and say that Paul would be very welcome to stand again for Committee when he had recovered sufficiently.

One of our members had complained about non-selection for the 4 Counties or Jubilee. As he had not made himself available on the pre-season availability sheet, the Committee was not sympathetic towards the complaint. The member was to be contacted to this effect. The policy adopted by the Match Secretary to date had not attracted any other complaints and it was fully endorsed by the Committee.

Sadly, the death was reported of Bob Craig Oxford City 1970 on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Bob had been a strong supporter of OGC for many years.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Burford Golf Club G.C at 11,00a.m.

Chairman

Date