

Ramsdale Seniors

Minutes of meeting held Monday 11th March 2024

Present at Meeting: **Malcolm Voce** (Secretary), **Christine West** (Treasurer), **Terry Crofts**, **David Hawkins** (Vice Captain), **Richard Hone** (Competition Secretary), **David Dandie** (Monday Club), **Stuart Murry** (Welfare), **David Costin** (Web-Site) **Dave Insley** (Vice Captain), **Mark Fisher**.

1. **Meeting Opened.** 13:06
2. **Apologies**
 - a. No apologies
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - a. Passed as a true record
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. No matters arising
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. Letter was read out regarding committee vacancy.
6. **Finance report**
 - a. Finance report presented and was accepted. A budgeting report/analysis for the coming year was presented and discussed, this report was in line with the 2023 budget forecast with allowance for inflation. The report was accepted.
7. **Captains report**
 - a. Firstly, **huge thanks** to all of you for your support over the last few weeks, particularly to David as my Vice who has been a fantastic sounding board, a font of knowledge and ideas and brilliant with the instant production of graphics.
 - b. My **Putting Initiative** seems to have taken on a life of its own, particularly due to the enthusiasm and trojan efforts of Dave Costin and Richard Hone who have produced a superb way of recording the competitions on-line. With this in mind I am now clear that there are two strands to this – the 6 monthly medals comps that will produce 3 top players (taking their 4 best scores from the 6) and then the 3 top players from the Eclectic. These 6 will advance to

the Putt Off Final to be held on Wednesday 18th Sept at 5pm. (details to be agreed) where the **Champion Putter** will be crowned, that person having negotiated all elements of the skill of putting in all circumstances.

Sign ups so far – 14 Work shop 1 – 5 work shop 1 – 3

I am pleased that no one so far has reacted to the £3 sign up fee when I stated in my speech that it would be free.

- c. **Matches** – 25 players have signed up to date. I `m waiting to see the spread of matches and who all the players are before I decide a selection policy. But I do intend to publish my guidelines so everyone is clear. Where there is a big demand to play in a game, I am considering the idea of approaching the opposition Captains who only wish to field a team of 12 with the proposal that we will field extra pairs both to play for them and us.
- d. **Flow of information** – David and I have put in place a **Captain's Comments** page which will also include match results and highlighting players performances where appropriate. You will note from the first one that it enabled me to respond immediately to a complaint about slow play and rules infringement from several players. The 2 desks stands at Competition sign ups will hopefully capture attention and be repeated on the notice board and website.
- e. **Charity** – I am aware of the major drive in the main club to fund raising and the intention of the Ladies Captain to raise £2000. While I`m not prepared to state a figure, I will follow her lead with the Captain's Drive challenge and explore other ways of making our contribution to this effort. I`ve little experience in this field so all advice and help will be appreciated.
- f. That`s all from me other than to reiterate that I am working very hard to bring my playing performance up to the levels currently displayed by me predecessor.

8. **Competition Secretary Report**

- a. Mixed Tees Review - Richard presented a Review Report on the Mixed Tees trial held last summer. This was discussed fully and in light of the upcoming WHS changes (in particular the changes to Course Handicap Calculations) it was agreed that we will run mixed tees competitions again this year, which will be applied to all the Monday Club Singles Stableford competitions. The Medal competitions will remain as yellow tees only so as to avoid confusion with the Medal Aggregate (Board Competition).
- b. Change to management of Two's Prize Pots - As we have recently had the rare situation of a Triple Rollover with the Two's Prize Pot concerns were raised regarding the pros and cons of having such a large amount (£211) in any one competition. It was agreed that future Two's Prize Pots would be limited to matching the number of players in the competition (i.e. doubling the pot for that competition) and

that any excess will be carried forward to the following competition(s). This is unlikely to affect the Two's Prize Pots for most occasions.

9. Monday Club report

a. The Monday Club continues to be well supported.

10. Welfare report

a. Welfare report read.

11. Any Other business

a. A discussion was had on the arrangements for the various seniors away trips/outings, both at home and abroad. How these are operated and some financial implications. It was decided that the Secretary present a report on this matter for the next meeting.

b. David Costin proposed that Phil Harkin be added to the Memorial Trophy, this was agreed.

c. Secretary said that the Past Captains Day should be held this year, it was missed last year due to circumstances, possibly held in September 2024, Immediate past captain Terry Crofts kindly offered to organise this event.

12. Meeting closed. 14:09 hrs

**Date of next meeting:
Monday 15th April 2024 15:30 hrs**