

China Fleet Seniors

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held in the FarmHouse China Fleet Club

Monday September 28th.

Present: Dave Cuthbert (DTF-Captain), Joe Francis (JF-Vice Captain), Mike Brightwell (MB-Secretary, Ken Spyer (KS-Treasurer) , Rob Evans (RE-Competitions Secretary).

Apologies Graham Powell (GP-Past Captain) - In isolation following his wife's surgery .

Minutes of the last meeting. These had been previously circulated and were agreed as being a true record.

Matters arising. The new nearest the pin markers etc had been well received and it was decided to buy two more as this would make it easier to ensure they were always available. RE will action this.

The Committee had been concerned on the financial burden that Captains Day put on the Captain and did not feel this was right. They felt a precedent should be set for the future as the Captain should not have to lose out financially. After some discussion it was decided that KS should transfer £100 to DTF to cover this.

The fixtures outside of the Club for 2020 had now been cancelled.

The Captain

The Captain was pleased with the way the section was progressing and also with the interaction with the Club. He felt he had a good working relationship with Ben and Cameron and had taken a give and take approach which is necessary in these difficult times. DTF explained his reasons for cancelling future fixtures this year which were all associated with social distancing etc. The main problem occurred as the staff did not seem to be aware that there should have been a rolling buffet. They were therefore not ready which meant as games finished the number of people waiting for food was accumulating. In addition DTF felt the away team involved got an exceptional deal and neither the section or the Club had benefitted especially as there was no return fixture. Indeed he was also put out by the fact the team involved had not even sent a thank you email. There was discussion about the number of members which had risen to 113 but DTF was aware there were several not playing. This led to discussion as to whether members who were not paid up should continue to receive updates etc. MB felt it had been a very difficult year and it would be better to assess the situation in November when we know who is renewing. RE asked what was happening with regard to Winter tees and DTF replied our first tee will probably be around 9am but he will discuss this with Ben Waters in due course. DTF reported that GP will be stepping down at the AGM for family reasons and wondered whether we need to have a replacement past Captain. However, it was pointed out that as long as they were re-elected at the AGM the existing Committee could continue as it is ,as the quorum is 3.

The Secretary

The Secretary confirmed we now had 113 members including Ken Topping who joined this morning. MB reported he had written to the Secretaries at St Austell and Launceston informing them that the 2020 matches had been cancelled and whilst they expressed disappointment they fully appreciated the reasons.

The Treasurer

KS reported our bank balance was still good even allowing for the funding just agreed for DTF and with subs being due in November all was going fine.

The Competitions Secretary

The Summer Eclectic was successful with 54 entries although it was disappointing that 9 people didn't complete any cards. Rob Smith won division one and Keith Chapman division two. Due to Covid the only Summer knockout this year was the singles which has just been won by Dave

Pover beating Dave Callaghan in the final. The Committee decided that vouchers should be given to both. The Peter Gill was won by Graham Street with Barry Young second and 55 players had taken part in both rounds. 61 golfers had taken part in the Alan Harvey which was won by Dave Callaghan and Dave Pover was the runner up. Jim Johnson had won the Seniors Club Championship with Andy Crothers runner up. Steve Hatherley had won the associated medal with Terry Pratt runner up. RE said it was good to see Section members had taken first prize in both. The next event is the Bogey competition on the 5th October and RE had printed some guidance for those unsure of the scoring.

The Winter eclectic will be same format as the Summer one had been. DTF suggested cards to be put into a box and then taken home in a bag and left for while before processing to combat any covid fears. It was agreed £3 should be the entry fee and KS was happy to collect the cash from members.

The Turkey Trot was set for the 7th December but could be moved to the 14th if the weather was bad. Regrettably it would not be possible to have the normal 'bonhommie' but after some discussion it was agreed DTF could discuss with the Club what could be done. The fee was agreed at £5 and again KS was happy to collect the cash. RE would do the draw again trying to equal up the pairings to give everybody a chance. RE reported the Qualifiers leader board had been updated but felt it should be stressed that all competitors should enter their score even if poor. The Nearest the Pin leader board had also been updated although it was of course with very limited competitions this year due to course closures and the virus.

RE reiterated his intent to retire from Committee next year and MB said this would be covered in the discussion relating to the AGM next.

Annual General Meeting

Due to the current regulations it will be impossible to hold the normal AGM and in consequence different ideas would need to be considered. A Zoom meeting was discounted as it was very difficult to keep orderly. MB suggested the Officers do their reports as if they were presenting to the members and we circulate these to members together with any matters which need voting on such as the re-election of the Committee. GP had already said he was finishing and it was not felt a sixth member would be needed next year as a quorum was three. It was felt that those present could manage subject to AGM approval. MB suggested and it was agreed that he would circulate members shortly asking for any motions they wish to include. JF confirmed it was relatively easy to include a voting section for all proposed motions to be included. KS once again mentioned the Club Championship and the desire for some members to include a further level of competition. DTF, JF and MB felt this was not necessary but felt this should be included as a motion put to members.

In view of the proposed procedure for the AGM, MB asked that the officers send him their draft reports and we review at a further meeting prior to the AGM. This was agreed and a further meeting will be held following the qualifier on the 19th October.

The Web Site

The Committee as a whole thanked JF for the excellent work he had done on the web site. They were very appreciative of the time he put into it especially with the constant updating of competitions. RE expressed concern that we were of course very dependant on JFs input and was concerned if for any reason JF was unable to continue. JF was planning to address this with seminars for those interested as and when regulations allow. DTF was concerned about the cost of cartridges, paper etc that JF was not billing for and JF said he would address this in due course.

2021 Fixtures

These had been agreed with the Club. JF had posted them on the web site but asked MB to check them, this MB agreed to do.

Captains Charity

DTF reported that despite the lack of fixtures this year people had been very generous and he had now accumulated £1826. Previously, it had been mentioned that DTF was paying for wine prizes out of his own pocket which in the Committees view was wrong. This should as it had in the past, come out of his charity fund and this DTF agreed to address for the future.

The New Handicap System...updates.

JF insisted this was easy and once it begins to happen everybody will understand it without any problem!!!

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1645. As stated above the next meeting will be on the 19th October following the Qualifier.