

READING GC SENIORS' SECTION

MINUTES/ACTIONS

Zoom Meeting Date 20/07/2020

Present:

John Beville (JB) John Willcocks (JW) Jeff Smith (JS) Graham Spearpoint (GS) Ron Gooch (RG) Dave Bennett (DB)

Apologies: Mike Barraclough

Previous Meeting (06/12/19) Minutes/Actions:

Agreed.

Parfitt Trophy

The Parfitt Trophy is awarded to the person with the best five of eight scores in qualifying Seniors Stablefords from March to October but due to the lockdown only five of the competitions will take place during that period. In view of the exceptional circumstances it was agreed that the trophy would be awarded to the person with the best four out of five rounds this year.

Seniors Integration with Caversham Heath

League and Friendly Matches

RG reported about his discussions with John Rusby, Ian Wallace and Stuart Walker about matches in 2021. The background to the discussions were that The Board wanted to maintain our current Reading and District League matches plus the M4 League matches which Caversham Heath play in February and March but had asked for a restriction of six further friendly and other league fixtures. RG and SW had agreed that the additional six 'friendlies' would be the four matches Caversham Heath currently play in the summer Three Counties League (Sandford Springs, Wokefield Estate, Donnington Grove and The Springs) plus the current RGC friendlies against Frilford Heath and Castle Royle.

This means that our current friendlies against Oxford City and Basingstoke (who are moving to Dummer) would cease.

Age Qualification for Matches and Competitions

RG reported that all of the other clubs that play in the Reading and District League have an age qualification of 55 for their seniors sections although players playing in league matches need to be 60+. The committee agreed that same qualification criteria should be recommended for 2021.

Ladies Membership of Seniors Section

Caversham Heath do not have a ladies section and their lady seniors are able to play in their seniors competitions. RG and SW had discussed whether ladies should be able to join the seniors section in 2021 and RG had also discussed this with the Ladies Captain.

The Ladies Captain informed RG that there would be a Ladies Section in 2021 so the committee felt that ladies should not play in seniors competitions etc other than those such as The Presidents Prize for Seniors which allow male and female entrants

Captaincy and Committee Make Up for 2021

The Captaincy, Vice Captaincy and all committee positions will be available to all senior members from RGC and CHGC. RG, SW and the committee will discuss the make up of next year's committee including additional posts that will be needed and ballot papers will be raised in due course to invite members to apply for the positions.

AGM

RG and JW will look at how, where and when an AGM can take place and this will be dependent on how lockdown restrictions are eased. It was accepted that it may need to take place later than the usual November date. In addition, RG and JW will look at the possibility of holding some sort of Captains Swansong event to mark the final year of the Seniors Section at RGC.

Any Other Business

JB will review amount of money given in prizes for section competitions and may increase the amounts for the competitions that will take place this year.

Club Booking System

Some committee members asked about which booking system would be used from 2021. There were mixed views about whether BRS or Intelligent Golf were the better systems and it was agreed that it partly depended on how the systems were configured.

RG agreed to raise the issue.

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