

## China Fleet Seniors Committee Meeting

Via Zoom 2nd April 2020

### Present:

Dave Cuthbert Captain (DTF) Mike Brightwell Secretary (MB) Ken Spyer Treasurer (KS) Rob Evans Competition Secretary (RE) Joe Francis Vice Captain (JF) Graham Powell Past Captain (GP)

As the Captain was having difficulty with his on line connection and JF was having trouble with his voice MB opened the meeting.

### Secretary's report

MB started by saying there was some hope as he had seen a report that Denmark was allowing some limited golf again. He stated that we were now up to 99 members including two new ones who had both been sent welcome letters but as yet they had not responded and of course, due to the circumstances we have not yet seen them. KS confirmed that as yet they had not paid and MB thought in future it would be better to wait for payment before the welcome letter was sent. MB reported he had had a number of communications from other clubs and most had done exactly the same as we had, in that they had postponed all matches up to the end of May with a view to reviewing then. Some indeed like Launceston had postponed right through to the end of June. He went onto report he had some communications from members with regard to monthly subs and whether they could suspend them and he had pointed them towards the email from the main club as circulated by RE. MB had also heard from Jim Page who had suggested if we were to do a trophy in honour of Rick Evans he suggested we could perhaps change the most improved handicap trophy to the Rick Evans work on your game trophy. This was apparently one of Rick's favourite expressions. This could be decided later.

### Treasurers Report

KS reported we currently were holding £965 in the bank account with very little to pay and in consequence we were in a good situation going forward. He stated of the membership 78 had already paid up and he felt the remainder would pay when we were back up and running. He wondered whether we ought to give refunds to people bearing in mind at present they could not play or perhaps give everybody a free year next year. The Committee felt that in view of the nominal sum payable the members would not ask for refunds and would probably be happy to pay next year as well to ensure the section is viable. KS was concerned we had money tied up in the bank which was doing nothing and asked for ideas in due course as to how this could be best utilised.

### Captain's Report

DTF was now fully connected and his report, previously circulated was as follows;  
What promised to be an exciting few months has obviously been severely curtailed By Covid 19. Since the last meeting we have managed to complete just two Monday meetings of any significance. One of which was the Dinosaurs which had already been affected by one or two withdrawals due to fears of the virus.

I took the decision to cancel the first of our friendlies against Porthpean. This was quickly followed by cancellation of all fixtures, just slightly ahead of the complete shutdown of the course by government.

Kath and I had meetings with the incoming captain and we had made plans for a commencement of what used to be a captains evening. Sadly this obviously will not go ahead. I am not optimistic that we will see any meaningful golf before September. Denmark, who were well ahead of Covid 19, have just reopened to golf but no more than two players at a time and both must be from the same family or a nominated pair. I would suggest we are a long way from this, despite Mr Trump saying it will all be over by Easter, I think words like that were used in the 1<sup>st</sup> world war and we know where that ended up.

Despite the hard work done by Rob I see very little prospect of any competitions going ahead this year.

Thank you all for your efforts so far in my captaincy. It is appreciated and sorry for what you may think is a pessimistic view.

## Competition Secretary's Report

RE had also sent in his report previously as follows;

### 1. Competitions:

Winter Eclectic ended early (25<sup>th</sup> March), 45(44) golfers in total, 25(24) in division one, 20(20) in division two.

Only 4 golfers completed all 8 cards. Five didn't submit any! I have issued a draft final leader board. I'll confirmation these details when I can get access to the box and book. This is being looked after by Cameron.

Summer Eclectic entry sheet has been sent out. Currently there are only 32 entries, I would have expected at least 50. Especially as the 'buggy boys' would be able to get out on the course! Start 1<sup>st</sup> May and run until 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, same format as the winter with 8 cards. I believe DtF has the 2 trophies. Depending on access to the course, the start date might move on a few weeks. There is some flexibility with this format, we could reduce to 6 or even 4 cards. Intention would still be to complete on 30<sup>th</sup> September ready for the start of the Winter Eclectic on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Summer Knockouts:

I intend to continue with the same format as last year. Low entry this year. Only 22 in the singles and 21 in the doubles. Depending on access to the course we may have to cancel. I intended to complete the draw yesterday, I'll hold fire until we have more details on how long we need to isolate ourselves. I would think nearer the end of April would be an appropriate date for a decision. I'll finalise the honours board indicating the singles winner and forward it to Ben. Are we all happy with 'SENIORS INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY'?

Hopefully the Peter Gill will still go ahead, perhaps with a later start date? Last year we had: 65 golfers. 41 played both rounds. 50 round 1. 58 round 2

### Qualifiers:

Again dependant on course access. There are 3 trophies relating to this competition. Might not be achievable this year!

### NtP Trophy:

Leader board very sparse due to course closures (weather) and again now (virus). Might not be achievable this year!

### 2. Members details

I agreed at the last meeting to take over the membership database from Mike. I didn't realise that this is a roll that should be actioned by the secretary (Constitution & Rules). Question is, does Mike take it back and I'll continue with my handicap list as before? If I continue with the full database, as it would be a change to the Constitution it would need to be voted on by the membership!

Of the 99 members, 56 are super seniors (56%). 51 Division 1, 47 Division 2, 1 with no HC. Just Martin Jane without an email address. Ken will have numbers of paid-up members.

## Any Other Business

### 1. The Captain

The Captains year had been almost completely marred by Covid 19 and in consequence his charity will not benefit in the same way as others had done over the years. There had been various ideas put forward by members including making donations etc, but JF suggested, and all the Committee agreed, that he should have the benefit of another full year. MB said that under the constitution this needs to be agreed by a

majority of the full members and we will therefore need an EGM. Clearly with meetings being restricted at the moment this would have to be done by emailing members which is away from an actual meeting but these are unprecedented times. GP suggested we email all members saying that it had the backing of the Committee. This MB agreed to do and said he would email the Committee shortly with the draft. DTF confirmed he was happy with doing another year and JF confirmed he was young enough to wait another year for his chance.

## 2) Competitions

Following RE's report above there was a discussion about what to do with all the competitions scheduled to start shortly. Some were of the opinion we should cancel some or all of them for this year but the final consensus was to leave any decision for another month when we will hopefully have more idea of the Governments plans to ease restrictions. Also, hopefully at that stage we can have a push for more entrants.

## 3) Members Lists

As we had been concerned there were several different members lists it was confirmed at the last meeting that RE would keep the official list of members. However, RE had since realised this went against the constitution and really it was a Secretarial matter. MB agreed and suggested in the future both MB and RE should keep the list and liaise with each other every time an amendment is made. This was agreed and RE said he would send to MB the up to date list asap.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1640, the next meeting again probably on line was set for Thursday 30th April 202