

## **Golden Lion Golf Society**

Meeting at RCGC on **3rd November 2022**

**Present: 23 members - Captain Kirk** , Treasurer Dave W, Chairman Mick W, VC Karl F, Social Chair Des A, Immediate Past Captain Dan , Graham G (snr) , Nigel A, Steve W, Steve D, Andy D, Ian T, Lester, Dave M, Malc G, Jason G, Dave E, Dave B, Pat S, Richard Y, Lee R, Steve M ...and me !

**Apologies recorded from:** Bryn W, Luke, Laurie F, Darren G, James M, Steve G , and Stuey K.

**MW** opened meeting at 7.00pm

**Captain Kirk** commented that overall, this year – fresh after Covid break – has been a success and congratulated all participants and winners.

But there are some practical issues that need addressing, in particular regarding:

1. communications and use of the Website and WhatsApp. Basically, all info regarding events is on Website and is incumbent on members to log and check it regularly. Whilst the Whatsapp can be fun and useful for urgent notifications messages can easily be overlooked so better than specific notifications – such as whether playing in an event or not – be communicated to the Captain or Treasurer directly, and
2. Singles and doubles comps – there have been difficulties with some members unable to compete through ill health and injuries and others just not co-operating on arranging matches - time is pressing to complete the comps in time - so the captain will be chasing
3. pre-payments for events now that appears golf clubs are demanding payment on non-refundable basis a week or more before.

**Treasurer Dave** took over at this point and:

1. Expressed concern over the current system whereby some are paying as requested on website but others not - is becoming difficult for him to keep track of who has/hasn't paid and collection of monies.  
There are still outstanding sums due from some members for previous events, in respect of which the Society is out of pocket , and having pre-paid for the golf at Sherfield Oaks this w/e two members have since pulled out.  
A general discussion ensued as to:
  - (a) fact if put name down are committed whether or not turn up /play and need for that to be strictly enforced
  - (b) whether Members should be able to sign up for future events if have not cleared existing liabilities.
  - (c) whether thought should be given to putting up the Annual fee to, say, £60 to provide a cushion against non-payments.  
Dave W said would produce a Rules for payment notice for inclusion on website
2. Presented some accounts showing:
  - (a) Account balance of £1700 (but out of that has just paid nearly £1k to Sherfield Oaks), and
  - (b) Separate balances in respect of monies held following fundraisers for Papyrus and Another local Charity (Nominations and suggestions requested).

It was agreed better that the money be with the Charity to put to good use and as such that arrangements be made for presentation to Papyrus sooner rather than later.

### **Social –and Events Planner updates**

8/12 Next Meeting RCGC

25/3 Captains farewell Hill Barn

3/ 4 AGM

15/4 Presentation Dinner

15/7 Dinner, Comedian and Disco

5/8 Goodwood trip (GG)

4/11 Bonfire Party

Plans also for another Charity Race night as fundraiser for KF Captains Charities.

### **A.O.B**

1. As GG this year sponsoring the OOM require a replacement sponsor for Captains Farewell event – the 3 Amigos Lee, Richard and Steve kindly agreed to step up.
2. Turkey Trot -3/12- a sheet will go up on Website and Dan C will need to confirm numbers the week before.
3. New Members – was noted that none of recent additions were in attendance. General discussion ensued over possible need to issue reminder to ALL members (and guidance to anyone wanting to join in future) that Membership entails more than just attending a individual event and taking home prizes. Individual members organise and sponsor events out of their own pockets and the likes of DW and others put in an awful lot of time and effort on behalf of the Members so the least that is expected is that people actually attend meetings and put themselves forward to assist.
4. Meetings – it was agreed that they should (as used to happen) be held more regularly both as source of communication but also as form of socialising (drinking beer!) Next meeting **8/12**
5. Next VC - As yet Karl has had no volunteers to take on role – please consider putting yourself forward.

**MW** closed meeting 8.20pm

**RPKeeler**