

Saints and Sinners

Minutes of the AGM on Friday 6th January 2017

- 1. Minutes Silence:** Held for absent friends
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** C Waddington, M Croft, R Croy
- 3. 8th January 2016 AGM Minutes:** Accepted
- 4. Matters Arising:** none
- 5. Treasurer's Report 2016**

The Financial Statement has been split into the three accounts that are separately managed – Golf, Buggy and Charity.

The Golf account shows a surplus of £160.

Annual Subscription Fees amounted to £1130 from 63 members compared with £1170 last year.

Golf balls for prizes accounted for £320. The engraving of trophies totalled £280.

The Buggy account shows a surplus of £270 after a service costing £87.50. The income from hiring was £604 which was up by £150 from the previous year which was probably due to the better weather.

The Charity Account The £1200 raised by Gary during his Captain's year and by the Kent Seniors was paid to Gary's chosen charity – the Pilgrim's Hospice. A total of £1250.81 was raised for charity during 2016, (including £386.31 from the Kent Seniors) and will be donated to Peter's Charity.

The overall surplus for the year was £430, excluding the charity donations. The closing balance for the year was £3820.35, which equates to £2567.96 excluding the charity donations.

There were 31 wine glasses, 120 golf balls and 2 ties in stock at the end of the year.

So overall, the finances remain healthy, although it would always be nice to have a few more members.

Brian Manton

6. Secretary's Report

First of all my apologies for not being at this meeting and thanks to Brian for standing in on my behalf. Secondly a big thank you to John Tearle for easing me into my first year as Secretary and for his help in preparing the 2017 Seniors Section Events Diary.

My fellow Committee members have all been supportive, encouraging and enthusiastic in the help they have given me this year. Thanks also to all those who were card secretaries last year - well done. We had 4 new members join us last year, I would like to welcome them and hope they are enjoying their golf with us.

This year we have unfortunately lost our two fixtures with Royal Cinque Ports who for their own reasons decided not to participate.

I have arranged dates this year to play Rochester & Cobham and Hawkhurst - these two fixtures are long standing with the our Club but have previously not come under the mantle of the Saints and Sinners although supported almost entirely by our members.

The Kelson Cup a Club competition open to all members of the Club aged 65 and over has been handed back to the Club and no longer features in our fixture list.

Finally I would like to thank our outgoing Captain Peter for all his hard work during the year and look forward to enjoying The Saints and Sinners in 2017.

Carl Waddington

7. Captain's Report

I very much enjoyed my year as Captain and have appreciated the support from the Committee and members.

Peter Hollands

8. Motion

That all Knockout Competitions should not be played during Monday morning Saints and Sinners booked time, except in an emergency and then ratified by the captain.

Proposed by R Whitehead, seconded by C Setterfield.

The motion was accepted, although it was noted that delays to playing matches due to bad weather should be kept to a minimum.

9. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were proposed by R Whitehead, seconded by G Mercer and approved by a show of hands:

Captain - I Wright,

Vice Captain – B Manton,

Secretary – C Waddington,

Treasurer P Hollands

10. Volunteers

Card secretaries – Ian has a list of members who have agreed to serve during the year.

Eclectic competition – B Manton

Trophies – R Whitehead

Buggy Manager – P Hollands

11. Auditors

G Mercer and B Harvey were proposed and accepted by a show of hands.

12. Handover to Committee

The meeting was handed over to the new committee.

13. Address by new Captain

My first duty is to thank Peter for his captaincy year. On a personal level, he has kept me informed of all issues throughout the year. He gave us a lovely Captain's Away Day at Westgate, a very enjoyable Captain's Day and introduced a very successful social evening.

I am really pleased to take over as captain of the Saints and Sinners for 2017 – it's a role I will treat with pride and promise that I will do my best to try and make it an enjoyable year of everyone. I would like to outline the changes that I wish to include in the coming year:

New Booking System for the winter months. I have been approached by a large number of people asking if I could develop a booking system that would promote more playing integration and ensure all rounds are finished in a reasonable time. For the months of December and January, there will be two draws at 7.45 and 8.15. In November and February, the draws will be 7.15 and 7.45. This system will negate the need for card secretaries on dark and cold mornings which I'm sure will be welcomed by many.

Introduction of Team Games. There will be a total of 12 during the year including the regular Texas Scrambles and a sheet method will be used for tee times. At other times, the current booking system will be used.

A “twos” kitty with a cost of 50p per person. The total will go to the person obtaining a birdie during the round. If more than one person gets a birdie, then the kitty will be shared.

Finally, as your Captain, I will be as supportive as I possibly can be to all of you – in return, I would ask that if anyone does have concerns, then please discuss them with me and I will do everything I can to try and resolve them.

Ian Wight

14, Any other business

a) It was agreed to change the date of this year's Christmas Meeting from Friday 8th December to Monday 4th December. This will enable other Club Members and visitors to play on the Friday, as on all other weeks during the year.

b) Slow play is still a major problem (particularly with medals) and will be addressed during the year by the Captain. Suggestions include: marshals to encourage faster play, slower players in groups of three, letting slow groups through.

c) Five of the Eclectic rounds will be played on the same days as non-qualifying trophies.

d) Saints and Sinners tee times begin at 7.30am (8.00am in winter). This must be honoured to allow the greens staff to prepare the course.

15. Date of next AGM

5th January 2018 at 11.00am.